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CONNECTICUT CASINOS SEE OPENING NUMBERS

Foxwoods in Connecticut reported 3,000 visitors by mid-afternoon Monday when the casino opened after having been closed for the prior 11 weeks, the Hartford Courant reported.

Foxwoods typically has 32,000 daily visitors.

Mohegan Sun reported a reasonable amount of customers but gave no specific number.

The casino openings came despite the opposition of Gov. Ned Lamont, who authorized highway alerts to drive away older visitors who would be more susceptible to COVID-19.

The casinos scaled back operations for opening, with no concerts or entertainment scheduled, poker rooms closed and lower capacity to enforce social distancing.

SAFETY PLANS IN LV

Las Vegas is gearing up for reopening Thursday, with cleaning and social distancing protocols in place, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported as it peeked inside MGM's Bellagio and Golden Entertainment's STRAT.

The Bellagio has plexiglass barriers at table games, restaurant booths and at the front desk.

Sanitizing stations and mask dispensers have been installed throughout the property while scanners will be used for contactless interaction.

Similar measures are being implemented at MGM's New York-New York and MGM Grand.

The STRAT will have fewer slots and table game seats. An automatic counter will ensure the property does not surpass 50 percent occupancy.

Full story: <https://www.reviewjournal.com/business/casinos-gaming/some-casinos-to-reopen-with-plexiglass-separators-digital-restaurant-menus-2041606/>.

Elsewhere:

- Casinos still plan to reopen despite ongoing street protests, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

Casinos are planning to stay in contact with government officials and local police while having extra security on hand.

Casino executives are also encouraging peaceful protests, the newspaper reported.

- Fourth of July fireworks might not happen this year as associated parades have been canceled, the Las Vegas Sun reported.

More than 300,000 visitors were drawn to the holiday festivities.

- MERUELO's Sahara Las Vegas will waive resort fees for reservations made through June 30 and parking will remain free.

The property will also implement contactless tools when it reopens Thursday that allows guests to make table game and pool reservations, digital menus, a virtual concierge texting service and on-demand sanitation for slots.

US OPENINGS: CO, IL, MD, MI

- COLORADO. Gilpin and Teller counties are trying again to reopen casinos.

County commissioners sent plans to the state health department to allow the casinos to reopen at 30 percent capacity in Gilpin and 40 percent capacity in Teller, along with other health and safety restrictions.

Gilpin includes Blackhawk and Central City and Teller is home to Cripple Creek.

- ILLINOIS. Hawthorne Racecourse will relaunch horse racing on Saturday without spectators.

• MARYLAND. State and local elected officials want to include casinos in Gov. Larry Hogan's phased reopening plans, WMDT-TV reported, as no opening dates have been set for Maryland's casinos.

"I think we can open safely otherwise we're going to lose our revenue to Delaware," Congressman Andy Harris said. Delaware casinos opened Monday.

- MICHIGAN. Kewadin Casinos will open June 13.

HK EXTENDS QUARANTINE

Hopes that Macau can open soon to visitors from Hong Kong have been set back.

Hong Kong extended mandatory 14-day quarantine measures an additional month for travelers returning from Macau and Mainland China to July 7 from June 7, citing new locally transmitted COVID-19 cases.

The restrictions are not directly related to those between Macau and neighboring Mainland province of Guangdong, but gaming industry leaders had suggested Hong Kong and Mainland restrictions would be lifted simultaneously, Edward Engel of Macquarie said.

Hong Kong provides about a third of Macau's gaming revenue and Mainland China provides the majority.

Any form of travel restriction easing will now most likely be further delayed, Engel said.

INTERNATIONAL RE-OPENINGS: FRANCE, PHILIPPINES, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, UK

- FRANCE. French casinos in the green zones will be permitted to open Tuesday.

All of France except for Paris and the surrounding administrative department Ile-de-France are classified as green zones as the number of COVID-19 cases have remained low.

- PHILIPPINES. PAGCOR is waiting on Inter-Agency Task Force approval to reopen casinos.

PAGCOR submitted a request for reopening last month as long as all safety and health protocols are implemented.

- SPAIN. Provinces entering phase three of reopening plans will be allowed to open casinos on Monday.

They are the Canary Islands of El Hierro, La Gomera, La Graciosa, and the Balearic Island of Formentera.

- SWITZERLAND. Casinos can reopen Saturday.

- UNITED KINGDOM. The British Horseracing Authority and the Welsh racecourses agreed to reopen on June 15 without spectators.

SANDS CHINA OFFERING NOTES

Las Vegas Sands' Sands China is offering \$1.5 billion in senior unsecured notes in an effort to strengthen liquidity.

The notes comprise of \$800 million in 3.8 percent senior notes due 2026 and \$700 million in 4.375 percent senior notes due 2030.

The company recently said its \$2.41 billion liquidity is sufficient for 12 months under current conditions.

COMPANIES: KANGWON

- KANGWON LAND pushed back the reopening of its casinos in South Korea until June 15 from June 4.

The casinos have been closed since February 23.

FORMULA 1 RESUMING

Formula 1 racing starts its season in July. It was originally to have begun in March.

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