



Impact Update for Thursday, April 9



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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“Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up.”

– Dean Karnazes
Ultra Marathon Runner

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](#)
- **WKMG News 6** and news anchor **Matt Austin** are teaming up with **Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, Pam Nabors, Dr. Dean Snaith**, and GO Sports Board Member **Tim Giuliani** for a [digital town hall](#) taking place tonight (Thursday, April 9) from 8pm-9pm EST.
- 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 statement from **Orlando Economic Partnership** CEO Tim Giuliani: The Orlando region’s most pressing opportunities and challenges don’t just have the same importance now as they did before the COVID-19 pandemic. [They’ve accelerated. So, we must adapt.](#)
- A drive-through, [appointment only testing site](#) for COVID-19 opened at **UCF** on Monday, April 6 in partnership with Aventus Biolabs.
- The drive-thru testing site at the **Orange County Convention Center** is still available to anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms AND anyone with a pre-existing medical condition. First responders and healthcare workers are also able to get tested, regardless of symptoms. More information can be found [here](#). Testing site directions and map are [here](#).

"I wanted to check on their real living situation. How their families were doing," he said. "Everyone's being affected by this in different ways."

See UCF Football Coach Heupel's story below...

Stay Engaged.

- **Track Shack** has opened eight virtual races! Get your running fix, get a shiny new medal, and support the **Track Shack Youth Foundation** all at the same time. View the [virtual race options on their website](#) - each race has a limited number of registrations available, so don't wait too long to sign up.
- For a fun distraction in serious times, many people turn to books. The **Orlando Sentinel** has put together a [list of ideas for classic Florida reading](#).
- **CityArts Gallery** may be closed, but you can still support Orlando's local artists and the **Downtown Arts District** online. All artwork is [posted on Facebook](#) so you can purchase your new art while practicing safe social distancing.
- The **Walt Disney Company's** new [DisneyMagicMoments.com](#) website lets you experience the magic of Disney wherever you may be. Enjoy **Disney, Pixar, Star Wars, Marvel, and National Geographic** with stories, videos, and activities to inspire imagination and discovery among kids, fans, and families alike.
- **Orlando Science Center** is here to [help you learn something new](#), combat boredom and chase away the blues during these challenging times.
- **Winter Park Paint Out** has moved this year's event online. [Click here](#) to view the 2020 artists and see their artwork available for purchase.
- The **Orlando Health National Training Center** is still offering free [Facebook Live](#) classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 am EST. Tune in for a variety of workouts to keep you engaged and active! Classes are also available to view on the [OH-NTC Facebook page](#) after the broadcast is over.

Around The Horn.

- The **Buccaneers** revealed the new uniforms, marks and colors they will begin wearing in 2020. Based on fan input, [much of the new uniform is identical to what the team wore from 1997 through 2013](#), which included the most successful on-field stretch in franchise history.

- **UCF** is replaying fan favorite games on the new "Saturday Knights Playback" radio broadcast hosted by **Marc Daniels**. [Games can be heard every Saturday at 2pm](#) on FM 96.9/AM 740 The Game as well as the iHeart Radio app.
- **WrestleMania 36** shatters viewership and social media records. [Full report here](#).
- Catch replays of **Orlando Magic** wins on Fox Sports Florida, including [this Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11](#), both at 8pm EST.
- The **Women's Sports Foundation** and Yahoo Sports are launching #WeKeepPlaying, a [live-stream event to discuss resilience and mental health for young athletes during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). Join sports icons **Billie Jean King, Carli Lloyd, Katie Ledecky** and others along with special guest and former **National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice** this Saturday, April 11 at 4pm EST.
- Putting [all 30 teams in the Phoenix area this season](#) and playing in empty ballparks was among the ideas discussed Monday by **Major League Baseball** and the players' association.
- Appearing on the new "#NBATogether" show with host Ernie Johnson, **NBA Commissioner Adam Silver** said the league is still in 'listening mode' through April, but making no decision in April "doesn't mean we aren't internally looking at many different scenarios for restarting the season." Listen to the full segment [here](#).
- The Atlanta Host Committee [donated all unused NCAA Men's Final Four sports equipment](#) and volunteer kits to the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta** and the **City of Atlanta's Department of Parks and Recreation**.

In The News.

- **AdventHealth** has begun an [experimental COVID-19 therapy that uses plasma from recovering people](#) to help patients who are critically ill, joining a small cadre of hospitals in the nation that have taken the lead in adding the treatment to their arsenal in fighting the new coronavirus.
- Now more than ever, our small local businesses need our support. Created by **Orlando City** and **Orlando Pride**, #AllForORL is a way to [support your favorite local gameday stops on your virtual march to the match](#) and choose to donate a few dollars or order food for takeout or delivery.
- The **Orlando Sentinel** caught up with **UCF Football's Head Coach Josh Heupel**, who is encouraging his players to [focus on what they can control](#) and concentrate on staying safe.
- **Tom Brady** has yet to handle his first snap as a **Tampa Bay Buccaneer**, but the six-time Super Bowl winner and his wife, **Gisele Bündchen**, are [already making a difference in their new community](#) with a donation to **Feeding Tampa Bay** that will pay for 750,000 meals.

- Every Sunday in April, the **Downtown Development Board** is encouraging residents to [brunch from the comfort of your home](#). Share a photo on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and be sure to tag **DDB** and use the hashtag #StayHomeORL.
- Speaking of brunch, are you looking for Easter meals made easy? Here's a list of **Orlando restaurants** that have you covered [when you order ahead](#).

Fun & Games.

- [Make breakfast](#) with Orlando City's Kamal Miller
- [Easter egg decorating around the world](#) from the Orlando Sentinel
- [Color & Fill In The Blank](#) with Monster Jam
- [Zoom backgrounds](#) from ALL of your favorite Pixar movies
- [You can't go wrong](#) with Orlando Magic STUFF highlights
- [Rip Ride Rockit from home](#) with Universal Orlando

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