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LUV ADDING LV FLIGHTS

There is some good news for air flight-dependent Las Vegas, Southwest Airlines, which operates more flights at McCarran International Airport than any other airline, is adding flights, though the company has not said how many or to where, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

That is good news given that passenger counts plummeted 96.4 percent to 152,716 in April due to COVID-19, and there weren't any international passengers.

Meanwhile, casino operator Derek Stevens is doing his part to get customers in the air.

All 2,000 seats have been booked in Stevens' flight giveaway.

Stevens originally offered 1,000 flights but doubled that after the initial offer was booked within two hours.

Stevens says his promotion is intended to stimulate tourism and airline industries and support travel to Las Vegas.

WARNING: AC CASINOS COULD CLOSE

One or more Atlantic City casinos could close for good if the casinos can't open by Fourth of July weekend, Atlantic County Democratic Chair Michael Suleiman said.

Suleiman is asking New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy to get the labor unions involved and create a reopening plan for the casinos, the New Jersey Globe reported.

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- ALABAMA. All three of Wind Creek Casinos will have soft openings on June 4 for small groups and invited guests.

The full opening is planned for June 8.

- ARIZONA. Casino del Sol and Casino of the Sun will reopen on June 3.

Temperature checks will be done at the door before entrance.

- CAESARS. Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina will reopen June 4.

- CALIFORNIA. The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club expects live racing to resume July 10, pending regulatory approval.

- DELAWARE. Twin Rivers' Dover Downs, Harrington and Delaware Park Casino will reopen June 1.

Casinos will be limited to 30 percent capacity.

- ILLINOIS. Horse racing resumes in June.

- IOWA. Prairie Flower Casino will reopen on June 1.

- KEENELAND in Lexington, Kentucky, will run a five-day summer meet from July 8 through 12 without spectators.

- MGM RESORTS added The Cosmopolitan to its properties reopening next Thursday. The others are The Bellagio, New York New York, MGM Grand, and The Signature.

- MICHIGAN. These are the latest of the tribal casinos reopening Friday:

- Gun Lake Tribe
- Saginaw Chippewa's Soaring Eagle
- Bay Mills Tribe casino and Kings Club
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi's Firekeepers

- NEW JERSEY. Qualifying harness racing resumes Friday in Manalapan with no spectators, Asbury Park Press reported.

The Meadowlands will host races on Saturday, and Magical Acres in Burlington County is awaiting approval from the racing commission to host races Monday and Wednesday.

- SOUTH DAKOTA. Royal Rivers Casino reopens Friday.

Employees will have to undergo strict COVID-19 testing protocols.

INTERNATIONAL OPENINGS: AUSTRALIA, IRELAND, MELCO, NETHERLANDS, UK

- AUSTRALIA. The Australia Gaming Technology Association has canceled the Australasian Gaming Expo. It was scheduled for August 11-13.

- IRELAND will open 755 of its 814 sports betting shops on June 29 as long as they implement social distancing measures.

The number of employees will be limited and customers will be encouraged to leave after placing bets instead of staying to watch races.

- MELCO RESORTS' City of Dreams Manila will open at reduced capacity when the lockdown is lifted, GGRAsia reported.

Tables and slot machines must be three feet apart and facemasks for employees and customers will be enforced.

- NETHERLANDS. Casinos will reopen on July 1, two months earlier than expected.

- UNITED KINGDOM. Clubs in the English Premier League voted to resume their season on June 17 and begin contact training immediately.

However, the league must meet all safety requirements in time. Ninety-two games are left on the season.

Elsewhere, Musselburgh Racecourse in Scotland will resume live horse racing on June 30 with no spectators.

The British Horseracing Authority allocated 24 meetings in Scotland in June through August pending approval.

COMPANIES: BYD, CENTURY ENT, GAMING1, SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE

- BOYD GAMING will lay off up to 606 employees in Michigan City, Indiana and 516 in Florence in the first two weeks of July.

In Michigan City, 25 to 60 percent of employees at Blue Chip could be let go.

Boyd warned all employees of impending layoffs at properties across the US on Wednesday.

- CENTURY ENTERTAINMENT. The former Amax International Hong Kong-listed table games operator terminated a lease to operate the VIP room at Genting Crown in Poipet, Cambodia due to COVID-19.

The company still operates four VIP tables at a property in Sihanoukville.

- GAMING1. The Belgian gaming operator wants to renegotiate the financial terms of its acquisition of SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DE CASINOS due to the negative impact of COVID-19.

INTERNATIONAL: AUSTRALIA, MALTA, NZ

- AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND will consider allowing travel between the two countries with 14-day quarantines.

Flights will start between New Zealand, New South Wales and Tasmania then Queensland later.

New Zealand travel will start on July 1, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Chair John Hart said.

- MALTA. The Gaming Authority expects B2C revenue for this year to fall 12 percent below forecasts due to COVID-19 following a survey of licensees.

B2C and B2B licensees expect about a 20 percent revenue decline. About 66 percent of businesses are postponing investment plans.

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Shows and conferences have been canceled or postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak. As new dates become available or for those that transition to webinars, they will be listed in our online calendar at <https://www.fantiniresearch.com/conventions.html>.

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