



Impact Update for Tuesday, April 14



As our community continues to navigate through the many challenges being faced at this time, we will be sharing regular updates and resources through twice-weekly email newsletters. We encourage you to share this information with any friends, individuals, families, and small business owners who may be able to take advantage of the resources and programming options listed below.

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“It is not the size of a man, but the size of his heart that matters.”
– Evander Holyfield

Local Resources.

- Visit these pages for the most critical local health and government updates:
 - [City of Orlando](#)
 - [Orange County](#)
 - [Osceola County](#)
 - [Lake County](#)
 - [Seminole County](#)
- The **Orange County Convention Center**'s drive-thru testing site will convert to a state operated site, and criteria to qualify for a COVID-19 test has been expanded. Testing is available to individuals with respiratory symptoms and pre-existing medical conditions, regardless of age; all first responders and healthcare workers, regardless of symptoms; and now, anyone who has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, even if they are not currently experiencing symptoms. The site also now supports a daily limit of 400 tests, up from the previous cap of 250 per day. Additional information from Orange County [here](#). Testing site directions and map [here](#).
- The **Orlando Economic Partnership** is launching a new, outbound communication program - **Business Recovery Assistance and Collaborative Engagement (BRACE)** - to initiate contact with small businesses in the seven-county region and assist them with their immediate and short-term needs. Visit [BRACEOrlando.org](#) for more info.
- **Career Source Central Florida** is [now providing virtual services](#). CSCF provides career seekers with many resources, including updates to resumes and LinkedIn profiles, virtual interviewing skills, individualized career plans, and more. CSCF also provides resources for businesses, including help finding the right talent to hire and on-the-job training for new employees.
- Join **John Davis**, executive vice president of the **Orlando Regional Chamber**, and **Ed Ramos**, senior area manager of the **Small Business Administration (SBA)**, for a [webinar overview of SBA resources](#) to help business owners better understand the aid that is available to them.

- **Hire Day Orlando**, Orlando's largest annual career fair from **OrlandoJobs.com**, has been extended through Thursday, April 30. [Click here](#) to search through more than 1,300 available job postings from 70+ Central Florida employers who are actively hiring, or will be hiring once the crisis passes.
- From **Heart of Florida United Way**: As our community continues to shelter in place, organizations are developing ways for individuals and families to help their community from home. Whether you are looking to mentor youth or budding entrepreneurs, or lift the spirits of senior citizens who may now be isolated from friends or family – [there are many options emerging to allow you to lend a hand](#) from the safety and comfort of your home.
- A drive-through, [appointment only testing site](#) for COVID-19 opened at **UCF** on Monday, April 6 in partnership with **Aventus Biolabs**.
- **OUC**'s Board of Commissioners will vote on a package of far-reaching recommendations to help customers and the Central Florida community impacted by COVID-19. The proposal offers immediate relief by lowering utility bills and provides additional solutions to customers over the next year. [Read more here](#).

“It is our honor to partner with the City of Orlando to provide assistance in the use of the Amway Center to meet AdventHealth's and our community's needs,”

Alex Martins said.

See Amway Center story below...

Stay Engaged.

- **LPGA*USGA Girls Golf** launched its **Home on the Range** series, a collection of fun resources, games, and activities for kids and families to enjoy. [New activities are added every week!](#)
- Thinking about fostering or adopting a new quarantine buddy? Local rescue group **Greyhounds In Motion** are [working to rehome an estimated 1,000 dogs](#) from two tracks that closed late last month in Sanford and Daytona.
- Need access to [basketball drills while at home](#)? The **Orlando Magic Youth Basketball Academy** has you covered.
- Just as public schools have done, local arts groups have transferred their classes online. Across Central Florida, the basics of theater, singing and dance are being

- taught via the internet. [Learn more about the offerings](#) from **Orlando Shakes, Orlando Repertory Theater, Central Florida Community Arts**, and more.
- **Crayola Experience**, which has an Orlando location inside Florida Mall, is offering online [crafting instruction, games, apps, coloring pages and science experiments](#) using household items.
 - Check out **SeaWorld's** online animal resources and take an in-depth look at animals all over the world, including [information about their habitats, dietary habits, scientific classification](#) and more.
 - Being stuck indoors means you need a bit of imagination to keep fit. The **Olympic Channel** is bringing you ideas from **TEAM USA** athletes to [help stay in shape wherever you are](#).
 - A great listen for coaches of all levels, **Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr** and **Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll** have a new podcast: **Flying Coach With Steve Kerr & Pete Carroll**, offering up their unique perspectives as championship-level coaches in the **NBA** and **NFL**. The show is also raising money for COVID-19 relief. [Listen to the first episode here](#).

