



Impact Update for Thursday, May 14



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

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“Push yourself again and again. Don't give an inch until the final buzzer sounds.”

– Larry Bird
Hall of Fame Basketball Player

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](#)
 - [State of Florida Phase One Reopening FAQ Sheet](#)
- **Orange County** created the **Consumer Confidence Survey** to gather data from residents about how comfortable they feel patronizing business and restaurants, and opening our local economy during the pandemic. [The survey is available in three languages – English, Spanish and Creole.](#)
- The **Orange County Economic Recovery Task Force** [announced seven guidelines](#) for reopening businesses and industries in the Orlando region. **Orange County** has also [developed re-opening criteria for restaurants in unincorporated Orange County.](#)
- **Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer** announced a package of actions that are effective immediately in the **City of Orlando**, providing opportunities for [businesses to temporarily expand their operational space and market their businesses outside](#), without the need to obtain city permits or pay any fees.
- The **PPE for Small Biz in Orange County Initiative** provides personal protective equipment (PPE) to small businesses in **Orange County** to assist in reopening or sustaining operations, at no cost, through **Friday, May 15**. Kits will be distributed to eligible small businesses at drive-through pick-up sites located throughout the county. [Small business owners must fill out an online interest form to register.](#)
- Now through **September 1**, patrons can enjoy FREE parking in metered street spaces and inside specific **City of Orlando** garages, while dining and shopping in **Downtown Orlando**. [Click here to learn more](#) about **Park DTO**. Eligible business owners can [click here](#) to apply for parking validations to provide to your patrons.

- To help track the differences across each state and provide the latest guidance and information to America's employers, the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** has launched [an interactive map and state-by-state guide](#).
- **Orlando Health** has launched [a new website specifically designed for those in the business community returning to normal operations](#). The site features tips and best practices from medical experts, including facts about COVID-19, proper hand washing, surface cleaning, mask wearing, social distancing and self-screening.
- After a month of providing drive-up COVID-19 testing in seven counties, **AdventHealth** [will begin phasing out the screening over the next two weeks](#) as the state of Florida and businesses reopen. Testing will continue to be available with a doctor's order at **Centra Care** locations and for patients at **AdventHealth** hospitals.
- The following **COVID-19 testing sites** are open to anyone exhibiting symptoms of the virus, healthcare providers and first responders, and anyone who has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms.
 - **Orange County Convention Center:** No appointment required. Additional info [here](#). Directions [here](#). On-site antibody testing is also available to first responders and healthcare workers only.
 - **UCF's Garage A:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information.
 - **Seminole Towne Center:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.
 - **Osceola Heritage Park:** ***Closes on Friday, May 15*** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.
 - **UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center:** By appointment only, and patients must have a test order from a physician. Click [here](#) for more information.
 - **Community Health Centers Apopka:** By appointment only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. [Click here](#) or call 407-905-8827.
 - **Walmart (Goldenrod Road):** Operated by the City of Orlando in partnership with Quest Diagnostics. [Click here](#) for information and appointments.
 - ***NEW* Walmart (Sand Lake Corners South):** Opens Friday, May 15, by appointment only, 7-9am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment, or call 866-448-7719.
 - ***NEW* Walmart (East Colonial):** Opens Friday, May 15, by appointment only, 7-9am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment, or call 866-448-7719.
- The following **COVID-19 testing sites** are open to any Orange County resident over the age of 18. There is no criteria for being tested, but appointments are required.

- **Lakemont Elementary School:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment from **May 11-14**.
- **Riverside Elementary School:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment from **May 19-21**.
- **The Florida Department of Health in Orange County** announced several mobile testing sites for **May 11-15**. Call 407-723-5004 from 8am to 5pm, or leave a message to receive a call back. [Testing sites will be located at Independence Elementary in Winter Garden, Olympia High School, Camping World Stadium, Evans High School and Prairie Lake Elementary.](#)
- More free, drive-thru and pedestrian-accessible **COVID-19 testing sites** are opening throughout the **City of Orlando**. They'll operate Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-1pm, rotating to a new location in the city on each operating day. [Click here](#) to view locations and to make an appointment, or call 407-246-3104.
- **Career Source of Central Florida** is continuing to provide a [variety of community and business resources online](#), for both employers and job seekers.
- Unlocked content from the **Orlando Business Journal** for job seekers, [here are the firms with the most local job openings](#).
- **Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)** is launching a new [trade grant program to help the state's small and medium-sized companies](#) continue doing business overseas even as international travel is restricted. The [Virtual Business Matchmaking program](#) will allow the state's business community to reach new and existing customers overseas and keep moving forward.

