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CULINARY SUES CZR, MGM

The Culinary Union is suing MGM and Caesars saying it wants to protect Las Vegas employees from COVID-19.

Elsewhere, employees of Cosmopolitan say cases among employees are being underreported, the Las Vegas Review-Journal wrote.

The union accused the Signature and MGM Grand, Sabelle's Café in Bellagio and Guy Fieri Las Vegas in Harrah's of hazardous working conditions.

Those conditions include failing to shut down areas that had COVID-19 cases, failing to conduct adequate contact tracing and providing false information on how the virus spreads and its symptoms, the union said.

The union alleges the casino operators did not protect workers, their families and the community from the spread of the virus and that their current rules and protocols are inadequate.

The lawsuit is just the start of the union's efforts to ensure workers are fully protected, Secretary-Treasurer Geoconda Argüello-Kline said.

The union will continue to collect statements and evidence regarding unsafe working conditions throughout the Las Vegas Strip and downtown Las Vegas and will support those who have shared their experiences, she added.

Culinary news release: <https://www.culinaryunion226.org/news/press/culinary-union-files-lawsuit-against-major-las-vegas-strip-casino-companies-in-order-to-protect-workers-from-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-the-workplace>.

At Cosmo, employees say a growing number of casino floor workers are testing positive and that the casino is not accurately reporting the numbers, the Review-Journal reported.

More than 15 employees have contracted the virus since Cosmo reopened June 4, they say.

The newspaper quoted an anonymous pit supervisor saying "We're all checking in with each other, asking, 'Who has it now? Who's out now?' ... It's just snowballing."

The casino last week was quoted by the newspaper as saying it is following all rules and properly reporting illnesses.

Full story: <https://bit.ly/2VuJhly>.

AC TO REOPEN, BUT NOT BORGATA

Atlantic City's casinos can reopen Thursday, but without indoor dining or alcohol.

That is prompting MGM to delay the reopening of Borgata, the Press of Atlantic City reported.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy postponed the scheduled Wednesday resumption of indoor dining in the state indefinitely because of a spike in COVID cases in several other states.

On a more positive note for MGM, 389-room Waldorf Astoria hotel at CityCenter in Las Vegas will open Wednesday.

OPENINGS: NY, RNK

- NEW YORK. The Seneca will open table games at Niagara, Buffalo Creek and Allegany casinos on Wednesday.

They have offered only slots since reopening.

- RANK GROUP. Mecca Bingo halls in the UK reopen Saturday.

STEPS BACK: OK

• OKLAHOMA. The Apache Tribe reclosed the Apache Casino in Oklahoma after an employee contracted COVID-19.

COMPANIES: CIRQUE, MACAU LEGEND, SANDS CHINA

• CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, which runs six shows on the Las Vegas Strip, is filing for bankruptcy protection and working to revamp capital structure in order to offset losses sustained due to COVID-19.

Cirque laid off 3,500 employees.

• MACAU LEGEND's \$90 million acquisition of 2,900 acres of land in the Cambodian Province of Siem Reap was delayed to next June due to difficulties arising from COVID-19.

The deal was originally supposed to be completed this month.

The company plans to build a casino on the land, which is a three-hour drive from Thailand and five hours from Phnom Penh, where NagaCorp holds a gaming monopoly.

• SANDS CHINA. COVID-19 will not change the timeline for the opening of the Londoner Macau, Sands China President Wilfred Wong Ying Wai told GGRAsia.

The \$1.35 billion revamp transformation of Sands Cotai Central into The Londoner should be finished in September.

If Macau eases travel restrictions, Sands can launch the project at any time, Wong said.

SINGAPORE RECOVERY SHOULD TAKE LONGER

Vitaly Umansky of Bernstein expects Singapore to rebound to last year's gaming revenue levels by 2023.

Up to 40 percent of gaming revenue comes from locals and the market is more dependent on fly-in business and border crossing from Malaysia.

Full-fledged travel will be limited for some time, though Singapore and Malaysia are in discussions to create a travel bubble, eliminating the mandatory 14-day quarantine, he said.

INTERNATIONAL: PHILIPPINES

- PHILIPPINES. PAGCOR warned more online gaming operators could close as a result of the pandemic and strict tax rules.

Five iGaming operators shut down permanently last week including Suncity's online operation.

MACAU OCCUPANCY DECLINES

Macau hotel and guesthouse occupancy slipped 0.8 points in May from April to 77.8 percent.

Occupancy fell 12.3 points from last year.

The number of guests checked into hotels and guesthouses dropped 89.9 percent to 116,000 in May vs. last year.

Occupancy was 30.4 percent through May, down 61 percentage points.

Full report: <https://bit.ly/2NlciMF>.

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.

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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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