



Governor Ron DeSantis held an afternoon press conference, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Cabinet Room.

- **Hospitalizations**
  - 3.2 people per 100,000 in ICU
  - Hillsboro County has 34 hospitalizations out of 1.4 million residents
  - Orange County has 73 hospitalizations
  - Compared Duval to DC, DC has 8x as many cases there per capita
- **Long-Term Care Facilities**
  - 120 assessment teams
  - 3874 assessments done
  - 25 dedicated ambulance testing teams
  - Rapid Emergency Support Teams to immediately respond to facilities
  - What we are seeing is if you followed the rules, you did okay
- **Testing**
  - Over 289,000 tests
  - One in 50 tested in South Florida
  - Two contracts in place with two new labs, will allow for 18,000 samples tested per day
    - Focus will be on providing tests for long-term care facilities and walk-up sites
  - Still hoping for anti-bodies test this week, as soon as we get them we will move to deploy them
    - In California they tested someone who passed away in January and February and they
- **Travel**
  - 25,210 screenings done
  - New York is the plurality of cases non-residential related
- **For Latest Texting Updates**
  - For Covid-19 text FLCOVID19 to 888777

#### Press Questions

- Palm Beach nursing home sent tests to Alabama and Michigan and waited 7-14 days
  - Not sure but will look into it, but that's why we are working to bring our own testing online. Kudos to Secretary Mayhew for instituting a policy prohibiting infected individuals from returning to nursing homes.
- Re-opening of Florida
  - Important to look at context of new cases and if we don't believe hospitals will be over-run and can implement social distancing, we can start to re-open. The distinction now that is useful is low-risk vs. high-risk rather than essential vs. non-



essential. We're working with health professionals to think about ways to minimize risk in all industries.

- We have a lot of doctors, we're putting out a list of everyone and I have a Department of Health.
- Missouri sued China for what they've done
  - We have a lot on our plate, but I have not forgotten about them. The communist funded thinktank said I was a hard-lined governor. We are looking at it. For gosh sakes we need to make life-saving equipment domestically, and Florida is a great place to do it. We will see some legislation in the next session in this regard too.
- Tourism
  - Great concern on consumer confidence. This will all depend on how the industry responds. I have been impressed with how they think about safety. Disney and others are doing a lot behind the scenes. This virus is most transmittable in closed close repeated contact, a lot of what we offer is more outdoors and sunshine. Study out of China said most were in households, then public transportation and workplace, only two in outdoors. Anti-bodies results will restore confidence.
- Taskforce Friday Deadline
  - Taskforce gives recommendations, we do have medical folks who will give recommendations before I give my order. Path forward for a lot of this, we hope to get this, but at the end of the day, we will work through the weekend. We're working on a parallel track with what they are doing with our medical team.



This morning, the three industry working groups held meetings. Please refer to our working group reports for more information.

## **Executive Committee**

### **Agenda:**

#### **Opening Remarks, Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez**

We will hear from two work groups today, the third had technical challenges, but we are excited for the opportunity to develop recommendations.

#### **Accommodation, Food, Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail, and Transportation Work Group**

- Introduction- Dana Young, Visit Florida (Chair)
  - Focusing on most at-risk industry sectors
  - Today we focused on outdoor recreation, retail, theme parks and sports
  - The Governor's office will receive best practices and will share with the Executive Committee
- Outdoor recreation
  - Lenny Curry
    - Decision to re-open Jacksonville Beach was done in line with CDC and Governor's
    - Limited hours, no public parking, no sunbathing and consistent law enforcement presence
  - Dept of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein
    - Each park will be looked at individually to see if they promote congregating or social distancing
    - Most important resource is staff
- Retail
  - Walter Carpenter
    - Wants localized
    - 1/3 of small businesses actually received assistance
    - Half of employers said they could only survive if closed eight weeks
  - Monesia Brown, Director of Government Affairs, Walmart
    - Company's number one priority is safety
    - Plexiglass barriers, floor decals, screening of employees daily, contact free payment, store capacity 20%, hours adjusted
    - Walmart bringing on 5,000 people per day
- Theme Parks
  - John Sprouls, CEO Universal Orlando Resort
    - Unique in that they have all of the elements