"What I would tell commissioners of [sports] leagues is, 'If you have a team in an area where they just won't let them operate, we'll find a place for you here in the state of Florida because we think it's important and we know that it can be done safely.' "

-Governor Ron DeSantis

See DeSantis story below...

Stay Engaged.

- The new **Greater Orlando** chapter of **Women in Sports and Events (WISE)** is hosting the first session of a four-part Virtual Learning Series tonight, Thursday,

May 14, from 5:30-6:30pm. [Visit their Facebook page](#) for more information, including the dates and topics of future virtual events.

- **Oprah** is about to go back on 'tour.' Across four consecutive Saturdays in May and June, **Oprah** [will host free, ninety-minute virtual sessions](#) designed to help audiences "reclaim their path to self-care in the face of unprecedented change."
- Instead of cancelling, this year's **Orlando Fringe Festival** will move online. The new streaming series called **Fringe Today** will run from **May 12-25**, [featuring scheduled performances by an array of theatrical performances](#) by artists that would have been attending this year's festival ([full schedule here](#)). They have also launched an initiative called **The Lawn** where [you can watch pre-recorded performances](#).
- **Orange County** and **Visit Orlando** recently launched **#407Dates** – a new pride campaign named after the longtime **Orange County** area code, designed to [generate local restaurant support and encourage "date nights" with virtual events and dining deals](#) to make weekends in May special.
- "Oobleck" is a made-up word for a special kind of slime that can act like a liquid or a solid. [Explore the states of matter and have some ooey-gooey fun with this sticky STEM slime activity](#) from the **Orlando Science Center**!
- **UCF Recreation and Wellness Center** has a variety of fitness classes streaming on Instagram Live each weekday! [Click here for this week and next week's schedules](#).
- **Orlando Economic Partnership's #PickUpOrlando** campaign is still running! [Community members are encouraged to share](#) how they **#PickUpOrlando** by posting a photo of themselves supporting a local business, tagging three friends and asking them to do the same.
- **Krispy Kreme** wants to help all high school and college seniors celebrate their accomplishments with free doughnuts on **Tuesday, May 19!** [Any senior can get a free "Graduate Dozen" by showing up to a participating Krispy Kreme location](#) dressed in their graduation cap and gown or any Class of 2020 shirt, jacket or swag.

Around The Horn.

- **Governor Ron DeSantis** wants [all professional sports teams to come to Florida](#) during the coronavirus pandemic, offering a haven for those in other parts of the country under stay-at-home orders.
- The first scheduled event at the **Texas Rangers'** new \$1.2 billion stadium was supposed to be a **Chris Stapleton** show in March. Instead, the stadium's parking lot will host **Concerts In Your Car** on June 4-7. [The series of 'drive-in concerts' will have fans remain in their cars](#) and listen to performances through FM radio signals.

