



Impact Update for Thursday, August 6

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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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President & CEO
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"You dream. You plan. You reach. There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, with belief, with confidence and trust in yourself and those around you, there are no limits."

– Michael Phelps



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](#)
- **Orange County** launched the '**Safer, Stronger, Together**' campaign in partnership with the **Orlando Economic Partnership** and **Visit Orlando**. It calls on residents and local businesses to “Do Their Part” for safety, making a personal promise to adhere to the guidelines that have been shown to reduce spread and show care and respect for others in our community. Learn more at [DoYourPartORL.com](https://www.doyourpartorl.com).
- **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 temporarily closed for updates but will begin [accepting applications](#) again on **August 10**.
- 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.
- After receiving \$3.2 million in funding from the **Federal CARES Act**, **Osceola County** is expanding their program to help small businesses throughout the county, including the cities of **Kissimmee and St. Cloud**. **Osceola County** will make the funds available through [WeveOpenedSafely.com](#) beginning **Monday, June 29**.
- 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 **September 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.
 - **Econ Soccer Complex:** By appointment only. [Click here](#) to schedule an appointment for **August 11-14**. Receive a free kit of face masks and hand sanitizer following your scheduled appointment.
 - **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 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 the **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.](#)
- **Seminole County's** COVID-responsible business listing site is live for business owners to begin promoting their businesses. Visit SeminoleSafeBusiness.com and click "Submit a Business" at the top of the page to begin. The site is intended to

help promote businesses that are taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **Orlando City Council** has approved a policy update to the **Minority/Women Entrepreneur Business Assistance (MEBA) Program**. The update provides a rent subsidy of up to \$6,000 through a shortened application process. [Additional details are available here](#) and applications are open through **September 6, 2020**.

Stay Engaged.

- **Florida Primary:** [Here is where and when you can early vote](#) in Central Florida.
- The fairies are back at **Leu Gardens** through October 31! The **Enchanted Fairy Doors exhibit** features twenty, one-of-a-kind, whimsical fairy doors which will [inspire your child's imaginative world](#) of enchanted forests and secret gardens. Daytime admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4 through 17.
- Join the **Orlando Science Center** as they **#CountdowntoMars** with a [DIY time capsule project](#), plus watch a video with fun facts about **Perseverance's mission goals**, like seeking signs of ancient life, and more.
- With school start dates delayed, **Orlando Science Center** is now offering [single and multi-day extended Summer Camp options](#) from August 10-21 to support the needs of caregivers in our community. **STEM Virtual Camps will also be extended online** to serve those campers who can't physically attend camp.
- Join **Keep Orlando Beautiful** for an [electronic waste & textile recycling event](#) on **Saturday, August 8** from 9am - 1pm at **Orlando Festival Park**. No need to get out of your car! Volunteers will unload your electronics and textiles while wearing PPE.
- Relive **Olympic history** with [some of the most inspiring, exciting and unforgettable Olympic memories](#). Join the **Olympic Channel** every day this summer to watch the epic performances of sport legends such as **Cathy Freeman, Usain Bolt, Nadia Comaneci** and **Michael Phelps** with "**Great Olympic Moments.**"
- Now in its 29th year, the **Florida Film Festival** (August 7-20, 2020) is an Oscar-qualifying festival premiering the best in current, independent and international cinema. This year, for the first time ever, you can also [buy a virtual pass and stream the festival from home!](#)
- **Universal Orlando** has several new **Florida resident specials running now** through September 30, including [3 months for free](#) with the purchase of an annual pass.
- **Discovery Cove** is [offering deep discounts for people who book early](#). The deal varies by the day, but guests can snag **20-40 percent off** resort experiences on dates through December 24 when they are booked through August 2.
- **SeaWorld Orlando** [is now offering free single-day admission tickets](#) to U.S. military veterans. The offer is good through **Veterans Day** (November 11).

- **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.

“For me, I’m always ready to help the team any way I can. So, I just see it as another opportunity. We’ve been in this position before. We just have to come together as a team and try to put something together and get some wins.”

-Orlando Magic forward Wes Iwundu

Speaking about the team overcoming being shorthanded.

See Orlando Magic below...

Around The Horn.

- [Despite the loss](#) to the defending **NBA champion Raptors** last night, the **Orlando Magic** inched closer to a playoff berth, courtesy of the **Wizards’** loss to the **76ers** earlier in the day. Any combination of an **Orlando** victory or a **Washington** loss [during the next four seeding games will secure a playoff spot](#) for the **Magic**.
- **Orlando City** will face a familiar face in former coach **Adrian Heath** tonight [as they look to earn a place in their first final](#) in **MLS** competition. **Captain Nani** has a simple mantra for the team this year — “confident, not arrogant.”
- The **ECHL Board of Governors** has approved a revised start date for the 2020-21 ECHL Season. The anticipated start date is now December 4, 2020, for a full 72-game schedule. Read more at [OrlandoSolarBearsHockey.com](#).
- **Orlando Sentinel Sports Editor Iliana Limón Romero** is being recognized by the **National Association of Hispanic Journalists** [for her work to improve the journalism industry’s coverage of the Latinx community](#). **Limón Romero** is the 2020 recipient of the **NAHJ Dale Award**, which recognizes a person who has gone above and beyond to ensure fair and accurate representation of Latinos in the media.