- Considering screening team members daily, face coverings, reducing unnecessary surface contact points, using mobile pay and virtual lines to minimize the amount of time people are in lines and staggered seating
- Capping attendance at first opening
- Sports
  - Matthew Caldwell, President & CEO of the Florida Panthers
    - Goal is to finish season, hopefully the end of summer
    - Players quarantined through April and likely into May, will play
    - Limiting attendance, concession virtual lines, spaced out seating
    - Interesting to contrast sporting events with theme parks, since groups of people enter simultaneously and sit together throughout most of it
    - Massive loss of revenue and local economy if sports played without attendance
    - Panthers kept all of their full and part time workers without revenue coming in
  - Len Brown, Exec Vice President of the PGA Tour
    - 13 weeks canceled, lost hundreds of millions
    - Resuming play June 8<sup>th</sup> without spectators
    - Path forward includes a lot of health screening and testing
    - Create safe zones at hotels for players and teams
- General ideas
  - Businesses supporting mental well-being of employees
  - Expressed view for legislative action to protect businesses from liability in the post-covid world

### Discussion

- Joe York- need to agree on set of overriding principles looking something like: Safety First, Data-Driven, Coordination, Guidelines, Access to Critical Resources & Supplies (PPE, testing, etc.) and Supporting Community Needs
- CFO Patronis- everyone is excited to get back to business and we recognize the balancing act of trying to operate the business and protecting employees is hard. There will be some type of liability that is out there.
- Speaker Jose Oliva- time is of the essence, we're looking for suggestions by Friday. We know we have large companies here with the resources, but small businesses are looking fundamentally can they open and with specific things with protective gear. Specifics like distance and capacity.
- John Chorus, Tampa General- we need very practical rules of engagement and guidance to get things back up and running across the board regardless of what the business is.
- Ashley Moody, Attorney General- this clear guidance needs to come from the working groups, it's a great thing that industry is saying what they can do while health experts can say that these experts can bless as minimizing opportunities to spread.
- Speaker Oliva- we need to listen to the medical professionals and say that this is the distance and the protective gear and work from that perspective. If health officials outline those



requirements, businesses that can adhere can open, those that can't will not be able to open without appropriate protective gear.

- Dr. Robertson, Department of Health- there are a couple data points we are looking at on a daily basis, one being illness report broken down by category, looking at hospital data, and positive testing rates. One of the most important recommendations is wearing masks and being six feet apart. People need to wash hands and stay home while sick, and businesses need to have specific cleaning plans in place.
  - Lt. Gov Nunez- getting those recommendations would be helpful to incorporate into our recommendations.
- Mayor Dave Kerner, Palm Beach County- agree with Speaker's comments because there are specific industry recommendations. One thing to look at is some sort of notice that says "this establishment complies with the governor's taskforce recommendations" to restore consumer confidence.
- Alex Sanchez, Florida Bankers- having simple guidelines that can be adhered to is crucial to this to help small and all businesses re-open.
- Lockheed Martin- guidelines and principles are important so that small businesses can be entrepreneurial to adhere to the guidance and develop their own plans.
- Mayor Dale Holness, Broward County- design PSA's to become aware of the standards across the board. Encourage Sen. Brandes to include local governments to be included in the liability protections.
- Senate President Designate Wilton Simpson- better to give general, broad guidelines. But it is important to recognize restaurants that have a family of six that come in will sit together, etc.
- Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Miami-Dade County- we're focusing on open spaces first, there will be differences between a barbershop and another which does not actually require contact. Implore medical experts are present in each workgroup.
  - Welcome you providing what you put together on the local taskforce

#### **Administrative, Education, Information & Technology, Manufacturing, Utilities and Wholesale Work Group**

- Introduction- Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran
  - We have been leading the nation in education transformation
- K-12 Education
  - The education priorities are two-fold
    - Keep everyone safe at all times
    - Looking at elimination or attacking achievement gap
  - Priority is to get kids back in schools where learning environment is strongest where they can get a world-class education
  - Hope is to come out with very detailed specifics for schools to adopt
  - Recognizing the end of the school year brings on new challenges with school uses in the summer months
  - Exploring how schools look when we re-open



- Higher Education
  - Challenges shared from the university perspective and Greg Haile from Broward College
  - Council of 100 shared that the lack of childcare is providing employment issues for parents
- Utilities
  - Utilities have really focused on keeping power provided no more so than ever
  - Suspended shut-offs and accelerated rebates
  - Concern around hurricane season
- In Summary: following data, following science, following experts, having specific criteria built out in the education space around keeping the community safe and attacking the achievement gap.

