



Impact Update for Tuesday, May 5



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, families, and small business owners who may be able to take advantage of the resources and programming options listed below.

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“My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging.”

– Hank Aaron
Hall of Fame Baseball 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](#)
- Last week, **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis** announced that Phase One of the reopening process would begin on Monday, May 4. The state has compiled an [FAQ sheet](#) related to that executive order.
- The **Orange County Economic Recovery Task Force** [announced seven guidelines](#) for the reopening of businesses and industries in the Orlando region. After consulting with the Sheriff and Police Chiefs, **Orange County** said the 11 pm to 5am curfew will remain in effect through this week, and then the County will reassess.
- **Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer** announced the **City of Orlando** is advancing a package of actions that are effective immediately, 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.
- **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:** Additional info [here](#). Directions [here](#).
- **UCF's Garage A:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Mall at Millenia:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Seminole Towne Center:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Osceola Heritage Park:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Lake Sumter State College:** By appointment only. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.
- ***NEW* UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center:** By appointment only, and patients must have a test order from a physician. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Orange County Health Services** has extended the free testing sites within **32822** and **32824** zip codes through Friday, May 8. There is no criteria for testing, but appointments are required and individuals must be 18+ and an Orange County resident. [Click here](#) for information and appointments at **South Orange Youth Park**; [click here](#) for information and appointments at **Ventura Elementary**.
- The **City of Orlando** opened a new drive-thru COVID-19 testing site in partnership with **Quest Diagnostics, Walmart** and state agencies. Testing will take place in the parking lot of **Walmart** on Goldenrod Road, and is only for those exhibiting symptoms of the virus, as well as all healthcare providers and first responders in the Orlando community. [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.
- Thanks to federal funding from the **CARES Act**, **UCF** announced they will soon [distribute more than \\$25 million in aid to eligible students](#). Students can [apply for the aid here](#), the application window will close at **11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19**.
- Unlocked content from the **Orlando Business Journal** for job seekers, [here are the firms with the most local job openings](#).
- **Orange County's Head Start** program is now accepting online applicants for the 2020-2021 academic year. [Apply online](#) or call 407-836-6590 with questions.

“Our league has decided that we’re going to try to get in as much of our season and playoffs as the data will allow us to,” said Orlando Magic CEO Alex Martins.

See NBA story below...

Stay Engaged.

- Happy Cinco de Mayo! The **Orlando Sentinel** has [recipes for all the drinks, side dishes, main courses and desserts](#) you need to make a Mexican feast at home, AND [specials from local restaurants](#) if you'd rather have someone else do the cooking.
- The **City of Orlando** and **Downtown Development Board (DDB)** are celebrating Small Business Week from May 4 - May 9. As Phase 1 of reopening our economy begins, they encourage you to use this week to show your appreciation and support for small businesses in any way you can. Follow **DDB** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for business updates and highlights.
- **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.
- **Disney** is using the power of timeless stories and beloved characters to address guests’ needs for [family-friendly reusable cloth face masks](#). Proceeds from the masks are being donated to **MedShare** to support the medical community’s ongoing efforts to provide lifesaving care to those in need. **Disney** is also donating one million cloth face masks for children and families in underserved and vulnerable communities across the U.S.
- **Orlando City's** #StayAtHome HQ provides [access to many resources while we're all at home](#), from community updates, to the Kids Corner, to cooking videos.
- The **CDC** recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores and pharmacies. [Review their guide to face coverings, including instructions to make an easy DIY, no-sew mask from a t-shirt or bandana.](#)
- **CityArts Gallery** in downtown Orlando has [a new online store](#), providing patrons with an opportunity to browse the current exhibits from the comfort of their home, as well as support Orlando's local artists.
- There's never been a better time to join the maker movement! As a maker, you can [turn your ideas into a reality by using STEM skills like creativity and critical thinking.](#) Explore **Orlando Science Center at Home** for more ideas.

Around The Horn.

- **Orlando Magic CEO Alex Martins** said the **NBA** is [determined to resume play and is willing to wait until September](#) to complete the 2019-20 season.
- Fourteen professional sports leagues announced **“The Real Heroes Project,”** a [collaborative initiative to recognize and celebrate healthcare workers](#) on the

frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Orlando City SC captain Nani** will represent **Major League Soccer**, while **Orlando Pride forward Alex Morgan** will represent the **National Women's Soccer League**.

