



## Impact Update for Thursday, May 21



**We can rebuild. We can re-imagine. We can re-calibrate.  
We will recover. And we will play again.**

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.

Jason Siegel  
President & CEO

“Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.”

Mike Singletary  
Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach

## 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 Full Phase One Reopening Guidelines](#)
- **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.
- As part of the **Federal CARES Act**, **Orange County Government** has received \$243 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds. [These funds will be distributed back into the community, and used for local government expenses](#) related to the response to COVID-19. **Orange County** is working to finalize program details, and will make an announcement on their website, through the media, and on social media prior to officially opening up the program to applicants.

- 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.
- 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.
  - **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.
  - **Walmart (Sand Lake Corners South):** 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.
  - **Walmart (East Colonial):** 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.
  - **Orange Technical College - Mid Florida Campus:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment from **May 26-28**.
- **The Florida Department of Health in Orange County** announced several mobile testing sites for **May 18-22**. Call 407-723-5004 from 8am to 5pm, or leave a message to receive a call back. [This week's testing sites are located at Barnett Park, Ocoee High School, Camping World Stadium and Cypress Creek High School.](#)

- 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.
- Employers are turning to skills-based hiring to tap into the increasing talent availability created by layoffs and job losses. Join the **Orlando Economic Partnership's Danielle Permenter** for an in-depth conversation on tactical skills-based hiring strategies employers can implement to help attract, hire and retain talent in Orlando. [Click here to register](#) for the **Friday, May 29** webinar.

“I think it’s very likely that youth sports will return before national level sports,” Sauer said during a webinar hosted by The Aspen Institute last week.

**-Lauren Sauer**, Director of Operations for the Johns Hopkins Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response

*See USA Today story below...*

### **Stay Engaged.**

- Students from **Lake Highland Preparatory School** in Orlando have launched a [free online tutoring service to help younger students with their schoolwork](#). Their services, using Zoom, are open to any student who is interested.
- **UCF Continuing Education** is making several of their most popular professional development courses available for free (normally \$129). [The programs are online, self-paced and available for three months to complete after you register](#). The deadline to register for this special offer is June 30.
- If you're looking for face coverings, local company **United Trophy** has pivoted from their traditional business of trophies and awards to [produce a variety of face coverings, including custom full color masks for businesses](#).

- Imagine your own story and explore everything the **Orange County Library System** has to offer in their annual **Summer Reading Program**. [Fun and educational virtual events and activities for all ages will be available online.](#)
- The new **Greater Orlando** chapter of **Women in Sports and Events (WISE)** is hosting session two of a four-part Virtual Learning Series today from 5:30-6:30pm. [Visit their Facebook page](#) for more information, including the dates and topics of future virtual events.
- **Orange County** and **Visit Orlando** have 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.
- The **Orlando Sentinel** [compiled a list of all the new movies](#) that are still set to be released this summer. Bonus: they also have [a list of where to stream some of the best movies of all time.](#)
- **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.
- **Orlando Weekly** has compiled a list of [Orlando area restaurants that have reopened with plenty of outdoor seating.](#)
- From **Fast Company**: "The scientific benefits of regular exercise for mental agility." Whether indoors or outdoors, [frequent physical activity can improve the efficiency and precision of your brain.](#)
- Movie theaters are closed, but **Epic Theatres** is [showing movies in the parking lots of its theaters, displaying the film on a screen attached to the building.](#) The shows already are underway in **Clermont** and **Deltona**, and is expanding to **Mount Dora** starting this evening.

## Around The Horn.

- From **USA Today**: [Why youth sports may have an easier time returning](#) to action than professional sports.
- Congratulations to our friends at **Track Shack**, who were [named one of the Best Running Stores in the nation for 2020!](#)
- Wear a mask, skip the chewing gum and try not to huddle: **Youth sports** will look different when they resume in Ohio. **Governor Mike DeWine** [announced that low-contact or non-contact sports can resume May 26.](#)
- **Renata Simril, President & CEO of the LA84 Foundation** shares her commentary in **Forbes**: The full impact of this crisis on **youth sports** will not be understood

until after the threat has ended. [That date is difficult to pinpoint, but several things are coming into clearer focus.](#)