#### Discussion

##### Jamal Sowell, Enterprise Florida

Emphasize steps that we take because consumer confidence is important

##### Sid Kitson, Kitson Partners

University System have health care, research facilities, recreation, public safety, housing, food service, so guidelines and relying on the expertise in the university medical system to help set guidelines

##### John Couris, Tampa General

Are you looking up summer programs because kids rely on it?

Corcoran: Haven't made the final decision but push is to get them into the best environment where everything is open. Will have a hybrid system well into the fall with a virtual management platform, all based on specific needs and circumstances. Keep population low for cafeteria, recreation, etc. and how much distance apart, how many students and when. We do plan to open in the summer and are looking at a summer learning program to tackle the achievement gap.

##### Jimmy Patronis, CFO

Transitioned 3000 employees remotely as quickly as possible and we are taking notes to see what worked and what didn't work. Same thing in education we can see what works and what doesn't, build on parent teacher relationship.

Biggest thing is my 11 yo and 9 yo want to know if they are promoted to next grade?

Corcoran: Finish distance learning strongly and will be promoted

- Communication is a great point- the parent teacher relationship has increased there are silver linings



- Also taking notes on what works and what doesn't, more kids are now in a virtual management platform all of this data and safety net has increased.
- 98.99% participation
- Management system to cover all 2.7 million students
- Teacher trainin expansion of learning management to 4 million students.
- Address hotspots- will come out with 100% statewide coverage and come out 1 to 1 statewide devices. We have secured over 32,000 devices.

Speaker Jose Oliva

- I represent those technology deserts in Hialeah and it is really important.
- Kids are home with no parents, their parents are essential workers at work who expected to have their kids at school when they took their jobs, kids are not getting an education, may not know how to access or work platform correctly, some do not speak english but know how to access system
- We need to set strong guidelines and the private sector will adjust
- We don't need petty arguments like nail salons vs barber shops, if we give them all guidelines businesses will adjust.

Corcoran: Agree distance learning is exacerbating achievement gaps. Priority is getting kids back quickly and safely.

Lt. Gov Nunez:

Transition to distance learning is struggle in some areas and some districts have certain challenges.

Todd Jones, Publix: Not specific to education.

We need to create a place to that public can access all of this information regarding our decisions. Public & private sector need to have a location to be able to access this information

Lt. Gov Nunez:

- To summarize:
- Focus on specificity and guidelines.
- Data is important - especially those health expert recommendations that are achievable, relevant, and timely.
- All agree we need to get businesses back to work safely
- Our businesses are resilient and entrepreneurial and we don't want to get in their way
- Agriculture could not meet today. I know Simpson was raring to speak about agriculture. I know a big conversation is opening up hospitals to elective procedures.

Guidelines from the health perspective we will get you to those shortly



***(Industry Working Group Related to Agriculture, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Management and Professional Services did not meet due to technical difficulties but will meet at 10am tomorrow:***

***[Agenda](#) [Agriculture Slides](#)***

***Secretary Mayhew, ACHA:***

- Even though we did not have opportunity to dive into the data today I wanted to share:
- 2200 hospitalized in Florida, stayed fairly consistent in that and monitoring daily at county and hospital level
- Over 23,000 available and staffed beds, amazing regional partnerships to analyze surge capacity as submitted to state level emergency management that has identified extra capacity of up to 33,000 available beds based on places they can open up or convert.
- Stress level of preparedness that hospitals and health systems have done. Of awareness about their systems capacity we know have at this time.

***Nunez:***

Hospitals have done yeoman's work and stepped up to the challenge

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## **Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force Executive Committee**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis hosted a conference call with members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force Executive Committee to discuss the re-opening of Florida's economy.

