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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE JUMPS

The US consumer confidence index jumped to 98.1 in June, up from 85.9 in May.

The rise is due to the reopening of the US economy and improvement in unemployment claims, The Conference Board Senior Director of Economic Indicators Lynn Franco said.

Consumers are less pessimistic about the short-term outlook but do not foresee a significant pickup in economic activity, she added.

NEVADA REVENUE, VISITATION PLUMMET

With everything shut down for the second straight month, Nevada's gaming revenue fell nearly 100 percent in May.

Casinos reopened June 4.

Race book and sports pool information were again redacted and nothing was reported for baccarat or blackjack.

- Visitation. As to be expected, May's visitation dropped nearly 100 percent.

Laughlin data was insufficient to report occupancy, average hotel rate or RevPAR, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority said. Likewise, for occupancy and rates in Mesquite.

- Passenger counts at McCarran International Airport dropped 91.5 percent to 391,712 in May because of flight cancellations due to COVID-19.

However, that number was more than double April's passenger count of 152,716.

The number of domestic passengers declined 90.7 percent to 386,284 while there were no international flights.

Through May, passenger counts fell 48.9 percent to 10.627 million.

NORTHEAST QUARANTINING NEVADA VISITORS

A new hurdle to Nevada's visitation has been erected by Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

Those states have mandated 14-day quarantines for visitors coming from Nevada as well as from 15 other states.

The only exception is for essential workers.

Full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/30/politics/travel-advisory-coronavirus-new-york-new-jersey-connecticut-massachusetts/index.html>.

US OPENINGS: TRWH

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

- TWIN RIVER will reopen its two Rhode Island casinos Wednesday with capacity limited to 3,400 at the Lincoln casino and 900 at Tiverton.

Tables are limited to three players who must wear masks. Roulette, poker and craps will not be available right away.

STEPS BACK: NV, OK, WI

- NEVADA. The Avi Casino near Laughlin will close through July 10 after a few staff tested positive for COVID-19.

- OKLAHOMA. Kiowa Casino temporarily closed after an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

- WISCONSIN. An employee at the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe's North Star Mohican casino tested positive.

COMPANIES: WYNN

- WYNN RESORTS' Encore Boston Harbor will furlough 3,000 employees as casinos in Massachusetts have yet to reopen, WCVB reported.

The state's casinos could reopen as early as Monday, but that could be delayed.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission will require plexiglass barriers at games or six feet of distance between active slots.

There will be no poker, craps or roulette at Encore, and the hotel will be limited to four nights per week and only eight food venues will open.

US: LV, OK

- LAS VEGAS. July 4 fireworks will be absent from the Las Vegas Strip this year, but several off-Strip properties will maintain the attraction.

Fireworks will be held downtown at the Plaza, Red Rock Resorts' Green Valley Ranch and Red Rock Resort and at Penn National's M Resort.

- OKLAHOMA. The Choctaw Nation is requiring masks for all visitors at casinos and canceled the Labor Day festival, McAlester News-Capital reported.

Gaming positions will be reduced, and Casino Too locations will close daily for cleaning while other locations remain open 24/7.

INTERNATIONAL: CHINA, NETHERLANDS

- CHINA. Hong Kong extended the mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers from Macau and Taiwan to August 7 due to a recent outbreak of COVID-19.

The outbreak has also delayed discussions of establishing a travel bubble between Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong Province.

- NETHERLANDS' gaming regulator Kansspelautoriteit ended online bingo allowances as COVID-19 restrictions roll back for reopening Wednesday.

The regulator allowed online bingo operations beginning May 1 during the lockdown.

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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