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Hong Kong extended its mandatory 14-day quarantine another month to September 7 for arrivals from Macau, Mainland China and Taiwan amid a recent spike in COVID-19 cases.

Hong Kong recorded 113 new virus cases Wednesday, its highest number yet.

The rush to reinstate visas in China could result in borders being locked down again, Inside Asian Gaming quoted Macau Government Tourism Office Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes.

Even so, Macau may not reopen its borders until a vaccine is developed, she said.

The reinstating of visas has come more into focus after Guangdong eased quarantine measures earlier this month.

COVID CLAIMS RENO ICON AND LAGASSE

COVID-19 has claimed a downtown Reno icon, the Little Nugget diner and casino, and permanently closed Lagasse's Stadium in Las Vegas Sands' Palazzo.

Little Nugget is closing July 30, though Owner Rick Heaney said that he is trying to keep his gaming license to potentially reopen if the economy comes back.

Little Nugget is home to the locally famous awful, awful sandwich, originally promoted as awful big and awful good.

It has been described as a diner that served the full cross-section of society with a governor and a bum eating there at the same time.

It is the latest of a number of gaming facilities that have permanently closed including Diamondjacks Casino in Shreveport, Louisiana, and Stateline south of Las Vegas.

OPENINGS: CZR

- CAESARS. As previously announced, Bally's Las Vegas reopened Thursday, CZR's fifth Strip property to reopen.

STEPS BACK: SCOTLAND

- SCOTLAND's betting shops have been ordered to turn off gaming machines as a safety measure one day after being allowed to reopen.

US: IA, WA

- IOWA. Ten of Iowa's 23 casinos are now requiring customers to wear facemasks, while the other 13 are encouraging their use.

- WASHINGTON. The Puyallup Tribe is investigating whether Emerald Queen Casino employees are working while sick and that the use of facemasks is not being enforced, KING-TV reported.

The casino reopened May 18 at 30 percent capacity.

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