

COVID-19 DAILY ALERT: March 27

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Below is today's updated compilation of key information and resources for GADA members. **New or revised information is in bold.** **GADA Alerts are posted to "COVID-19 Information" page on www.gada.com each night.**

Executive Orders

- On March 23, 2020 Governor Kemp issued an executive order to reduce the continued spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Georgia. [View copy of Executive Order](#)
- Governor Kemp's Executive Order allows businesses to remain open if less than 10 people are gathered at a single location; and if more than 10 people are gathered at a single location, then such business must keep people at least six feet apart from one another. Accordingly, for now, unless a local municipal order has been issued, dealerships can continue current sales and service operations, provided these conditions are met. The state Department of Public Health is empowered to close any business that does not comply with these restrictions, so dealers are advised to strictly adhere to the terms of the Order.
- While the Governor's current Order does not distinguish between essential and non-essential businesses, this issue remains a concern for GADA. As such, GADA sent a letter to the Governor's office on March 23, 2020 urging him to deem dealership sales and service operations as essential. [View GADA's letter to the Governor](#)
- GADA has prepared a letter that dealers can customize and send to local municipalities that may be considering taking action to close businesses. [View letter template](#). In addition, [this article](#) may be of some assistance when advocating for both sales and service to remain open during this crisis.
- We are aware that a number of local jurisdictions that have issued Orders. To the extent your local county or municipality has issued such an Order, we would appreciate if you would let us know at legal@gada.com. GADA has been in contact with the Georgia Municipal Association to communicate our position

that both dealership sales and service operations are essential. [View letter to Georgia Municipal Association](#)

- NADA continues to work on this issue at the federal level. On March 17, NADA sent a letter to President Donald J. Trump stressing the urgent need to consider vehicle repair, maintenance and sales facilities as essential operations during the nation's response to the coronavirus. NADA recently sent another letter to President Trump urging designation of sales and service operations as essential. [View NADA's most recent letter to President Trump](#)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act for Employers

- **The U.S. Department of Labor has updated and added more guidance on the Families First Act. The Q&A answers many questions regarding eligibility and documentation for expanded leave provisions under the Family Medical Leave Act and Emergency Paid Leave. For Q&A, Fact Sheets and applicable posters click [here](#).**
- This federal Act includes many provisions which apply to employers, such as paid sick leave for employees impacted by COVID-19 and those serving as caregivers for individuals with COVID-19. **Fisher Phillips has prepared a summary of the Act, which is updated on a daily basis. [View a summary of the Act](#)**
- In addition, last Thursday, March 19, NADA conducted a webinar during which key provisions of the Families First Act were discussed. [Log in to view archived webinar](#)
- NADA has also distributed an article summarizing the Act, which can be found [here](#).
- To clarify cash flow issues as they related to the provisions in the Families First Act, the U.S. Treasury has issued guidance. [View guidance](#)

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- **Congress has passed and President Trump has signed into law the \$2.2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This bill, known as Phase 3, includes generous and unprecedented provisions to help provide liquidity for dealerships and to help businesses keep their employees on the payroll. [View NADA'S Preliminary Summary of the CARES Act](#)**

Tag & Title Information

- The Georgia Department of Revenue (GADOR) has made available a DRIVES e-Service that allows customers to pay for and order a tag online. This can be used when dealers perform title only transactions via ETR. [View Message from GADOR](#)
- GADOR issued an extension of tag and registration deadlines as well as income tax deadlines. [View details here](#)
- **Note that GADOR's extension of registrations and temporary tags does not extend the time period in which dealers must submit title applications. For purposes of timely lien perfection and remittance of TAVT, dealers must continue to submit title applications within 30 days of transaction.**
- **Many county tag offices are closed but continue to allow drop-off of title work. View a [list of county tag offices](#) and the services they are providing.**

Other Guidance for Business

- A general FAQ addressing many issues including workplace safety, workers compensation and Americans with Disabilities Act. [View here](#)
- Dixon Hughes Goodman has also developed a knowledge resource page addressing among other items, tax issues. www.dhg.com/covid-19
- The Georgia Department of Labor has addressed partial unemployment claims for reduced hours. Important information can be viewed [here](#).
- [CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [OSHA Guidance 3990-Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

The GADA staff stands ready to assist members. If you have any questions, please direct them to legal@gada.com.

