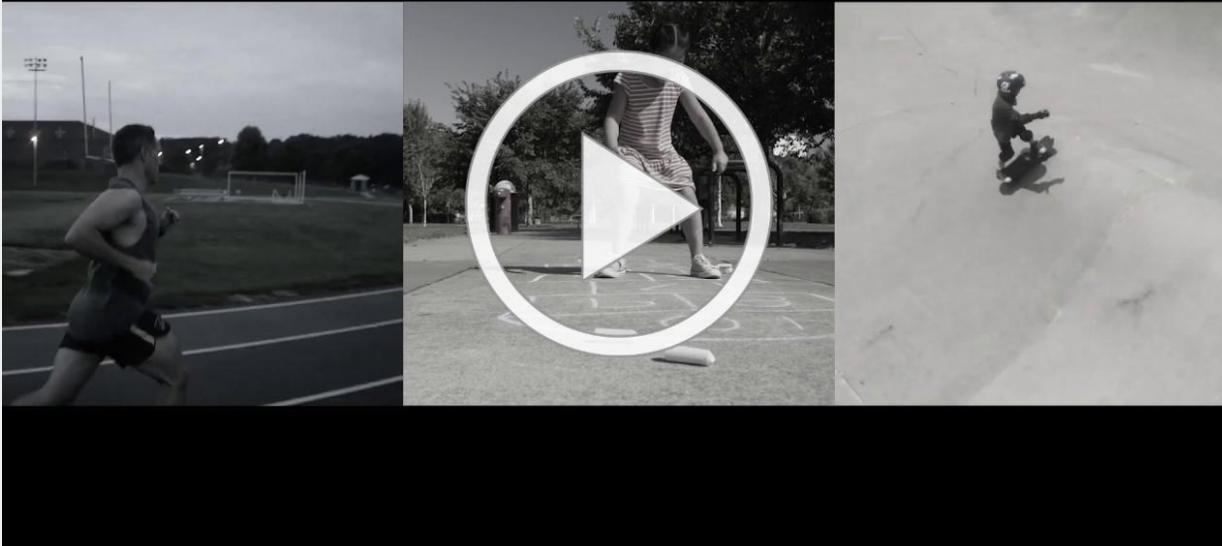




Impact Update for Tuesday, May 26



**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

“Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion.”

– Michael Jordan

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](#)
- 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.
- In order to help [residents navigate tenant rights, evictions and other housing assistance information for COVID-19](#), **Orange County** has put together a list of answers to [frequently asked questions](#) on these topics.
- 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.
- **AdventHealth CentraCare's Employer Resources hub** [provides a vast number of resources to assist businesses as they reopen](#). Their team of physicians and clinical experts can assist with business re-opening through consultation, comprehensive safety plan development and key employee and guest services.
- 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.
 - ***NEW* Community Health Centers Pine Hills:** By appointment only on Mondays and Thursdays beginning **May 28**. [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**.

- 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.
- **OneBlood** is now testing all blood donations for the COVID-19 antibody. The test is authorized by the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** and will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the virus, regardless of whether they ever showed symptoms. Appointments to donate are required. [Click here for more information](#).
- **Career Source of Central Florida** is continuing to provide a [variety of community and business resources online](#), for both employers and job seekers.
- **Insurance Office of America (IOA)** has created a [key information page with information from government agencies, industry-specific resources, and others](#) on return to work/office guidelines, finance options, and more.
- 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.

Stay Engaged.

- From May 29-June 4, **shoppers in Florida** can [avoid paying sales taxes while putting together disaster-preparation stockpiles](#) for the **2020 hurricane season**.
- **Uber Eats** and the **Orlando Downtown Development Board** are collaborating to help support restaurants across downtown Orlando [by providing FREE delivery through June 30](#). First-time **Uber Eats** users: be sure to enter the promo code **ORDERUPDOWNTOWN** and also get \$10 off your first order!
- Colorful explosions with items typically found in the kitchen? Count us in! These science projects from the **Orlando Science Center** put the "art" in "smart." [Learn something new while creating a mess-terpiece!](#)
- 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](#).
- The new **Greater Orlando** chapter of **Women in Sports and Events (WISE)** is hosting session three 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.