- **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 **Cure Bowl / Orlando Sports Foundation** have partnered with **FLAG of Central Florida** to [provide meals for medical workers and first responders](#) on the front lines of the pandemic. A \$10 donation will provide a free meal and ticket to the 2020 Cure Bowl for these heroes.
- **Major League Soccer** and the **National Women's Soccer League** will each allow individual training to resume on May 6. **MLS** story [here](#), **NWSL** story [here](#).
- The **NBA 2K League** announced plans to start its regular season on May 5. All 23 teams [will compete remotely from their local markets](#) due to restrictions brought on by the coronavirus.
- From cooking to painting, players and coaches of **MLS** are [broadening their horizons and making the most of some rare time off](#) from the playing field.
- For the first time in the organization's history, the **Little League World Series** [has been canceled](#).
- During a recent **Good Morning America** interview, **Miami Dolphins CEO Tom Garfinkel** revealed [mock-ups of new entrances and social distance strategies](#) for **Hard Rock Stadium** to avoid the spread of COVID-19.
- From the **Orlando Sentinel**: [A Sunshine State serenade to Don Shula — the Father of Florida Football](#).
- The **LPGA Tour** won't resume its schedule [until the middle of July at the earliest](#), aiming for a safe restart to its season.
- Screening attendees at entrances. Athletes tested twice over 48 hours before being allowed to participate. Allowing for social distancing. These are [some of the guidelines recommended in a comprehensive event planning guide](#) the **U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee** has issued for national governing bodies.
- The **Orlando Solar Bears** announced that the club will auction off its game-worn purple jerseys from the 2019-20 season to support the joint efforts of the **ECHL** and **Professional Hockey Players' Association** in assisting players and their families during the pandemic. Bidding begins at **5pm on Wednesday, May 6**, and you can register for the auction [here](#).
- **The Armada, Full Sail University's** varsity esports team, is one of only 12 teams remaining in the double-elimination **Call of Duty Collegiate Championship!** For updates on matches and game streams, check out [College CoD's Twitter](#) and tune in to their [Twitch channel](#) to see **Armada** and other teams in action.

- The **American Athletic Conference** is the latest league to shift its [football preseason media event to an online-only format](#) due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- From the **Orlando Sentinel**: [34 years of Air Jordans - A look at the sneaker institution that Michael Jordan and Nike built.](#)
- Advertised as the “**Ultimate Garden Clash**,” the three biggest names in Olympic men's pole vaulting [competed against each other from their own backyards](#). The intense competition for bragging rights ended in a tie.

In The News.

- **Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 10!** Here are some [Orlando-area gift options](#) that can help brighten your loved one's day.
- The **Orange County Convention Center** continues to collaborate with **Centerplate** and **Urban Smart Farms** to [donate fresh center-grown produce](#) to help feed Orlando during these uncertain times.
- Venue management company **ASM Global** announced plans to launch a new environmental hygiene protocol in response to evolving guest expectations stemming from the coronavirus pandemic. **VenueShield** [will be deployed at more than 325 ASM Global facilities around the world.](#)
- **Orlando Shakes** is providing a video of its production of “Showtime With Shakespeare: A Magic Tree House Adventure” to [roughly 15,000 fourth-grade students](#) in **Orange County Public Schools**.
- Central Florida actress, singer dancer, **Leah Lewis** [plays the lead role in the new Netflix movie](#) “The Half of It.” Lewis attended **Gotha Middle School** and later graduated from **Olympia High School**.
- **United Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Alaska Airlines** will soon [require passengers to cover their faces during flights](#), following the lead of **JetBlue**.

Fun & Games.

- [Puzzles and Games](#) from the Orlando Sentinel
- Disney's Voices of Liberty [perform from home](#)
- Vote for the Solar Bears for [ECHL Save of the Year!](#)
- Orlando Magic [Play of the Day](#)
- Wherever your journey in life may take you, [#MayThe4thBeWithYou](#) (via MCO)

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