Members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force Executive Committee are as follows:

- Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, Lieutenant Governor of Florida
- Jimmy Patronis, Florida Chief Financial Officer
- Ashley Moody, Florida Attorney General
- President Bill Galvano, President, Florida Senate
- Speaker Jose Oliva, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
- Senator Wilton Simpson, President-Designate, Florida Senate
- Representative Chris Sprowls, Speaker-Designate, Florida House of Representatives
- Commissioner Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of Education
- Jamal Sowell, President & CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
- Mayor Dale Holness, Mayor, Broward County
- Mayor David Kerner, Mayor, Palm Beach County
- John Couris, President & CEO, Tampa General Hospital
- Josh D'Amaro, President, Walt Disney World Resort
- Todd Jones, CEO, Publix Super Markets
- Syd Kitson, Chairman, Board of Governors for the State University System
- Paul Reilly, Chairman & CEO, Raymond James Financial
- Alex Sanchez, President & CEO, Florida Bankers Association
- Eric Silagy, President & CEO, Florida Power & Light Company
- John Sprouls, CEO, Universal Orlando Resort, Executive Vice President, Universal Parks & Resorts
- Patrick Sunderlin, Vice President, Global Supply Chain, Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Joe York, President, AT&T Florida and Caribbean



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## **Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force Industry Working Group**

*Industry Working Group on Administrative, Education, Information & Technology, Manufacturing, Utilities and Wholesale*

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the members of the Re-Open Task Force Industry Working Group on Administrative, Education, Information & Technology, Manufacturing, Utilities and Wholesale.

Members of this Re-Open Task Force Industry Working Group are as follows:

- Commissioner Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of Education
- Chancellor Jacob Oliva, Chancellor of the Division of Public Schools
- Dr. Michael Grego, Pinellas County Superintendent of Schools
- Syd Kitson, Chairman, Board of Governors, State University System
- Mayor Dean Trantalis, Mayor, City of Ft. Lauderdale
- Jamal Sowell, President and CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Frank DiBello, President and CEO, Space Florida
- Gregory Haile, President, Broward College
- John Hage, CEO, Charter Schools USA
- Mimi Jankovits, Executive Director, Teach FL
- Melissa Pappas, ESE Teacher, Orange County Schools
- Joe York, President, AT&T Florida and Caribbean
- Jim Taylor, CEO, Florida Technology Council
- Bob Swindell, President and CEO, Broward Alliance
- Sheriff Morris Young, Sheriff, Gadsden County
- John Davis, Executive Vice President, Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Joey D'Isernia, President, Eastern Shipbuilding
- Rogan Donnelly, President, Tervis
- Nancy Tower, President and CEO, Tampa Electric
- Eric Silagy, President and CEO, Florida Power & Light Company

- Catherine Stempien, State President, Florida, Duke Energy
- Marva Johnson, Group President, Charter Communications
- Tom Vice, CEO, Aerion Corp

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*Industry Working Group on Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail and Transportation*

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the members of the Re-Open Task Force Industry Working Group on Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail and Transportation. Yesterday, Governor DeSantis announced the executive committee, which can be found [here](#).

Members of the Re-Open Task Force Industry Working Group are as follows:

- Dana Young, President & CEO, VISIT FLORIDA
- Secretary Halsey Beshears, Secretary, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- Secretary Kevin Thibault, Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation
- Mayor Lenny Curry, Mayor, Jacksonville
- Mayor David Kerner, Mayor, Palm Beach County
- Sheldon Suga, Chairman, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- Blake Casper, CEO, Caspers Company
- Amy Schwartz, Owner, Bella Bella Restaurant
- Collier Merrill, President, Merrill Land Company
- Philip Goldfarb, President & COO, Fontainebleau Miami Beach
- John Tolbert, President & Managing Director, Boca Resort and Club
- Jose Cil, CEO, Restaurant Brands International
- Josh D'Amaro, President, Walt Disney World Resort
- John Sprouls, CEO, Universal Orlando Resort, Executive Vice President, Universal Parks & Resorts
- Tim Petrillo, Co-Founder & CEO, The Restaurant People
- Dev Motwani, President & CEO, Merrimac Ventures

- Chad Harrod, CEO, Harrod Properties, Inc.
- Walter Carpenter, Chairman, NFIB Florida Leadership Council
- Len Brown, Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Officer, PGA Tour, Inc
- Gary Lester, Vice President, The Villages for Community Relations
- Glen Gilzean, President & CEO, Central Florida Urban League
- Max Alvarez, President, Sunshine Gasoline Distributors, Inc.
- Tom Crowley, CEO, Crowley Maritime Corporation
- Joe Lopano, CEO, Tampa International Airport
- Ted Christie III, President & CEO, Spirit Airlines
- Rick Sasso, President & CEO, MSC Cruises
- Maury Gallagher Jr., Chairman & CEO, Allegiant Air
- AJ de Moya, Vice President & General Manager, The de Moya Group, Inc.
- Paul Anderson, CEO, Port Tampa Bay
- Ken Stiles, CEO, Stiles Corporation
- Bob Flowers, President, C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.
- Rob Kornahrens, President & CEO, Advanced Roofing and Green Technologies
- Monesia Brown, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Walmart
- Cody Kahn, Owner, Holiday Inn Resort
- Matthew Caldwell, President & CEO, Florida Panthers Hockey Club