- From **Travel + Leisure**: [The 12 best websites for Online Courses during quarantine](#).
- **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.
- From **Visit Orlando**: Add a dash of wonder to your kids’ lesson plans with [virtual learning resources from some of Orlando’s most popular STEM attractions](#).
- **Orlando Weekly** has compiled a list of [Orlando area restaurants that have reopened with plenty of outdoor seating](#).
- From the **New York Times**: [What We Can Learn From Endurance Athletes About Getting Through This Pandemic](#): Long-distance runners, cyclists and triathletes can teach us how to move through extended periods of discomfort.
- [See how Orlando is commemorating LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#) this June with virtual editions of **RED Shirt Pride Day**, the **Pulse Remembrance Ceremony** and more.
- **NASA** is hosting a virtual launch experience for the **SpaceX Demo-2** launch tomorrow, **May 27**. [Register here and get access](#) to information about the mission and astronauts, a calendar of mission highlights, and resources to prepare you for launch day, including virtual tours of the facilities for launch.

“I didn’t envision it going exactly this way as far as enhancing our reputation as *the* [No. 1] sports destination in the country, but we would certainly be excited about hosting both the NBA and/or MLS for their seasons or partial seasons,”

-City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer

See Mayor Dyer story below...

Around The Horn.

- As the nation confronts the health and economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus, **Mayor Buddy Dyer** confirmed that [Orlando is indeed “in the mix” to host the re-start](#) of both the **NBA** and **MLS** seasons but says “nothing is set in stone” just yet.

- **Elite Clubs National League** has launched the **ECNL Return to Play Recommendations** as a [free resource to support the health and safety of players](#) across the nation's youth soccer landscape of more than three million players.
- **Microsoft** and **Special Olympics** are teaming up for the **2020 Special Olympics Xbox Virtual Gaming Event** featuring **Turn 10 Studios' Forza Motorsport 7**. [Eleven US states will be represented with over 35 athletes participating.](#)
- New **UCF** co-offensive coordinator **Alex Golesh** has tried to make the most of [videoconference tools to help build relationships](#) with recruits, as coaches adapt to not being able to have conversations in person or give recruits and their families tours of campus.
- The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** has created guidance to consider when **youth sports** return to play. The document includes tips for assessing risk, measures that can reduce spread and maintain healthy environments, and what to do if someone gets sick. [Read the Guidelines here.](#)
- The **NBA**, in conjunction with the **National Basketball Players Association**, confirmed they are [engaged in exploratory conversations with The Walt Disney Company about restarting the 2019-20 NBA season in late July](#) at **Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex**.
- The **NHL** and the **NHLPA** have [agreed to a format that would give 24 teams the opportunity to close out the season](#) by heading straight into post-season play.
- The **MLB Players' Association** [has submitted a response](#) to **MLB's** 67-page health and safety protocol proposal for a potential 2020 season. The league is now expected to initiate discussions on a financial plan.
- **Orlando City** will be a No. 1 seed if **Major League Soccer** can [clear all the hurdles needed to resume play with a tournament](#) at **ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex**, according to **The Athletic**.
- There's a lot of uncertainty surrounding the **2020 NFL season**, but the league is planning to host games as normal. The **NFL** is [currently operating as if stadiums will be packed with fans once the 2020 season gets underway](#), according to **NBC Sports Washington**.
- **Orlando Magic** forward **Jonathan Isaac** says he feels calling to help others during the pandemic, as he [continues to juggle his work to rehabilitate his injured left knee with his commitment to helping](#) the Central Florida community.
- The **USTA** has [shared guidelines nationwide to help people feel comfortable](#) with playing tennis safely during the coronavirus pandemic.
- On Monday, the **Orlando Pride** held their first small group training session since March 13. The **NWSL** is [now allowing all teams to participate in small group training](#) as long as they follow safety protocol.
- The **Amateur Athletic Union** has signed esports production company **Rival** to be a national operating partner of the **AAU Esports program**. [AAU esports events will run on Rival's tournament management software starting this summer.](#)

