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#### SLOTS STRONG, REVPAR IMPROVES, TRAVELERS WARY

The latest batches of data present some positive signs, though people tell pollsters they are wary of traveling, especially to casinos.

West Virginia is the latest state where early gaming results are stronger than might have been expected.

Since reopening May 30, the more than 7,000 slots throughout the state are averaging over \$1.5 million in daily revenue, three times higher than before, Lottery Director John Myers said.

And nationally, hotels are recovering.

US RevPAR fell 60.3 percent for the week ended June 20, according to Smith Travel Research. That was better than the prior week's 62.6 percent decline and the quarter-to-date's 72 percent drop.

But travelers are wary, according to the weekly Destination Analysts survey.

It finds that 66.9 percent of survey respondents feel somewhat or very unsafe in entering casinos. However, they are more comfortable with traveling with 60.5 percent having a positive attitude about safety.

The survey begins after page 109 of the Nevada Council on Tourism's meeting transcript: <https://www.travelnevada.biz/wp-content/uploads/June-23-NCOT-Meeting-Packet.pdf>.

## CZR MANDATES MASKS

Caesars is requiring all casino customers, employees, vendors and other visitors to wear masks while in all properties.

The move follows calls by Las Vegas' Culinary Union to require casino guests to wear masks at all times in an effort to better protect employees at properties.

CZR previously required mask use only at table games.

## US OPENINGS: MGM, MONMOUTH, WA

- MGM RESORTS is opening the Wet Republic Ultra Pool at MGM Grand and Liquid Pool Lounge at Aria in Las Vegas on July 2.
- MONMOUTH PARK in New Jersey will reopen the William Hill sportsbook and simulcast wagering next Thursday.
- WASHINGTON. Emerald Downs has relaunched horse racing minus spectators.

## STEPS BACK: CA, DEL PARK, NCLGS

- CALIFORNIA. Parkwest Casino Lotus card room closed just three days after opening due to an employee contracting COVID-19.
- DELAWARE PARK racino in Delaware reduced attendance capacity to 1,000 people in order to better monitor safety protocols for COVID-19.

Capacity will be increased as compliance improves.

- NCLGS. The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States' summer meeting originally planned for September 11-12 in Chicago has been rescheduled for July 12-13 of next year.

The venue will still be the InterContinental Magnificent Mile Hotel.

US: MI

- MICHIGAN. Legislation was introduced to allow online raffle games by certain charity gaming organizations to help with revenue losses due to COVID-19.

INTERNATIONAL: CHILE, NETHERLANDS, UK

- CHILE casino operators will now be authorized to offer iGaming as part of the government's attempts to offset financial struggles caused by COVID-19, La Nación reported.

On the less positive side, Chile intends to raise the gaming revenue tax five points to 25 percent in exchange for automatically renewing licenses of the country's 14 casinos.

However, they will have to go through the renewal process next year.

- NETHERLANDS' launch of regulated iGaming may be delayed beyond the second half of next year due to COVID-19, Affiliate Insider reported.

- UNITED KINGDOM. The Betting and Gaming Council is urging the government to work with companies for a safe reopening of casinos saying operators have spent considerable time ensuring properties adhere to guidelines.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson excluded casinos from reopening plans on July 4.

FANTINI'S VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW

As COVID-19 has caused the cancellation of many trade shows, now is the time to turn to a virtual show to display and advertise all your product lines and news events too. To exhibit your company, contact Dee Wild-Shyver at [DWild@FantiniResearch.com](mailto:DWild@FantiniResearch.com).

See products, demos, and news from exhibitors at [www.FantinisGamingShow.com](http://www.FantinisGamingShow.com).

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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>.

## **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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