- **Congressman Max Rose** (D-NY) has introduced the **COVID-19 Youth Sports and Working Families Relief Act (H.R.6912)** to Congress, legislation that addresses the mission of the **PLAY Sports Coalition** to [ensure the institutions connected to youth and local sports survive and thrive](#) coming out of this pandemic.
- From the **Orlando Sentinel**: **Orlando** [has emerged as the favorite to host NBA](#) games without fans whenever play resumes, according to multiple reports.
- **ESPN** examined the challenges facing **MLB** as it struggles to get back on the field. [What emerges is like nothing that has been attempted in the history of American sport](#), less a baseball season than a military-style operation in which any number of variables could derail the plan.
- **Major League Soccer** announced that this year's **MLS All-Star Game, Leagues Cup** and **Campeones Cup** have been canceled. [The decisions were taken in order to provide as many available dates as possible](#) for the remainder of the **MLS** season.
- Speaking on Monday to a sports leadership conference that was moved online, **NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman** said that [the league was looking at “probably eight or nine different places”](#) that can accommodate “a dozen or so teams in one location” as it looks for ways to resume, and finish, the 2019-20 season.
- After careful consideration and countless hours planning possible scenarios to move forward, the **Hampton Roads Sports Commission** and the **Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)** [have decided to cancel](#) the **54th AAU Junior Olympic Games**.
- Governors from **New York, California** and **Texas** said Monday that [professional sports could resume in their respective states](#) "in the near future."
- **Belmont Stakes**, originally scheduled for June 6, [will be held on June 20 without spectators](#). As the first race in this year's **Triple Crown**, its distance will be shortened from 1 1/2 miles to 1 1/8 miles.
- **PBR (Professional Bull Riders)** has announced a new [40-hour televised team competition that will run from June 5 – July 12](#), beginning at South Point Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **USA Baseball** announced [a modified schedule of events for its 2020 summer season](#) due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The updated schedule is tentatively set to begin with the 14U Cup from **July 24-26**.
- **Sports Backers** announced their new **Great American 5000** virtual race beginning on June 14. In the endurance challenge, [participating teams compete with the aim of covering the 5,000-kilometer distance](#) of a pre-selected course between the Pacific Ocean in San Francisco and Atlantic Ocean in New York.
- **Uptown Drive-In**, a new festival-like event is coming to the parking lot of **Yankee Stadium**. The [experience is set to happen every weekend starting in July](#) and will

be a combination of a drive-in movie, live-music concert featuring local artists, and carside dinner service from beloved street vendors.

- The **Orlando Pride's Toni Pressley** will be on **NWSL Live** tonight on their [Facebook page](#) at 8pm EST.
- **3N2**, a Maitland-based sporting goods brand, has found itself in a new business; [sourcing and manufacturing critical Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 crisis.

## In The News.

- **Disney Springs** began its phased reopening yesterday, and are looking ahead to another wave of restaurants and shops opening on **May 27**, including more Disney-owned locations such as the **World of Disney** and **Marketplace Co-Op**. [Click here](#) to view the latest reopening updates, and [click here to view the Disney blog post](#) that covers the new health and safety measures and operational changes you can expect to see upon arrival.
- **UCF** is preparing to reopen in the fall, but [students can expect a quieter campus life](#): no packed lecture classes, social distancing in the dorms, and fewer activities.
- **ESPN** broadcaster and **Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard** celebrated his 50th birthday by honoring some **Central Florida** teachers. In lieu of a speaking fee for a recent 'Chalk Talk' virtual chat with **Florida Citrus Sports**, [Howard asked that the money be donated to the community](#) around **Camping World Stadium**.
- A limited number of restaurants and retail locations are open at **Universal CityWalk** from 4pm-10pm daily. [Click here to view](#) the health and safety measures and operational changes being implemented and the list of stores that are open.
- An agreement has been reached between **Canada** and the **United States** to [keep the border closed to all non-essential travel](#) for another month.
- Local catering company **Puff 'n Stuff** partnered with **Meals of Love** to help [provide 2,500 meals seven days per week](#) to home-bound seniors and disabled adults.
- **U.S. airlines** are [starting to see an uptick in demand as the summer vacation season approaches](#), but a full recovery appears far off. **Southwest Airlines** said Tuesday that new bookings are now outpacing cancellations.
- **Delta Air Lines** said it would [resume flying several major routes in June](#) that were suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, including some Trans-Atlantic and Caribbean destinations.
- **Island H2O Live water park**, the attraction attached to **Margaritaville Resort Orlando**, [will reopen to the public on Saturday, officials say](#).

- **Orlando's airport authority** launched its most far-reaching responses to COVID-19 by [scaling back the \\$3 billion new terminal and cutting deals with airlines, rental-car companies and concessionaire](#) to defer or waive three months of rents.
- **Norwegian Cruise Line** [has canceled all cruises through July 31](#), while **Royal Caribbean** is set to follow suit, joining other cruise lines already pushing back plans to return to sailing.
- Some wonders of nature continue happening despite the global pandemic, and **sea turtle nesting season** is no exception. In Florida, [those turtles are off to a strong start](#).

## Fun & Games.

- Visit Orlando's [#takemebacktoOrlando video](#) will give you all the feels
- [Word Jumbles](#) for kids and adults from the Orlando Sentinel
- Video: [A word about safety from Gatorland](#) (trust us, it's worth the watch)
- Orlando City's [Stay At Home HQ: Kids Corner, Zoom Backgrounds and more!](#)
- Color inside (or outside) the lines with a [new Solar Bears coloring sheet](#)
- When in doubt, look for [STUFF on Twitter](#)

## We Will Play Again.

- Our world is different now, and sports are no exception. Throughout this experience, we've seen people come together like never before. As a community, we are focused on getting through this challenging time, returning SAFELY and emerging STRONGER.
- Click the image below to view our **2020 Mid-Year Report to the Community**, outlining the impact of COVID-19 on our sports ecosystem and what we are doing to continue planning for the future, and [visit our new COVID-19 landing page](#).





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