



**Executive Order  
No. 2020-2**

BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Whereas: Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Glynn County Board of Health has asked the commissions of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick to “take emergency actions to curtail social gatherings, limit non-essential business activities and to implement social distancing measures to protect Glynn County residents and the community’s first responders, health care professionals and public safety personnel”; and

Whereas: Jekyll Island is a part of Glynn County and adjacent to the City of Brunswick, and the Glynn County Board of Health services the residents of Jekyll Island; and

Whereas: It is necessary and appropriate to take further action to ensure that Jekyll Island remains safe and secure and to avoid Jekyll Island becoming a public health and safety hazard due to large gatherings of people; and

Whereas: The Jekyll Island-State Park Authority (“JIA”) Board of Directors is appointed by the Governor of Georgia, and the JIA’s Executive Director serves under the direction of such Board; and

Whereas: The authority is vested in the Jekyll Island State Park Authority Executive Director to issue reasonable orders necessary to protect the public, employees and guests of Jekyll Island;

**Now, therefore, it is hereby, ordered:**

**Section 1: Prohibition on Community Gatherings; Exceptions**

1.1. All public or private Community Gatherings of more than ten (10) people anywhere within the boundaries of Jekyll Island, Georgia are prohibited for the duration of this Order. A “Community Gathering” is defined as any indoor or outdoor event, meeting, or convening of people, subject to the exceptions below, that brings together, or is likely to bring together, or solicits to bring together, more than ten (10) persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such

as an auditorium, amphitheater, tent, event center, music venue, meeting, hall, conference center, large cafeteria, places or houses of worship, or any other confined indoor and outdoor space. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing subsection, the term Community Gathering shall include, but not be limited to, gatherings of more than ten people at weddings, funerals, and graveside services.

1.2. Individuals at Community Gatherings of ten or less people should take reasonable steps to ensure that such individuals are generally not within six (6) feet of each other for longer than brief periods.

1.3. A Community Gathering does not include the following or similar uses, so long as persons attending the same are generally not within six feet of each other for extended periods: (1) governmental operations; (2) spaces where persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as airports; (3) child-care facilities, residential buildings or any type of temporary sheltering or housing; (4) grocery stores or similar establishments; and (5) the performance of job duties by persons not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or the performance of job duties by persons who are not residing with any person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

## **Section 2: Prohibition on Restaurant Dine-In Seating, Bars; Allowances for Take-Out, Delivery, and Curbside Service**

2.1. Notwithstanding Section 1, all restaurants and eating establishments shall close to the public except to provide take out, delivery, or curbside service. This prohibition includes outside seating areas.

2.2. Notwithstanding Section 1, except for restaurants and food service and eating establishments licensed by the Department of Public Health, all other business locations licensed by the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, such as bars and similar establishments, shall be closed for business.

## **Section 3: Prohibition on Body Care Services**

Notwithstanding Section 1, all establishments providing body care services which require physical contact between the provider and client, including, without limitation, barbering, hair design, cosmetology, esthetics, massage therapy, or nail care shall be closed for business. This paragraph shall not restrict any services performed by or under the direct supervision of a licensed medical doctor, nurse, dentist, physical therapist, chiropractor, or other healthcare professional.

#### **Section 4: Prohibition on Pools, Indoor Venues, Fitness Facilities; Exceptions**

4.1. All indoor or outdoor public and private pools regulated by the Department of Public Health are permitted to remain open so long as the owners of such pools comply with the following regulations: (i) The posted occupancy of such pools must be no more than ten (10) people, and as such, no more than ten (10) people are allowed to utilize the pool at one time; (ii) all persons utilizing such pools must not be within six feet of each other; and (iii) the pool owner takes extraordinary measures to ensure all surfaces are sanitized. For clarity's sake, these restrictions shall not apply to pools owned by individual homeowners, as they are not regulated by the Department of Public Health.

