



SENATOR EMANUEL JONES

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When Governor Kemp opened up the state I was totally against it. Let's be clear, as a business owner and state senator, I am still against it. [Please check out my YouTube video](#) urging Georgians to stay home, stay safe and save lives.

In this newsletter, I would like to provide more resources to my constituents, share my legislative work and share the Executive Order from the Governor.

I encourage everyone to continue social distancing and use the best hygiene practices, so we can flatten the curve of COVID-19. If there is anything you need, please contact me or my office. It is a privilege to serve you!

Sincerely,

Emanuel D. Jones
State Senator, District 10

Executive Order Overview

As of midnight, May 1, Governor Kemp's statewide order to "Shelter in Place" had officially expired. Although restrictions have been lifted, our health experts have advised that we must remain vigilant in recommended practices to ensure citizen safety. Further, Governor Kemp did extend the order for the medically fragile and elderly to "Shelter in Place" until June 12th, 11:59 pm.

[Gov. Kemp's- Message to Georgia – June 12, 2020](#)

[2020 Executive Orders from the Governor](#)

[State of Georgia, Office of Governor](#)

Institute for Health Metrics & Evaluations

If you are interested in comparing health metrics data here in Georgia to other states, please check out this resource which allows you to do so. <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/georgia>



Georgia Opens More Testing Sites for COVID-19

The State of Georgia has worked really hard. The state is partnering with public and private entities to ensure that testing resources are available across the state. The Georgia Department of Public Health has partnered with Augusta University and Augusta University Health System. The Georgia National Guard has helped to coordinate centralized scheduling for the 50 sites we have here in our state.

Process: As of now, Georgians are still required to get a referral and meet certain criteria before they receive testing. However, with the number of sites increasing daily, this requirement may change in the future.

[Click to view the COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)

FEVER? COUGH? SHORTNESS OF BREATH?



Free screenings available online. Visit augustahealth.org/COVID19

WHY USE OF TELEMEDICINE APP TO PROVIDE COVID-19 SCREENING?

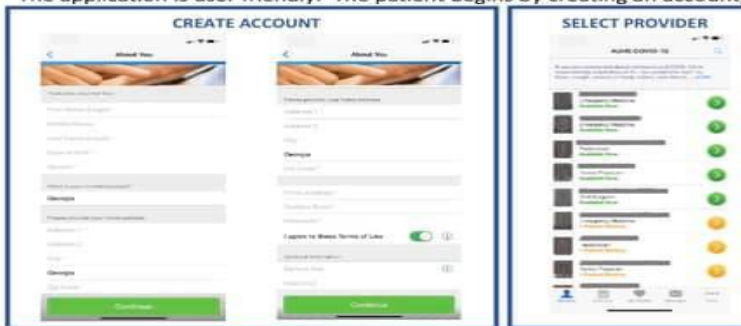
- This is a tool that people can use from their home that will allow a provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant) to interact with a concerned patient. The provider is trained to screen for COVID-19. If the result is a positive screening, then further instructions will be provided on where to present for testing.
- The value of using this tool is to keep people from presenting to an Emergency Department, Urgent Care, or Doctor's office and further spreading the virus.

WHO CAN USE THE APP?

- Everyone can use this app, as long as they have a smartphone or computer with video capabilities. For those without access to technology, please call our COVID-19 hotline at 706-721-1852.
- The desktop version or application for download can be found at www.augustahealth.org/COVID19

WHAT IS THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE LIKE?

- The application is user friendly. The patient begins by creating an account, which takes a couple of minutes.



- After selecting the provider, the patient will be asked a series of questions and asked to provide medical history. After completing a few questions, the video visit with the provider will begin.
- The average time for the visit is currently less than ten (10) minutes. As the volume grows and availability of providers changes, this average time could increase.
- At the completion of the visit, the patient will receive a visit summary at the email provided when the account was created. Sick slips or additional documentation can be requested and sent via email as well.

WHAT IS THE PROVIDER EXPERIENCE LIKE?

- The Provider is able to review the patient's medical history prior to the patient visit starting.
- On average, it takes the provider approximately a couple of minutes prior to the patient visit and no more than five minutes after the patient visit to complete the visit summary.



Helpful Links & Resources

If you are wondering what are the guidelines for business here in the state? Don't wonder any more, click the link to review the guidelines.

<https://www.georgia.org/covid19bizguide>

If your job was impacted by COVID-19, please visit the Georgia Department of Labor for filing information.

<https://dol.georgia.gov/>

Businesses & Individuals - Unemployment Benefits

A business can file unemployment for their staff and encouraged to do so online. Individuals can file directly as well. Benefits are available within 48 hours to help and all online.