- The **47th AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships** [will begin on June 16](#), the first event at the **Orange County Convention Center** since nearly 50 shows have cancelled or postponed since early March. **Orlando Health** will have a medical team on site “to oversee and ensure a safe environment for all participants.”
- The match is set, the trash-talking has begun and [the odds are on the board for a star-studded, 18-hole event](#) to raise money for coronavirus relief efforts on Memorial Day weekend. **Tiger Woods** and **Peyton Manning** are the favorites over **Phil Mickelson** and **Tom Brady** in "The Match: Champions for Charity" showdown on May 24.
- Multiple sources have reported to **ESPN** that **Major League Soccer's** plan to return to play is solidifying, with [the league proposing a summer tournament at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex](#) in Orlando involving all 26 teams.
- **Fox Sports Florida** is continuing with its schedule to replay some of the most memorable wins in **Orlando Magic** history, as [more games have been added to the May broadcasting schedule](#).
- The **Road Runners Club of America (RRCA)** launched a survey to gain an understanding about customer attitudes as it relates to return to running in organized group runs and in-person running events. [View the results here](#).
- **Major League Soccer** announced that 65 former **U.S. Soccer Development Academy** clubs will join the League’s existing club academies to [create a partnership that will transform youth player development](#) in the US and Canada.
- The **PLAY Sports Coalition** - a newly-formed united front of more than 400 national and local youth sports leaders - now has the backing of Rep. Ron Kind (D-Wis.), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.), Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Texas) and Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.), who will [call on their congressional colleagues to include youth sports providers in an economic stabilization fund](#).
- The **Orlando Solar Bears** and **Pizza Hut** are teaming up to assist families in need. [When fans purchase a Heart-Shaped Pizza from Pizza Hut](#) from **May 18-20**, all net proceeds will go to benefit the **Children’s Home Society of Florida (CHS)**. The **Solar Bears** and **Pizza Hut** will match that amount, doubling the total donation to **CHS**.
- The final two episodes of **ESPN's** 10-part documentary, "**The Last Dance**," which chronicles **Michael Jordan** and the **1997-98 Chicago Bulls**, will air this Sunday at 9pm EST. [Click here for past episodes](#).

In The News.

- A phased reopening of **Disney Springs** will begin on **May 20**. Following the guidance of government and health officials, [a limited number of shopping and](#)

[dining experiences that are owned by third-party operating participants](#) will begin to open during this initial phase.

- Select venues at **Universal CityWalk** [are opening to guests starting May 14](#), from **4pm-10pm daily**. Both employees and guests will be asked to adhere to recommended CDC guidelines, including having their temperatures taken upon arrival and wearing face coverings for the duration of their visit.
- The **Arnold and Winnie Palmer Foundation** [has provided one million meals](#) through **Feeding America** to the cities with canceled **PGA Tour** tournaments. The foundation also has donated 330,000 meals to the **Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida**, one of more than 200 food banks in the **Feeding America** network.
- Featured in **USA Today**: A history professor at **UCF** gave his students a challenging assignment - [present a historical artifact that could represent their experience during this pandemic to a historian 100 years in the future](#). The students' responses moved him to tears.
- The **New York Times** spoke to dozens of experts, from tour operators to airport architects, to learn how the travel landscape might change after the pandemic. [Here are answers to 14 of the most pressing questions about travel's future](#).
- **REMINDER**: The **Florida Department of Transportation** has [shut down all but one, westbound lane](#) of **Interstate 4** between Princeton Street to the north and Gore Street to the south through Monday, May 18. All westbound lanes may be closed intermittently at night during the weekend.
- **Coca-Cola Beverages Florida** stopped by **Orange County Fire Rescue** headquarters this week to [drop off a large donation of beverages for the hardworking staff and first responders](#) at the **Orange County Emergency Operations Center**.
- Two F-15C's from the **Florida National Guard** honored Orlando-area health care workers and first responders fighting on the front line of the coronavirus pandemic with a flyover across the region - [check out video from WKMG](#).
- Orlando's most prominent **July 4 fireworks show**, an annual gathering at **Lake Eola Park**, is [canceled this year as officials still caution against mass gatherings due to coronavirus](#). **WKMG** will instead show a compilation of previous years' displays on the network with music from the Orlando Concert band.

Fun & Games.

- A new Tampa Bay Bucs Jr. word scramble! Print [here](#). Answers [here](#).
- Just some [pictures of baby animals](#).
- [Rhymes and Reflections](#) with STUFF.

- Throwback Thursday: [UCF College GameDay Signs](#)
- Friday. 6:30pm ET. Orlando Pride's [Ali Krieger will be live on Instagram!](#)
- Plenty of good natured trash talk between Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Tom Brady and Peyton Manning during an [Ernie Johnson interview.](#)

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