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*Industry Working Group on Agriculture, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Management and Professional Services*

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- Senator Rob Bradley, Appropriations Chairman, Florida Senate
- Representative Travis Cummings, Appropriations Chairman, Florida House of Representatives
- Representative Tom Leek, Representative, Florida House of Representatives
- Representative Anika Omphroy, Representative, Florida House of Representatives
- Secretary Mary Mayhew, Secretary, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- Secretary Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- David Altmaier, Florida Insurance Commissioner
- Shannon Shepp, Executive Director, Florida Department of Citrus
- Sheriff Wayne Ivey, Sheriff, Brevard County
- Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Sheriff, Seminole County
- Commissioner Brian Hamman, Lee County Commission
- John Hoblick, Florida Farm Bureau
- Matt Joyner, Florida Citrus Mutual
- Alan Shelby, EVP, Florida Forestry Association
- Alvin Cowans, President, McCoy Federal Credit Union
- Alex Sanchez, President & CEO, Florida Bankers Association
- Amy Mercer, Executive Director, Florida Police Chiefs Association
- Carlos Migoya, CEO, Jackson Health System

- Aurelio Fernandez, President & CEO, Memorial Healthcare Systems
- John Couris, President & CEO, Tampa General Hospital
- Dr. Kevin Cairns, Florida Board of Medicine
- Maggie Hansen, Chief Nurse Executive, Memorial Healthcare Systems
- Dr. Wael Barsoum, President & CEO, Florida Cleveland Clinic
- David Strong, President & CEO, Orlando Health
- Dr. Sunil Desai, Senior Vice President, Orlando Health, President, Orlando Health Medical Group
- Dr. Patricia Couto, Infectious Disease, Orlando Health
- Dr. Rudy Liddell, Brandon Dental Care
- Steve Bahmer, President & CEO, LeadingAge Florida
- Melanie Brown-Woofter, President & CEO, Florida Behavioral Health Association

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**Industry Working Group: Administrative, Education, Information & Technology, Manufacturing, Utilities and Wholesale**

Agenda:

**Department of Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran's Introductory Remarks:**

- Vice President and Secretary of Education DeVos commended Florida on launching the distance learning model so quickly and effectively
- Announced on Saturday campuses will be closed for the rest of the school year
- Our number one focus is re-opening schools in the fall safely
- Focus on how we aggressively attack the achievement gap that is exasperated by this

**Overview of Impact to K-12 Education**

**Jacob Oliva, Chancellor,**

- Governor came out early and has supported us in our pursuit of keeping students safe number one and number two providing the world-class education
- Thank you to all of our district administrators and educators to make sure students are
- What is education's role in supporting economic recovery?
  - Enable Florida's talent pipeline to fuel Florida's economy
  - Nearly 2/3 of parents say lack of childcare and school closures impact their ability to find work
  - School district is the largest employer, that does trickle down to local economy
- Guiding principles
  - Urgently transition to Florida distance learning
    - Updated FAQ's and webinars on the Department's website for educators
      - [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org) – Click on banner for coronavirus
  - Support most vulnerable students
    - Some students are exceling, some are struggling (experiencing both personally with his two kids)
    - Have to create positive learning environments for our students and for the parents and educators
  - Key factors
    - Safety of all of our personnel recognizing the CDC guidelines on at-risk populations
    - How do we adjust for those students and staff who may not be at-risk, but go home to people who are at-risk?
    - Bring back students to mitigate academic losses
- Goals of this workgroup
  - How do we finish strong in the spring with distance learning?
  - How do we re-imagine summer learning to mitigate learning loss?
  - How do we re-open in fall with safe and uniquely tailored learning?
- What we see now