- **World TeamTennis** will compress its 2020 season into [a three-week, single-site event featuring nine teams starting July 12](#) at a resort in West Virginia. They are planning to allow up to 500 spectators at outdoor matches.
- The **Nippon Professional Baseball** league in **Japan** announced its season will begin June 19, the [league announced Monday after receiving official approval from its government](#) to start playing without fans in attendance.
- The **Pensacola Blue Wahoos**, the Double-A affiliate of the **Minnesota Twins**, have placed their stadium on **AirBnB**. For \$1,500 per night, [guests staying at the ballpark will have full access to the clubhouse, a large bedroom with 10 beds, the batting cage, and the field itself.](#)
- **Tiger Woods** and **Peyton Manning** took home bragging rights from Sunday's "The Match: Champions for Charity" against **Phil Mickelson** and **Tom Brady**, but the foursome delivered a hole in one for tournament organizers and **Turner**. With 5.8 million average viewers across **TNT, TBS, truTV** and **HLN**, [the program became the most-watched golf event ever on cable TV.](#)

When asked, 'Is the fact that Disney has caught the eye of pro sports leagues as a place to resume [their] seasons a big deal?'

"It's huge."

-**Jason Siegel, President & CEO, Greater Orlando Sports Commission**
See Orlando Business Journal story below...

In The News.

- From **Orlando Business Journal**: Here's what the potential **NBA/Disney** team-up [means for the Central Florida region.](#)
- **Synapse Converge** is a multi-day interactive virtual event that showcases how Florida's innovative spirit has risen to meet the moment, with interactive and engaging content by and for the community. [Click here for the agenda](#), [click here to see the list of speakers](#) (including **GO Sports President & CEO, Jason Siegel**), and [click here to register](#) for the 3-day event on June 9-11.
- Another wave of **Disney Springs** restaurants and shops are opening on **May 27**, including 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.

- When the theme parks at **Universal Orlando Resort** reopen to the public on **June 5**, [guests must follow new safety protocols](#) including wearing masks, getting their temperature checked upon entry and observing social distancing.
- **Walt Disney World** and **SeaWorld Orlando** [will both present reopening plans](#) to an **Orange County** task force Wednesday morning, the first step in bringing tourists back to both theme park giants.
- **Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings** sent endorsement letters to **Governor Ron DeSantis** to [support the re-opening of 12 small, local attractions](#) who's re-opening plans received approval from the **Orange County Economic Recovery Taskforce**.
- **UCF Football** players **Jeremiah Jean-Baptiste** and **Tatum Bethune** put on masks and gloves, then [headed to Miami's Overtown neighborhood to hand out meals](#) [Tatum's mother cooked](#) and bottled water to the homeless.
- If you've ever dreamed of hanging out in Eric's basement from **That '70s Show** or visiting Monica's New York City apartment from **Friends**, now's your chance. **Fourth Wall Sets** [is bringing both to Orlando starting July 4](#), and visitors can [get a private tour of these two sets](#) that are recreated to scale.
- More than a century old, car rental firm **Hertz Global Holdings, Inc.** [filed for bankruptcy protection on Friday](#) after its business all but vanished during the coronavirus pandemic.
- Astronaut launches are back. And **Doug Hurley**, along with astronaut **Bob Behnken**, are about to [embark on a journey of a kind that has only taken place five times in American history](#).

Fun & Games.

- All 169 seconds of [this basketball chain reaction video](#) are completely riveting
- Orlando City's [Stay At Home HQ: Kids Corner, Zoom Backgrounds and more!](#)
- Cute Dog Alert: [Say hello to Sammy](#)
- Orlando Pride's Marta [compiled a new playlist](#) with some international flavor
- Tonight: Rewatch the Magic take down LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in [Game 1 of the 2009 Eastern Conference Finals](#)

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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