

**Table 1. Timeline of the COVID-19 Response in NC and GA**

| 2020   | North Carolina   | Georgia   |
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| January  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. Jan 21: CDC confirms first U.S. coronavirus case in Washington State.</a></u>   |   |
| February   | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. Feb 4: first person in U.S. dies from COVID-19 in California.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">Feb 11: Gov. Cooper appoints task force to coordinate COVID-19 efforts among federal, state, and county officials.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">Feb 25: State health officials report a Wake County man is exhibiting coronavirus symptoms after traveling from Washington State.</a></u>   |   |
| <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. Feb 26: CDC reports community spread of COVID-19. Feb 28: CDC works to address flawed coronavirus testing kits, and expands coronavirus testing criteria. Feb 29: The "first" COVID-19 related death occurs in Washington state.</a></u>                            |  |   |
| Early March  | <u><a href="#">March 2: Wake County man tests positive for COVID-19 at NC Public Health Lab.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">March 2: Gov. Kemp announces first confirmed coronavirus cases in GA and appoints coronavirus task force to assess consequences.</a></u>   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 3: Gov. Cooper and Secretary of State Dept. of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Mandy Cohen announce presence of COVID-19 in NC.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 4: Director of Wake County Division of Public Health announces first COVID-19 patient and family are in-home isolation, and health officials are conducting contact tracing. STATE CONTEXT. UNC and Duke restrict all university-affiliated travel to countries with level 2 or 3 CDC travel warnings and U.S. states that have declared a state of emergency.</a></u>                      |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 6: A second COVID-19 case is reported in Chatham County.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 9: NCDHHS announces five additional "presumptively positive" COVID-19 cases, tied to conference travel to Boston.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">March 9: GA has 6 confirmed coronavirus cases and another 11 "presumed positive" cases.</a></u>  |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 10: Gov. Cooper declares State of Emergency. Persons over age 65 are encouraged to avoid large crowds. STATE CONTEXT. Duke University extends spring break and suspends in-person classes for rest of semester.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">STATE CONTEXT. March 10: Fulton County closes schools for two days after teacher is infected with coronavirus. GA has 22 possible coronavirus cases, first cases reported in north Georgia.</a></u>                                  |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 11: The World Health Organization (WHO) declares coronavirus a global pandemic. President Trump announces a travel ban from most countries in Europe to the U.S.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">STATE CONTEXT. March 11: UNC Chapel Hill extends spring break and transitions to remote instruction.</a></u>  | <u><a href="#">STATE CONTEXT. March 11: Savannah cancels its St. Patrick's Day Festival &amp; Parade. Emory University extends spring break and announces transition to remote learning.</a></u>  |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 12: Due to coronavirus concerns, Georgia legislature suspends session indefinitely. Fulton County Schools close indefinitely, and Cobb County Schools announce indefinite closure beginning March 16th.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 13: President Trump declares national state of emergency.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 13: Gov. Kemp calls special legislative session to address GA's coronavirus response. STATE CONTEXT. The Masters are postponed and historical sites, museums, and tourist sites begin to close.</a></u>   |   |
| <u><a href="#">March 14: Gov. Cooper shuts down K-12 schools statewide and bans gatherings of more than 100 people.</a></u>  | <u><a href="#">March 14: There are more than 60 confirmed COVID-19 cases in GA. Gov. Kemp declares Public Health State of Emergency and mobilizes the Georgia National Guard.</a></u>  |   |
| Late March   | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 15: President Trump asks Americans to limit discretionary travel and avoid social gatherings of 10 or more.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 16: Gov. Kemp closes public K-12 schools and colleges from March 16-21. Atlanta Mayor Kalita Lance Bottoms limits public gatherings to 50 people. City of Brookhaven declares state of emergency and limits in-person dining.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 17: President Trump invokes the Defense Production Act.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 17: Gov. Cooper suspends dining-in at restaurants and bars.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 18: CDC reports 20% of COVID-19 hospitalizations occur in 20-44 year olds. March 19: CNN reports infected asymptomatic people may be driving the spread of coronavirus in the U.S.