



Impact Update for Tuesday, June 16



We will continue to distribute our Impact Update newsletter on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we encourage you to share this information with friends, families, and business owners who may be able to take advantage of the resources and programming options listed below.

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“I never worry about the problem. I worry about the solution.”

– Shaquille O’Neal

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](#)
- The majority of the state is now in **Phase 2** of the **State of Florida Re-opening Plan**. [Click here](#) for a summary, or [click here](#) to read the full Executive Order.
- **Orange County Government** has received \$243.2 million in **Federal CARES Act** funding. The County's [Small Business Grant Program](#) will provide \$10,000 in grant money to small businesses located in **Orange County** to help offset lost revenue due to COVID-19, and the [Individual and Family Assistance Program](#) for residents will provide a one-time payment of \$1,000 per household to bridge financial gaps for overdue rent, mortgage, medical or an eligible utility expense. **Orange County** will announce the next date that the portal will open up to applications on social media and on ocfl.net/OrangeCARES.
- The **Downtown Development Board** approved an amendment to its existing Special Event Funding program. [The program will now provide up to \\$3,000 to qualifying downtown businesses](#) to support reopening marketing efforts. [Apply for funding here.](#)
- **Governor Ron DeSantis** extended the state's [moratorium on evictions and foreclosures](#) to **Wednesday, July 1**.
- 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.
- **Orlando Health** has launched [a 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 now available to anyone over the age of 18.**
 - **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.
 - **Community Health Centers Pine Hills:** By appointment only on Mondays and Thursdays. [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. Those who are tested will receive a free kit of face masks and hand sanitizer.
 - **Barnett Park:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment from **June 15-18**.
 - **Farmworker Association:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment on **June 22**.
 - **John Bridges Community Center:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment on **June 23**.
 - **Neighborhood Center for Families Apopka/Zellwood:** [Click here](#) for more information and to make an appointment from **June 24-25**.

- More free, drive-thru and pedestrian-accessible **COVID-19 mobile testing sites** are opening throughout the **City of Orlando**. They'll operate from 9am-1pm, rotating to a new location in the city on operating days. [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.](#)
- **OUC** has launched its new **Small Business Assistance Fund**, which provides up to \$2,500 in utility assistance for small businesses facing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Aid will be in the form of a credit adjustment on your next **OUC** bill. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)
- **GrayRobinson, P.A.** is hosting a series of "**COVID-19 Conversations**" webinars over the next two weeks. Join any (or all) of the virtual conversations as they dive into timely topics impacting businesses amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here to view the full schedule and register.](#)

Stay Engaged.

- From the **Orlando Sentinel**, a commentary written by **Orlando Police Chief Orlando Rolon**: [Our department is committed to doing better.](#)
- In recognition of **Pride Month 2020**, the **Rainbow Disney Collection**, and the incredible diversity of **Disney** fans around the world, [Disney is donating \\$100,000 to GLSEN](#), a leading education organization working to create safe and inclusive K-12 schools for LGBTQ+ students. [Shop the new Rainbow Disney Collection now!](#)
- **Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer's 43rd annual Fireworks at the Fountain** will be held virtually this year. **WKMG News 6** will present a [pre-recorded compilation of the brightest and biggest fireworks from the past several years](#) at **Lake Eola**. Before the fireworks show, News 6 will honor heroes in the community.
- Stay healthy, stay strong, and stay active with the **Olympic Day Home Workout** on **Tuesday, June 23!** Join the likes of **Laurie Hernandez, Martin Fourcade** and **Lutalo Muhammad** as [Olympic stars unite to sweat and celebrate with a special workout](#) on the **Olympic Channel**.
- The **Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture** has launched **Talking About Race**, [a new online portal designed to help individuals, families, and communities talk](#) about racism, racial identity and the way these forces shape every aspect of society, from the economy and politics to the broader American culture.

- **Orlando Science Center** [has officially reopened its doors to the public](#). The beloved local museum will operate at reduced capacity, with timed entry for patrons and [safety protocols in line with CDC and state guidelines](#).
- Children of [middle school age and older can access more than 7,000 free videos](#) across 13 subjects with **HippoCampus** online.
- From the **Orlando Sentinel**: [Here are some of the best ways to keep your kids entertained at home this summer](#).
- Who says video games can't be educational? **Minecraft: Education Edition** is [always free and teaches kids of all ages](#) problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity.
- **Visit Orlando** is has aggregated special offers and Florida-resident discounts on their **Orlando Offers** webpage. [Click here to view the offers!](#)
- **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.
- **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!

MLS Commissioner Don Garber, when asked about their decision to move forward with the tournament at ESPN Wide World of Sports...

“We had such uncertainty as to when we would be able to return to our stadiums... as you know, we only had two games to kick off our 25th season. We have a close relationship with **Disney**, we knew that they were not having guests come to the parks, so several months ago we engaged with **Disney** and with leadership at ESPN to talk about 'is this something that we can put together?' Lots of hard-work, lots of difficult discussions with so many different constituents... but we are excited about getting back on the field for our fans.”