<https://www.dol.state.ga.us/static/uiiben/ui-ruhere.htm#>

If you want to stay up to date with the information released by the Georgia Department of Public Health, please visit their website.

<https://dph.georgia.gov/>

If your small business was impacted by COVID-19 and you are seeking assistance, please visit the link below.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

COVID-19 Hotline

(844) 442-2681

Information regarding the Federal Stimulus <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>

Paid Sick Leave

Emergency Paid Sick Leave - Any employee who works for an employer is eligible.

- Full-time Employees – 80 hours of paid sick leave
- Part-time Employees – Paid based on the average number of hours the employee worked for the six months prior to taking this paid sick leave

Expanded FMLA - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/pandemic>

Food Assistance

SNAP/Food Stamps - <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/food-stamps>

Women, Infants & Children SNP - <https://dph.georgia.gov/WIC>

Rent & Mortgage Assistance

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will suspend evictions and foreclosures through April as Americans grapple with the fallout of the coronavirus.



Absentee Ballot Request for June 9th Primary Election



If you have yet to receive your absentee ballot in the mail, it is not too late to request one! Make sure your voice is heard. If you are not comfortable with voting in person on June 9th, here is a way you can still vote and exercise your right to vote! **May 11th** is the last day to register.

[Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)

If you need any assistance at all or have questions, please feel free to contact me directly.



Interactive Map of COVID-19 Cases

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/ng-interactive/2020/may/05/coronavirus-map-of-the-us-latest-cases-state-by-state>

View DeKalb & Henry County Cases

<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>



Congratulations to the **GRADUATING SENIORS** of DeKalb County School District and Henry County Schools. I remember my graduation from West Fulton High School, where I was Valedictorian of my class. I wish each of you much success in your careers and endeavors.



Senator Jones Arranges Partnership between DeKalb County Government & RideKleen, a division of Cox Automotive



DeKalb County police officers are driving in newly sanitized vehicles thanks to a donation from RideKleen, a Cox Automotive brand and the leader in eco-conscious, mobile car care.

From April 27 through May 8, RideKleen will sanitize 140 of the county's police vehicles, focusing on those that transport suspects, crime witnesses and victims. Cleaning is taking place daily, rotating countywide between all police precincts.

"DeKalb County Government thanks Georgia State Senator Emanuel Jones for facilitating this donation

from Cox Automotive," said DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond. "Successfully managing a pandemic requires partnerships from all levels of government as well as public and private entities."

"DeKalb County certainly appreciates the corporate citizenship demonstrated by Cox Automotive," said Jack Lumpkin, deputy chief operating officer and director of DeKalb County Public Safety. "This is another example of DeKalb County forming partnerships that enhance the safety of our frontline workers."

RideKleen is using an EPA-registered and approved product that kills up to 99.9 percent of germs, bacteria, mold, mildew and emerging viruses and inhibits the growth of harmful odor-causing germs, mold and mildew for up to 30 days post-treatment.



Senator Jones attends Appropriations Committee Meeting via Zoom

As your senator, I am proud to be your voice on the Appropriations Committee. This committee works with legislation involving the expenditure of state and federal funds. The committee is responsible for developing the state's budget with specific appropriations to the various government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis. We held a virtual committee meeting on Thursday, May 7. I have provided three helpful links as it relates to the budget.

[HB 792 - Amended FY 2020 Appropriations Bill](#)

[AFY 2020 - FY 2021 Governor's Budget Proposal FAQ](#)

[AFY 2020 and FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report](#)

Please check out the images below. It is important that I share this data with my constituents so that we all understand where we are as a state and what the data is saying.

Reopening is Up to Customers

- Consumers are the key
- Shift to online shopping is large (thank you for market facilitator law).
- People are scared of public transit (73%), malls (75%), restaurants (60%), vacation travel (68%), and shopping (53%).
- Reopening only really happens when those numbers go down.

• Source: Coresight Research poll.



Car Traffic Data

- Non-interstate cars down 35-60%.
- Non-interstate trucks were down 10-20%, now approaching normal.
- Interstate cars down 40-50%.
- Interstate trucks were down 10%, now back to normal.
- Toll revenue down 90%.
- Peak shelter-in-place was March 24-25 nationwide.



Stay Connected with Senator Emanuel D. Jones

As your Senator, I love hearing from you. If you wish to write me, you may do so by sending correspondence to my Capitol Office, located at **420- D State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia 30334**.

These requests and correspondence may also be emailed to summer.boone@senate.ga.gov.



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