



# Memo

**Date:** August 10, 2020

**To:** Priest, deacons, men and women religious, parish communicators, principals and presidents, chancery staff

**From:** The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Archbishop of Atlanta

**Re:** Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act

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The Georgia Legislature recently passed a new law called the “Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act,” which took effect on August 7. This law provides that a business or institution can receive certain limited immunity from possible civil liability to third-party visitors to your premises if the company posts certain signage. The language does not impact possible claims by employees who might get infected at work (as that issue would be assessed under the workers compensation system). Please post the following language at the entrances to your facilities on a sign in at least one-inch Arial font placed apart from other text a written warning stating the following:

WARNING

UNDER GEORGIA LAW, THERE IS NO LIABILITY FOR AN INJURY OR DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL ENTERING THESE PREMISES IF SUCH INJURY OR DEATH RESULTS FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF CONTRACTING COVID-19. YOU ARE ASSUMING THIS RISK BY ENTERING THESE PREMISES.

A sample sign that may be printed out for your use is attached [here](#). To comply with the law it must be printed full-size on ledger (11 x 17) paper.

Please see information in Spanish [here](#).