Around The Horn.

- **Mayor Buddy Dyer** announced that the **Amway Center** has become a distribution center for medical equipment and supplies as part of the ongoing response to the coronavirus pandemic. The arena will be a hub for equipment and supplies that will go to [50 hospitals in Central Florida as well as facilities in seven other states](#).
- Originally set for July 3-5 at Lahinch GC in Ireland, the **Arnold Palmer Cup** – an annual match between the best American and international college golfers – [has been rescheduled to take place](#) at **Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge** on December 21-23.
- Despite the **NWSL** training moratorium and delayed season opener, **Orlando Pride** executive vice president **Amanda Duffy** remains confident [the league will be able to reschedule](#) every game of the 2020 season.
- The **Orlando Magic** broadcasting team, including **Nick Anderson, Scott Anez and Brandon Kravitz**, have started an [online donation drive that will continue through April 30](#) to help raise funds for the Christian Service Center and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.
- **Riot Games** and **ESPN** have struck a deal to televise the **League of Legends Championship Series (LCS) Spring Split Playoffs** immediately; a notable new example of [a media network turning to esports](#) amid the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Major League Soccer** is "extremely unlikely" to resume play in mid-May, as had been previously targeted, [the league said in a statement released Tuesday](#).

- Four players remain in the **NBA HORSE Challenge** after the first round. [The semifinals and championship](#) will air beginning at 9 p.m. ET April 16 on **ESPN** and streaming on the **ESPN App**.
- The **LPGA** is providing weekly tips to keep your golf game in shape while staying safe at home. Visit [LPGA.com/Instruction](#) or subscribe to their [YouTube](#) channel.
- **Electronic Arts** and **FIFA** unveiled the **EA SPORTS FIFA 20 Stay and Play Cup**, as part of EA's "Stay Home, Play Together" initiative. The Cup will consist of a [knockout tournament that brings together 20 of the most famous and historic clubs in Europe](#) as they go head-to-head playing **FIFA 20** from April 15-19.

In The News.

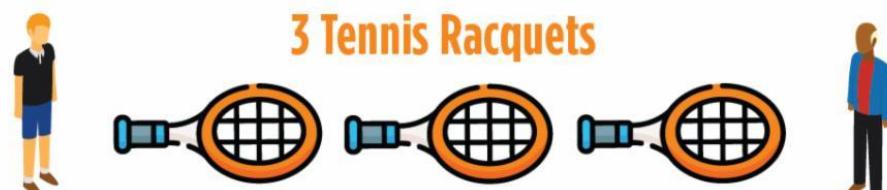
- New **UCF President Alexander Cartwright** began his tenure on Monday, April 13. Though his arrival comes during a difficult time, he and his wife Melinda [shared a warm greeting and message of hope](#) with Knight Nation.
- **Orlando Health** is partnering with **UCF** and 3D printing company **Stratasys**, leading an effort to [rapidly 3D-print critical personal protective equipment](#) to ensure supplies are available for local healthcare professionals.
- **Orlando Sentinel's Mike Bianchi** spoke to former **Orlando City** coach Adrian Heath, who remembers very well [how sports helped the Orlando community begin healing](#) after tragedy and knows sports will rise to the occasion again.
- With Floridians ordered to stay home, **FDOT** officials are taking advantage of reduced traffic across the state to put infrastructure projects - [including a 21-mile stretch of I-4 in Orange and Seminole Counties](#) - in the fast lane.
- Although the coronavirus canceled Knight-Thon, an annual in-person 20-hour dance marathon and fundraising event that benefits **Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children**, **UCF** students [gathered virtually instead and raised more than \\$865,000](#).
- [OrlandoMerchStore.com](#) from **Impress Ink** is now live! The site features t-shirts designed by local restaurants, businesses, and organizations. \$10 of each purchase will go directly to the local business, while \$2 of each purchase will go to **Second Harvest Food Bank**.
- The **Milk District** has launched Milk Money, [a new collaborative gift certificate program](#) to support local businesses.

Fun & Games.

- [Game of Bones](#) (what happens when sports broadcasters are bored)
- Solar Bears [Blooper Reel](#)
- [Special Delivery to Orlando Health!](#)

- [Happy \(Belated\) Easter Storytime](#) with Mayor Demings
 - [Volcano Bay Coloring Pages](#) from Universal Orlando
 - [Singalong at home with Disney's Dapper Dans Quartet\(s\)](#)
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A Guide to Social Distancing in Greater Orlando



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