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, when asked about concerns of high-risk attendees (e.g. older coaches) returning to play...

“The concern is for everyone, first of all – that’s why we spent so much time working through these protocols. But this won’t be forever. We will ultimately find a vaccine, presumably, or some sort of antivirals that will help deal with the people who have conditions of COVID19. For us, we feel that this is what we do. We put on NBA basketball. We think that for the country it will be a respite from the enormous difficulties people are dealing with in their lives right now. I also think in terms of social justice issues, it will be an opportunity for NBA players and the greater community to draw attention to these issues because the world's attention will be on the NBA, on **Orlando, Florida**, if we are able to pull this off.”

See ESPN "Return of Sports" story below...

Around The Horn.

- Last night, **ESPN** hosted "**Return to Sports**" - a conversation with commissioners from the top U.S. sports leagues regarding resuming competition amid the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here to watch on YouTube.](#)
- [All eyes will be on Orlando the next two months](#), with **ESPN Wide World of Sports** on **Disney World** property poised to host the **NBA** and **Major League Soccer**. The **Orlando Sentinel** spoke to **Orlando Venues Executive Director Allen Johnson** about what the public may see when fans return to live events.
- The **American Junior Golf Association (AJGA)** and the **Greater Orlando Sports Commission (GO Sports)** announced the **Arnold Palmer Invitational Junior honoring Jim Bell** [will extend its stay in Orlando for three more years, through 2022](#). The 2020 tournament will be hosted at **Arnold Palmer’s Bay Hill Club & Lodge** from **July 27-30**. Dates for 2021 and 2022 will be announced later.
- The **WNBA** announced that it [plans to play a 22-game regular season](#) at the **IMG Academy** in Bradenton, Florida.
- **NASCAR** is [set to allow up to 30,000 fans at the track](#) in **Bristol** next month when it moves the All-Star race out of **Charlotte Motor Speedway** for just the second time in the history of the race.
- **MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred** said he is ["not confident" that baseball will be played this year](#) during a conversation with **Mike Greenberg** for **ESPN's** "The Return of Sports" special.

- With the official go-ahead received from **New York Governor Andrew Cuomo**, the **U.S. Open** [will go on as scheduled, without fans, from August 31 - September 13.](#)
- **Florida** will become the first state to allow college athletes to benefit from endorsements as **Governor Ron DeSantis** [signed a bill that will allow them to make money off their name, image, and likeness](#) starting **July 1, 2021**. California and Colorado passed laws regarding NIL but they aren't slated to go into effect until January 1, 2023. Another two dozen states have similar bills in various stages.
- **Robert Morris** [announced that it is leaving](#) the **Northeast Conference** to become the 12th member of the **Horizon League** on July 1.
- The **Big 12 Conference** [announced a one-year extension with Kansas City](#) to keep the **Phillips 66 Men's and Women's Basketball Championships** through 2025.
- **Orlando City** players took the pitch on Monday for [their first full team training session since March.](#)
- **MLS** announced they will allow teams to sell [additional uniform advertising patches to help offset revenue losses](#) from the coronavirus shutdown.
- The **NFL** announced the **2021 Pro Bowl** [will take place in Las Vegas](#) at the **Raiders'** new home of **Allegiant Stadium** on January 31.
- **Brooklyn Nets forward Kevin Durant** [has joined the ownership group](#) of **Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union.**

In The News.

- **Orlando Magazine's** [most recent interview in their "Black Voices Matter Series"](#) features **Bakari Burns, Orlando District 6 commissioner** and president/CEO of **Health Care Center for the Homeless Inc.**
- Florida-based **Spirit Airlines** has announced that in coming weeks, [they will send scores of parked aircraft back into service](#) at the **Orlando International Airport.**
- **Universal Studios** is rolling out "The Bourne Stuntacular," a multimedia stage show, to its theme-park visitors. Although its status is "technical rehearsal," [the attraction appears to be on track to be the first major Orlando park debut](#) in the post-coronavirus-shutdown era.
- **World Sea Turtle Day** Report from the Field: [Saving Florida's Sea Turtles](#) with **Disney's Conservation Team.**
- An **Amazon 4-star** store - a physical store with all kinds of products from toys and electronics to kitchen appliances - [will be opening](#) in the **Mall at Millenia.**
- **Video games** continued a strong 2020 as the [industry recorded \\$977 million](#) in May sales. It was a 52% increase from last year, according to **The NPD Group**, which tracks sales of video game hardware, software, and accessories.

- Spending more time shopping on **Amazon**? You aren't alone. The **Orlando Sentinel** compiled [a list of the top 'pandemic purchases'](#) that people are searching for.
- Due to the **I-4 Ultimate** project, [a number of nightly and continuous road and ramp closures](#) will take place throughout the month of June.

Fun & Games.

- Did you know that NASA has a Kids Club? [Check it out here!](#)
- [Coloring pages and other activities](#) in Orlando City SC's Kids Corner
- #DisneyMagicMoments: [Learn to Draw Iron Man at home](#)
- [America's Test Kitchen](#) has tons of recipes to try at home with your kids

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