- As **MLS** heads into the final stretch of its return-to-play tournament outside **Orlando**, the league is [taking substantial steps toward resuming the regular season in home markets](#) late this month.
- The **NBA's bubble** is still working. [The league released its latest results yesterday](#) for coronavirus tests performed on players participating in the restarted season at **Walt Disney World**, and the numbers are still perfect. Of the 343 players tested since results were last announced July 29, none has been confirmed positive.
- The **UCF football team** will play **Georgia Tech** despite coronavirus scheduling changes, but **North Carolina** [has officially dropped off the Knights' schedule](#).
- **NCAA Division II and Division III** canceled their respective fall championships after the **NCAA** [allowed each division to make its own determination on whether to play](#) or not. **Division I** will have until August 21 to decide whether it will host or cancel its fall sports championships.
- A majority of the **Florida High School Athletic Association's Athletic Directors Advisory Committee** [recommended pushing the start of the fall sports season back to November](#) due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to **North Broward Prep** athletic director and committee member **Mike Ostrowski**.
- The **NBA's Board of Governors** [announced a massive \\$300 million commitment](#) for the newly created **NBA Foundation** "dedicated to creating greater economic empowerment in the Black community." **NBA owners** have pledged \$30 million a year for 10 years to the charitable foundation.
- The 2020 **UConn football** season [has been canceled over COVID-19 related concerns](#), making the **Huskies** the first **FBS** program in the country to do so.
- **Red Bull** and **Riot Games' League of Legends Championship Series (LCS)** have [partnered to launch this year's rendition](#) of **Red Bull Solo Q**, the "ultimate 1v1 experience for amateur **League of Legends (LoL)** players." For the first time, the unique competition will include the United States, with both U.S. and Canadian online qualifiers beginning this month.
- The **Federation of Gay Games** [announced its list of eight cities](#) that are under consideration to host the **2026 Gay Games**.
- **Nick Khan**, a behind-the-scenes power in the world of sports representation, is [moving to professional-wrestling powerhouse WWE](#), where he will take on the role of president and chief revenue officer.
- Still 18 months from its first puck drop, the **Seattle Kraken** are the talk of the **NHL**. The **Kraken** have [become the best-selling NHL expansion identity launch ever](#), with sales four times the previous record set by the **Vegas Golden Knights**, according to **Fanatics**, the league's official retail partner.
- **Tiger Woods** [says he's in a better place](#) heading into the **PGA Championship**.
- **UCF quarterback McKenzie Milton** and his mother [posted positive messages about his progress following his devastating knee injury](#), writing he started a "new phase of recovery" following a key visit to the **Mayo Clinic** earlier this week.

- Why is 21-year-old Japanese **Abdul Hakim Sani Brown** one of the most exciting prospects for the **Tokyo Olympics**? In 2015, he ran faster than legend **Usain Bolt** did at the same age. [Meet the man that Japan and the world will expect to shine.](#)
- From **Front Office Sports**: Changes in **NWSL** leadership and global attitudes [lead to more sponsors.](#)
- With more than 100 podcast episodes under his belt, 14-year **NBA** veteran and current **New Orleans Pelicans** guard **J.J. Redick** [is launching a podcast company: ThreeFourTwo Productions.](#)

In The News.

- The **Greater Orlando Sports Commission** will be joined by more than 30 regional leaders to participate in a newly formed **Youth Sports Task Force**. The task force [will be charged with identifying key issues and collaborating to develop solutions](#) that will be shared with community leaders and industry partners with the hope that these best practices will be adopted regionally and in other marketplaces.
- From **Sports Destination Magazine**: **AAU's** recent **Junior Volleyball Nationals** at the **Orange County Convention Center** in Orlando [were a clarion call to the sports economy that it is possible to host an event safely](#) and to do it in a big way.
- The **2020 Disney Dreamers Academy** - an immersive, transformational program for 100 high school students - will take place virtually this fall and, for the first time in its history, [offer career shadow externships for all 100 members of the class.](#)
- The **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** kicked off the **Tom Brady** era [with the start of preseason camp](#) earlier this week.
- After weeks of speculation, **Instagram** has officially launched its **Tik-Tok** competitor, **Reels**, in the United States. **Reels** is [a new format within the app that enables users to create and post](#) short-form, edited videos with audio and music.
- **SeaWorld Orlando** is [expanding its virtual activities for kids](#) in need of an extracurricular.
- When **drive-in theater** makes a return to Central Florida in mid-August, the actors won't be emoting from the silver screen... [they'll be in a field and running between the cars.](#) "The Bacchae" will be staged adjacent to the **Osceola Arts** parking lot in **Kissimmee**, and then later on a corner of **Orlando Executive Airport's** property east of downtown.

Fun & Games.

- Swim with the fishes: [11 can't-miss snorkeling spots in Central Florida](#)
- Consumers rate the [best indoor toys for bored kids](#)

- Orlando Sentinel pictures: [Mars Perseverance Launch from Cape Canaveral](#)



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 SUNDAY, AUG 2 VS. SACRAMENTO 6:00 PM ET	 SUNDAY, AUG 9 AT BOSTON 5:00 PM ET
 TUESDAY, AUG 4 AT INDIANA 6:00 PM ET	 TUESDAY, AUG 11 VS. BROOKLYN 1:00 PM ET
 WEDNESDAY, AUG 5 VS. TORONTO 8:00 PM ET	 THURSDAY, AUG 13 VS. NEW ORLEANS TBD

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