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## **Kemp: Public Elementary, Secondary, Post-Secondary Schools Closed March 18 to March 31**

**Atlanta, GA** – In accordance with newly issued federal guidance, Governor Brian P. Kemp signed [Executive Order 3.16.20.01](#) closing all public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary public schools in Georgia from March 18, 2020 to March 31, 2020.

"To keep our students, teachers, and administrators safe and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, I am ordering the closure of all public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools in Georgia from March 18, 2020 to March 31, 2020," **said Governor Kemp**. "This measure is critical to reducing local transmission in communities across our state, and I ask Georgians to continue to follow best practices - washing their hands regularly, isolating the elderly and chronically ill, and avoiding large events if possible - in the days and weeks ahead."

For updates on COVID-19, follow @GeorgiaEMA, @GaDPH and @GovKemp on Twitter and @GEMA.OHS, @GaDPH and @GovKemp on Facebook. For more information, visit the DPH's coronavirus webpage at <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>.

Read the Full State of GA Executive Order: <https://madmimi.com/s/a809601>