



Impact Update for Thursday, June 25



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.

Jason Siegel
President & CEO
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“The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball.”

– James Earl Jones

[Field of Dreams - click for scene](#)

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 Mayor Jerry Demings** has [signed an executive order that makes it mandatory for people in the county to wear facial coverings](#) until further notice. Anyone working, living, visiting or doing business in **Orange County** will need to wear facial coverings consistent to **CDC guidelines** in public spaces.
- The **PPE for Small Biz in Orange County Initiative** provides free personal protective equipment to small businesses (40 or fewer employees) in **Orange County** to assist in safe reopening or sustaining operations. Distribution is being offered **June 24-26** from 9am-4:30pm at three pick-up locations around the county. An appointment is required and [can be made online here](#).
- **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.
 - **The Small Business Grant Program portal** is currently [accepting applications](#). Eligibility requirements were recently expanded to include businesses who received \$50k or less funding from PPP & companies with 100 or less employees.
 - Those seeking to apply for the **Individual and Family Assistance Program** should [click here for more information](#) and follow [Orange County's social media channels](#) for the next date they will accept applications.

- 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. Results in 24-48 hours. Click [here](#) for more information, or call 855-282-4862 or 407-986-0133.
 - **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, 7am-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, 7am-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, and there is no criteria for being tested.
 - **All True Health locations listed below are available for walk-ins or by appointment.** All locations are open Mondays-Thursdays from 8am-6pm and Fridays 8am-12pm. [Click here](#) for more information on all locations.
 - **True Health - Alafaya Health Center**
 - **True Health - Lake Underhill Health Center**
 - **True Health - Hoffner Health Center**
 - **True Health - Southside Health Center**
- 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.](#)

Stay Engaged.

- Tune in to **Mayor Jerry L. Demings' 2020 State of the County address** live from the **Orange County Convention Center** on **Friday, June 26 at 9am**. [The annual address highlights the accomplishments and challenges](#) faced by **Orange County Government**, residents, businesses and its community partners over the past year, and also looks toward the future to build a community that works for everyone.
- The **Orlando Sentinel** shared [recipes for DIY summer treats](#), from ice tray popsicles to homemade ice cream cake.

- **Fourth of July** is approaching, which means grilling and outdoor adventures are on the mind. While people may not be hosting parties as usual this year, [it's still an ideal time to get outside with your household](#) to barbecue, play yard games, and go for hiking or camping excursions.
- **Orlando Science Center** celebrates **Maker Month** this June with some special projects on **OSC at Home!** [These projects require a bit more focus and honing your skills](#), but the results are well-worth the effort.
- **Puff 'n Stuff Catering** has partnered with magician and motivational speaker **Kostya Kimlat** [to bring joy, wonder and togetherness to your home](#). Sign up for an at-home experience that includes dinner (pick-up or delivery) and a virtual magic show. [Place orders by 11:59pm June 25](#), the magic happens on **Sunday, June 28!**
- **Orange County Animal Services** is preparing to make more than 2.5 tons of free pet food available at **Barnett Park** on **Saturday, June 27** for pet owners financially impacted as a result of COVID-19. [The shelter is allowing Orange County residents to take up to two free bags of pet food](#), by appointment only. The link to make appointments will go live at **Noon on Wednesday, June 24.**
- **National Geographic Kids** has a site full of [free educational videos, games, and activities](#) that center on wildlife and preservation for kids of all ages.
- 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.
- **Visit Orlando** is has special offers and Florida-resident discounts on their **Orlando Offers** website. [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!

“We are thrilled to welcome the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships to Lake Nona. While we respect the long-standing

traditions that have been created in Kalamazoo for more than 70 years, we are excited to provide these fantastic athletes with a home in 2020."

-Tim Cass, GM of USTA National Campus
See USTA story below...

Around The Horn.

