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ILLINOIS AND CHDN TO OPEN

Illinois will be the next major jurisdiction to reopen casinos allowing them to unlock their doors to the public next Wednesday.

That will beat New Jersey by one day and leave just several smaller gaming jurisdictions still to reopen. Detroit and Massachusetts casinos still do not have a go date, although Mass' casinos might open on July 6, the day when the state's Phase III of business reopening is scheduled.

Elsewhere, Churchill Downs will reopen Presque Isle Downs in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Friday at 50 percent capacity. Pennsylvania has been allowing casinos to open on a county-by-county basis.

An interactive map and list of casino openings and closings are at <https://www.fantiniresearch.com/gaming/fantini-s-covid-19-gaming-daily.html>.

NEVADA REQUIRES FACEMASKS

Customers now will be required to wear facemasks in all of Nevada's casinos and must enforce a "no mask, no service" policy.

The requirement has been prompted by a spike in COVID casinos in the Silver State.

Previously, gamblers were only required to wear masks at table games.

Research by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority suggests a majority of visitors will be willing to wear masks, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

However, the numbers seen at casino reopening have diminished as COVID-19 cases rise, the Nevada Independent reported.

Elsewhere, the Fort Mojave Indians will enforce mask-wearing on tribal lands including Avi Casino near Laughlin and Spirit Mountain in Mohave Valley, Mohave Valley Daily News reported.

GLOBAL SLOT SALES FALL

Global slot machine sales fell 42 percent to 21,796 in the first quarter as casino operators cut spending to offset costs due to COVID-19, Todd Eilers of Eilers & Krejcik Gaming estimated.

US and Canada sales dropped 47 percent to 11,400 machines as replacement sales fell 45 percent and expansionary sales 56 percent.

International sales dropped 33 percent to 10,400 with declines across all regions.

Aristocrat led ship share with 6,005 slots sold, a 28 percent share.

The First Quarter Gaming Supplier Key Performance Indicator report is available from Alex Capitle at ACapitle@FantiniResearch.com of +1 302 730 3793.

LOUISIANA TAX RELIEF ADVANCES

Legislation to let Louisiana casinos offer up to \$5 million in promotional play tax free has passed the legislature.

SB 5 is expected to provide about \$83 million in relief to the casinos due to pandemic closures.

Separately, SCR 29 was introduced in the event SB 5 is enacted to urge the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to report fiscal impacts of the promotional play exception for the next three years to assess the overall impact.

INTERNATIONAL RE-OPENINGS: SIS

- SIS' greyhound racing services will be back to full strength Monday operating more than 640 races per week in the UK.

Irish racing will resume at seven tracks.

STEPS BACK: CA, NY

- CALIFORNIA. Pechanga is canceling the remainder of its shows this year
- NEW YORK. An Oneida Nation employee of Yellow Brick Road casino tested positive for the virus.

An employee at Oneida's Point Place previously tested positive.

COMPANIES: GMGI, PENN

- GOLDEN MATRIX. The social gaming supplier expects June revenue of more than \$325,000, a monthly record, as customers continue to turn to online and social gaming as land-based casinos have closed.

Customers have more than doubled to 3 million since the end of last year.

- PENN NATIONAL scrapped the \$25 resort fee for M Resort from July 1 through September 7 in an effort to attract more guests.

The property reopened June 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.

See products, demos, and news from exhibitors at www.FantinisGamingShow.com.

CONVENTIONS, TRADE SHOWS, CONFERENCES, EXPOS

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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