4.2. All indoor recreation, fitness and/or entertainment facilities, including fitness classes (including those fitness classes held outdoors), spas, saunas, indoor amusement facilities, and music venues, shall be closed for business.

4.3. This prohibition shall also not apply to private businesses renting bicycles to the public, provided that such business take extraordinary measures to ensure all surfaces are sanitized and that customers are not part of an organized gathering or event of more than ten (10) people and that such individuals take reasonable steps to ensure that, to the greatest possible, there is generally at least six feet of distance them and other individuals.

#### **Section 5: Restrictions on all other establishments**

All other retail, commercial, or industrial establishments not specifically addressed above will be permitted to remain open subject to the following restrictions: (a) reasonable steps are taken to ensure that customers, employees, and other persons on the premises shall generally not be within six (6) feet of each other for longer than brief periods; and (b) employees are not suffered or permitted to work if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or residing with anybody exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

#### **Section 6: Authority owned property**

6.1. The following JIA amenities are closed to the public: The playground located at 100 Great Dunes Lane; the Campground Pavilion; and the beach pavilions, including Great Dunes Beach Park Deck.

6.2. Pursuant to Section 2.1 of this Order, McCormick's Bar and Grill is closed to the public for dine-in services. McCormick's will continue to offer take-out service.

6.3. All other JIA-owned or operated parks and recreation facilities, including sidewalks, bike paths, fishing piers, bicycle rentals, tennis courts, golf courses, mini-golf, designated pedestrian areas, boat ramps, and campground facilities, other than the Campground Pavilion, shall remain **open** to the public for walking, exercise, and other recreational uses, provided that individuals using or visiting such areas are not part of an organized gathering or event of more than ten (10) people and that such individuals take reasonable steps to ensure that, to the greatest possible, there is generally at least six feet of distance them and other individuals.

6.4. JIA is taking extraordinary measures to ensure all surfaces are sanitized and that individuals are not part of an organized gathering or event of more than ten (10) people and that such individuals take reasonable steps to ensure that, to the greatest possible, there is generally at least six feet of distance them and other individuals.

### **Section 7: Permits**

All permits for public conduct and special events, including park and facility rentals, to be held on Authority-owned property for the duration of this Order are hereby cancelled, and no new public conduct or special event permits or park or facility rentals shall be authorized for the duration of this Order. Persons affected by this cancellation shall be entitled to a refund of any permit or rental fees paid.

### **Section 8: Penalties**

Pursuant to Section 1-8 of the Jekyll Island Authority Code of Ordinances, violation of any of the provisions of this Order, upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 plus costs or imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both, per violation.

### **Section 9: Allowances for Essential Businesses, Medical or Health Services, Critical Infrastructure Industry**

Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the gathering of individuals for the purposes of: (i) carrying on business certified as “essential” by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-58 or designated by the Governor as “critical infrastructure; (ii) the provision of medical or health services performed by or under the direct supervision of a licensed medical doctor, nurse, dentist, physical therapist, chiropractor, or other healthcare professional; or (iii) carrying on business designated as a critical infrastructure sector/industry, as set forth at <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>. To the extent possible, all businesses and services described in this section should take reasonable steps to ensure that customers, employees, and other persons on the premises or work site are generally not within six (6) feet of each other

for longer than brief periods.

**Section 10: Miscellaneous**

10.1. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as creating any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority, the State of Georgia, or their departments, agencies, or entities, or their officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

10.2. Any Jekyll Island Authority ordinances, or portions thereof, in direct conflict with this Emergency Order are temporarily suspended for the duration of this Order.

10.3. If one or more of the provisions contained in this Order are held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order. In such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

**Section 11: Effective Date; Expiration Date**

11.1. This Executive Order and its contents shall become effective at 6:00 A.M. on March 27, 2020,

11.2. This Executive Order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2020 unless it is renewed or terminated earlier by the Executive Director.



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C. Jones Hooks  
Executive Director