- For the first time since 1942, the nation's premier junior tennis tournament won't be held in Southwest Michigan, as the **United States Tennis Association** [announced the annual event will move](#) to **Orlando, Florida** on **August 7-15, 2020**.
- **Shaquille O'Neal** and **Rob Gronkowski** are throwing a "party with a purpose" this weekend. The four-time NBA champion will face off against the three-time Super Bowl victor in six live challenges—[ranging from an eating contest to a lip sync battle](#)—to raise donations for two social justice organizations. **O'Neal** and **Gronkowski** will face off in real time and the winner will earn funds for a charity of their choice. Watch for free on [ShaqvsGronk.com](#) this **Saturday, June 27 at 8pm**.
- **Australia and New Zealand** [have beaten Colombia to win the bid](#) to host the **2023 FIFA Women's World Cup**.
- The **2020 New York City Marathon** has been canceled. The decision to shutter the race, [which is the world's largest marathon and one of the city's marquee events](#), was due to "coronavirus-related health and safety concerns," according to a statement from the organizer, **New York Road Runners**.
- **Major League Soccer** released its tournament schedule two weeks before the opening match, [unveiling a rule change that could benefit Orlando City](#).
- **ACC commissioner John Swofford** announced he will retire after the 2020-21 season. **Swofford** helped guide the **Atlantic Coast Conference** for more than two decades, [expanding not only the league's footprint but its brand recognition](#).
- As the **NBA** eases back into operation after shutting down due to the coronavirus pandemic, [coaches were allowed to work with players for the first time](#) this week and **Orlando Magic coach Steve Clifford** was eager to reunite with his players.
- **Orlando City** will enter the bubble at **Disney** today to begin its final stage of training ahead of its first match in the **MLS is Back Tournament**. For head coach **Oscar Pareja**, [the return of soccer couldn't come soon enough](#).

- From **USA Today Sports**: [60 games in 66 days - How MLB's shortened 2020 schedule came together.](#)
- **Twitch** announced a deal with **Anheuser Busch** [that makes Bud Light the newest official partner](#) of **Twitch Rivals**.
- **Brooks Koepka** and **Webb Simpson** [were among five players who withdrew](#) from the **Travelers Championship**, four of them out of a chain-reaction abundance of caution over the coronavirus
- The **AAC Women's Basketball Championship** will take place at **Dickies Arena in Fort Worth** (Texas) in 2021 and 2022. The 2021 event [will be held in conjunction with the men's championship](#), marking the first time in conference history that both tournaments are scheduled to be held in the same city and venue.
- The **Big 12 Conference** is [launching its first-ever esports tournament for all 10 member schools](#) with multimedia rights partner, **Learfield IMG College** for a **Madden NFL 20** tournament.
- **USA Triathlon** announced that the rescheduled **2020 Toyota USA Paratriathlon National Championships** [will be held on September 20 in Cocoa Beach, Florida](#) as part of the **Ron Jon Cocoa Beach Triathlon**.
- **Formula One's Esports Virtual Grands Prix** achieved 30 million views across TV and digital platforms during the coronavirus-enforced lockdown period, [the global motorsport racing series has revealed.](#)
- **Conference USA** has joined the **SEC** and **NCAA** in [prohibiting championship tournaments in Mississippi](#) until the state changes its flag.
- **DreamHack** [announced the launch of a new tournament series](#) called **DreamHack Open Featuring Fortnite**. A prize pool of \$250,000 will be up for grabs every month the tournament will be broadcast live on **Twitch**.
- The home for the **WNBA's Seattle Storm** and the city's expansion **National Hockey League** team will be called **Climate Pledge Arena** [after the naming rights for the venue](#) were bought by **Amazon**.
- It has been nearly a decade since "The Decision," when **LeBron James** announced he was leaving the **Cleveland Cavaliers** to sign with the **Miami Heat**. Now, an **ESPN** series, "Backstory: The Decision" [offers a behind-the-scenes examination of a night that in many ways changed athlete empowerment.](#)
- For **NWSL** fans looking for an interactive way to engage with the **Challenge Cup**, check out a variety of games online at **She Plays**. The Orlando-based startup has created an [all-inclusive fantasy sports platform for women's sports leagues.](#)
- Commentary from the **Orlando Sentinel's Mike Bianchi**: [If you want sports back, wear a mask.](#)

In The News.

- **Governor Ron DeSantis** signed a bill that he said will boost pay for many teachers, [making the minimum salary among the highest in the nation](#). The goal is to have teachers, on average, earn at least \$47,500.
- **Disney** will revamp its **Splash Mountain** log rides [with the new theme of “The Princess and the Frog.”](#) The change will happen at both **Magic Kingdom** theme park and at **Disneyland** in California.
- Orlando-based **Darden Restaurants** [has brought back 60,000 of about 150,000 furloughed restaurant workers](#) as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. At least another 40,000 restaurant workers are expected to return to work as business continues to improve, **CEO Gene Lee** said.
- Plans to reopen **Disneyland Resort in California** [have been postponed](#), but the schedule for the phased reopening of **Walt Disney World** has not changed, a **Disney World** spokeswoman said.
- **SeaWorld’s Aquatica Orlando** water park will resume daily operation July 2, [while offering a limited-time discount of more than 40 percent](#) on select single-day tickets.

Fun & Games.

- [#DisneyMagicMoments: Learn to draw a Disney Castle!](#)
- [Coloring pages and other activities in Orlando City SC's Kids Corner](#)
- It’s National Pollinator Week! [Did you know that pollinators, including bees and butterflies, make one in every three bites of food possible?](#)

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