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### **THE VORTEX TO REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

*The Vortex will continue to operate under our normal hours of operation until such time that we are advised otherwise by the appropriate authorities.*

**ATLANTA** (March 13, 2020) – With the evolving nature of the COVID-19 situation, The Vortex will continue to monitor and follow the guidelines provided by government agencies and public health partners, including the CDC, the World Health Organization (WHO), National Restaurant Association and the Georgia Department of Health.

Atlanta's many independent restaurants and bars play a crucial role in the societal fabric of our city. These establishments facilitate a sense of community and offer reprieve from the pressures of daily life. At The Vortex, we feel a strong responsibility to maintain this vital community function.

### **CDC RECOMMENDATIONS**

We would like to emphasize the current recommendations that have been provided by the CDC:

- When you are sick you should stay home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Do not wear a face mask if you are not sick. Facemasks should only be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.

### **ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES**

Restaurant operators have extremely stringent safeguards in place at all times when it comes to food handling and sanitation. In addition to recommendations provided by the CDC and other government agencies, we are increasing the frequency of our strict cleaning and sanitization procedures at both of our locations.

### **SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

If you are healthy, and comfortable going out in public, please support your community restaurants and other local, small businesses. We also request your patience if we find ourselves operating with limited staff, or with some menu items out of stock due to delays in the supply chain. Together we will make it through this unprecedented situation. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Your good friends at The Vortex Bar & Grill

### **About The Vortex**

Serving burgers and booze since 1992, The Vortex has earned its reputation as the Godfather of Atlanta burger joints. It has been honored with numerous “best burger” awards from local and national publications, as well as accolades for “best beer selection,” “best neighborhood bar” and “best bar food.” The extensive selection of beer and booze, along with its lively, non-conformist attitude and ridiculously indulgent bar food are key reasons The Vortex is a perennial “reader poll” favorite.

Both the Midtown location (878 Peachtree Street NE) and Little 5 Points location (438 Moreland Avenue NE) are restricted to customers **21 and over** only, and adhere to “Official Idiot-Free Zone” policies. For more information, visit [thevortexatl.com](http://thevortexatl.com).

Vortex Owner, Michael Benoit, is available for email interviews, phone interviews and on-air interviews. Please contact us through our website to make these arrangements.

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