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 19: GA state senator tests positive for COVID-19; all state lawmakers encouraged to self-quarantine. Atlanta Mayor Lance Bottoms closes all in-person dine-in restaurants.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 23: Gov. Cooper extends K-12 closures until May 15 and orders closure of gyms, salons, barbershops, and theaters. Mass gatherings limited to 50 people.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">March 23: Gov. Kemp extends temporary licensing of certain medical occupations. Gatherings limited to 10 people statewide. Shelter-in-place order issued for vulnerable populations. Bars and restaurants closed by 11:30pm.</a></u> |
|  | <u><a href="#">STATE CONTEXT. March 24: Mecklenburg County issues stay-at-home order. March 26: Wake County, Durham County, and Orange County issue stay-at-home orders.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 26: U.S. leads world in COVID-19 cases.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">March 27: Gov. Cooper issues statewide stay-at-home order effective March 30-April 29. Exceptions for essential businesses, outdoor exercise, and helping family members. Gatherings limited to 10 people and limited to 100 people for religious.</a></u>  | <u><a href="#">March 28: Gov. Kemp closes public elementary and secondary schools through April 24.</a></u>   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. March 28: CDC issues travel advisory to New York area. March 29: White House extends social distancing guidelines through April 30. April 1: U.S. surpasses 300,000 COVID-19 cases.</a></u>   |   |
| April  | <u><a href="#">April 1: Gov. Kemp closes public elementary and secondary schools through the end of school year.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">April 2: Gov. Kemp announces he just learned asymptomatic spread of coronavirus is possible, orders statewide shelter in place.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. April 3: CDC and Travel Administration recommend the general public wear face masks.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">April 8: Gov. Cooper expands access to health care beds and the pool of health care workers; orders childcare services for essential workers.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">April 8: Gov. Kemp announces short-term rentals, renews Public Health State of Emergency.</a></u>  |
|  | <u><a href="#">April 9: Gov. Cooper strengthens distancing requirements for retail stores that are still open and mandatory face coverings for nursing facilities.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">April 10: Gov. Kemp's issues Executive Order that makes it no longer a misdemeanor to wear a face mask/covering if worn to prevent spread of COVID-19.</a></u>   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. April 15: Protests over stay-at-home orders erupt in KY, OR, NC, and MI. April 16: White House issues guidelines for relaxing social distancing and reopening parts of the country.</a></u>   |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">STATE CONTEXT. April 19 - April 22: Protests over stay-at-home orders erupt in GA. April 20: Gov. Kemp announces plans to incrementally re-open. Executive order allows closed dental and health care practices / health providers to resume treating patients and essential elective surgeries at end of the month.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">April 23: Gov. Cooper extends NC's stay-at-home order until May 8. Dine-in, restaurant service, bars, and other close-contact business closures extended.</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">April 24: Gov. Kemp issues guidelines for reopening. GA residents/visitors encouraged to wear face coverings and practice sanitation and social distancing. Gatherings limited to 10 people.</a></u>                                 |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. April 24: WHO announces there is "no evidence" that those who have COVID-19 antibodies are protected from reinfection.</a></u>  |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">April 24 - 25: Phase 1 reopening begins in GA. Gyms, fitness centers, bowling alleys, book and studios, aesthetics, nail artists, hair stylists, barbers, massage therapists, and related non-essential schools can reopen on 25th. In-person church services must follow strict social distancing protocols. Theaters, private social clubs, and dine-in restaurants can reopen on 25th.</a></u> |   |
|  | <u><a href="#">NATIONAL CONTEXT. April 26: CDC expands coronavirus symptoms to include chills, repeated shivering with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell.</a></u>   |   |
| <u><a href="#">April 30: Gov. Kemp renews Public Health State of Emergency for 30 days. Shelter-in-place expires at midnight. GA residents / visitors encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and remain as isolated as possible. Voluntary restrictions encouraged to remain home until May 12.</a></u> |  |   |
| May  | <u><a href="#">May 8: Gov. Cooper initiates Phase 1 reopening. Some restrictions relaxed on travel, business operations. Gatherings of 10 or fewer people allowed outside.</a></u>   |   |