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Our Franklin County community is facing unprecedented times as we confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 23, 2020, Governor Kemp announced an executive order which closes Georgia's bars and nightclubs, orders a "shelter in place" for the medically fragile, and **bans all gatherings of more than 10 people**, unless a six-foot distance can be maintained between individuals. The order will take effect on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 12:00 pm.



Franklin County leaders support this executive action and will be working to ensure compliance with our own operations and the operations of our businesses.

The executive order will change the way that we do business over the next 14 days. Restaurants will adjust to close dine-in services or significantly reduce the volume of customers served to ensure a six-foot distance. Service-related business will adjust to transfer walk-in traffic to telephone or internet interaction. In person meetings should be canceled or shifted to web/phone-based meetings.



We understand that these times are hard. We are proud of the voluntary actions taken by our local businesses to minimize the spread of this disease over the past two weeks. We are in this fight together, and we must all do our part.

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