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### *Fantini's COVID-19 Gaming Daily*

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#### NEVADA REVENUES FALL

Nevada's June gaming revenue fell 45.55 percent while the Las Vegas Strip dropped 61.36 percent as casinos opened June 4 at 50 percent capacity.

Not all casinos were open during the month and many openings were phased in.

The Las Vegas locals had a strong performance despite capacity and visitation limitations, down only 28 percent compared to the plus-50 percent declines for the Strip and downtown Las Vegas.

Laughlin also held up with just a 14.61 percent decline. Golden Entertainment operates about a third of Laughlin's capacity.

Downtown Las Vegas suffered a 55.56 percent decline, perhaps in part to its many Hawaiian customers facing mandatory 14-day quarantines.

Reno and Sparks in Washoe County also held up comparatively with declines of 8.53 and 2.34 percent.

Sportsbooks lost \$483,000 in June, the state's first losing month since July 2013.

## MACAU COULD RECLOSE

Macau could reclose casinos if confirmed cases of COVID-19 are found on gaming floors, Inside Asian Gaming quoted Macau's Health Bureau.

That comes as the bureau underlined the importance of requiring casino customers to submit negative COVID-19 tests before entering gaming floors.

Visitors to Macau must submit a negative test just to enter the city. Macau has not recorded a new locally transmitted case since late March.

Casino staff members are also being tested.

- Macau hotel and guesthouse occupancy declined 0.5 points to 11.8 percent in June vs. May.

Occupancy was down 77.6 points vs. last year.

The number of guests checked into hotels and guesthouses plunged 88 percent to 134,000 year-over-year.

Occupancy was 27.2 percent year-to-date through June, down 63.9 points.

Full report:

<https://www.dsec.gov.mo/Statistic/TourismAndServices/PackageToursAndHotelOccupancyRate/2020%e5%b9%b46%e6%9c%88%e6%97%85%e8%a1%8c%e5%9c%98%e5%8f%8a%e9%85%92%e5%ba%97%e5%85%a5%e4%bd%8f%e7%8e%87.aspx>.

- Macau's Government Tourism Office is collaborating the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute to promote conventions and meetings, Inside Asian Gaming reported.

Group business has been hard hit by COVID-19 with a slow recovery expected.

## STEPS BACK: FOXWOODS

- FOXWOODS. An employee tested positive for COVID-19, the first known employee of the casino to test positive.

## COMPANIES: AMERICAN RACING, DNA, GENTING MALAY, GENTING SING, LVS

- AMERICAN RACING & ENTERTAINMENT could close Vernon Downs near Syracuse, New York, permanently if Gov. Andrew Cuomo does not allow casinos to reopen, the Hermiker Times Telegram quoted Chairman Jeff Gural.

Horse racing is still running twice a week but that would also be forced to shut down if the casino does not reopen.

The casino has sent warnings to furloughed staff that they may be laid off if closures continue.

American Racing also owns Tioga Downs and local governments have asked Cuomo to reopen both casinos.

- DONACO expects a Cambodian government inspection of Star Vegas in the next few weeks in order for the casino to reopen.

Visitation to the casino in Poipet, Cambodia, will likely remain low due to border closures with neighboring Thailand.

Star Vegas closed April 1.

- GENTING MALAYSIA is requiring facemasks to be worn at Resorts World Genting in Malaysia starting Saturday. The casino reopened June 19.

- LAS VEGAS SANDS' Marina Bay Sands and GENTING SINGAPORE's Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore could have an increase in Malaysian visitation next month.

Malaysia and Singapore are in talks to create a travel bubble by August 17 allowing residents of each country to freely travel back and forth after undergoing a mandatory COVID test.

Malaysians are the second-largest source of Singapore's mass-market revenue.

## US: LV, MD, NV, US

- LAS VEGAS. Country Singer Garth Brooks' August 22 concert at Allegiant Stadium was postponed until February 27.

The concert was to be the first event held at the stadium.

- MARYLAND casino revenue is expected to fall by \$200 million to \$1.5 billion this year as a result of COVID-19, the state lottery says.

- NEVADA's Gaming Control Board opened 156 cases of noncompliance for health and safety policies at properties, filing three formal complaints, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

The properties were the Hotel Nevada, Bowl Incline and COD Casino. Complaints include allegations that patrons did not wear facemasks properly while at slots.

- US. Hotel REVPAR improved slightly in the past week, according to Smith Travel Research.

Year-over-year RevPAR fell 54.8 percent for the week ended July 25, slightly better than the prior week's 56 percent decline.

RevPAR is down 51.7 percent quarter-to-date.

#### INTERNATIONAL: PHILIPPINES

- PHILIPPINES. PAGCOR lost \$32.2 million in the first half due to casino closures, especially those in Manila.

PAGCOR had \$411.218 million in cash and \$229.788 million in expenses.

Full report: <http://www.pagcor.ph/financial-statements/docs/FS-CY-2Q-2020.pdf>.

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## **ABOUT THIS REPORT:**

*In Fantini's COVID-19 Gaming Daily report we consolidate all developments about the virus that have business and investment implications for the gaming industry. We will post them on our website until further notice. Fantini's COVID-19 Gaming Daily is a Special Report that is included with all levels of Fantini's Gaming Report subscriptions.*

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