- Students miss their teachers
- Students are missing the rights of passage of graduation, proms, athletic and other extracurricular activities
- Working to support districts in their delivery of support services like behavioral health counseling
- Thoughts to consider
  - Our campuses typically never close with summer camps, athletics, extracurriculars, church rentals, etc. so how do we do that in a safe way
  - Extended school year, summer reading camps
  - Some of our students with special needs need face to face contact, can we do that in the summer
  - Social distance in buses, extracurriculars, etc.
  - On August 10, what are our indicators of safe re-opening?
  - How do we measure students and identify learning losses to best address them?
  - Transition to post-secondary education
  - Sub-group of students that are emerging who are falling behind and have fallen off the grid or radar because of lack of access to technology
  - Promote highly literate environment
  - Support teacher professional development in distance learning education

**Dr. Michael A. Grego, Pinellas County Superintendent of Schools**

- Focus on compassion and grace
- Staff are not health experts so like law enforcement during hurricanes, we have to constantly listen to the experts
- Our school board is doing virtual meetings and it is bringing us closer together
- 98% of student engagement in digital learning
- Prevent, mitigate and address
  - Focus on preventing slide of fragile students, then how do we address the gaps
    - What the community needs is to address these issues in a real-life fashion
    - Pulling together team of medical experts to re-imagine lives of students at various levels and look at how buildings are designed
    - Building trust and confidence
- Thinking about how we develop contingency plans for summer learning programs and how we move forward beyond
  - Exploring small literacy groups and other potential opportunities for learning in socially distant methods
  - Hiring procedures
  - End of school year parent conferences are more important than ever, both to give parents information and to receive feedback from them

**John Hage, CEO, Charter Schools USA**



- Florida is home to the most robust school choice program
- Our schools operate in districts across the state
- This allows us to re-dedicate, re-focus and re-new our focus on students
- This is a difficult epidemic, but our teachers have emerged on a virtual platform in an incredible way
- Approach
  - Students first and make no excuses
  - Not lowering the bar in student learning
  - Over-communicated, enormous amount of professional development training
- Students are digital native and many are being reached in a better way through this digital world
- This shows parents what high quality education looks like
- Role of teachers evolving into more of a mentor and coach
- We have built a blended model of virtual and in-person model so the transition has gone well
- Focus on high quality education on digital learning, with rigor and high quality professional development
- Working to ensure that teachers touch students daily and doing the same with families
- Working on evaluating attendance, progress monitoring, teacher-child interaction
  - Teacher-child interaction has grown substantially over the past four weeks
- Students and parents receiving surveys so we can improve our model
  - We are sharing this feedback with all charters and districts in this time
- Focus on social-emotional learning
- Federal funds
  - Explore what a hybrid blended classroom looks like
  - Setting up learning camps to close gaps
  - Explore flexibility in utilizing funds to support development of these blended models
- Planning for re-entry to the physical building
- Principal leadership academies for virtual and face-to-face
- Fall
  - Flipping the model on students going to classrooms, but having classrooms go to students
  - Allowing us to reduce student in-person capacity
  - Robust cleaning procedures including procuring massive amounts of cleaning materials
  - Exploring social distancing procedures to implement
  - Camera technologies to monitor body temperature rises above 99 degrees
- Understand that some smaller charters do not have the access to technologies
- Need to make sure smaller private schools that receive vouchers do not fail
- Florida's focus on choice led to the development of a robust model and we will have that same pro-active approach in the development of what a re-imagined education system looks like

## Discussion



- Medical expert involvement in decision-making model of re-opening and moving forward. Recognizing children are spreaders of influenza, important to keep in mind what impact a second wave would look like.
  - Corcoran-School nurses will be better trained and local health experts will be involved and how we scale for each district
  - Grego- key focus of our local taskforce to go beyond CDC guidelines to enable a higher level of confidence, also looking at vaccines in particular
- Compassion and grace must continue to be guiding principles especially as we address the difficulties families and students experience in this change. Understand what students experience at home impacts learning, not just for now, but for future generations.
  - Corcoran- student well-being will have to be addressed, they can't focus on math or reading unless health and well-being are taken care of.
- Elevate comment by Jon Hage that there is concern about voucher schools being supported, suggesting waiving public school requirement for the Florida Empowerment School and the other is to increase the FEF.
  - Corcoran- we are looking at what costs of bringing students into the public school and they are astronomical. We are looking at how we provide solutions in all areas including dual-enrollment impacts.
- Accelerating blended learning for at-risk students
  - Grego- absolutely will accelerate pivoting to blended learning. The way we get from 98% engagement to 100% is through Child Study Teams at each school which triage need and provide greater to those most at-risk by reaching out with counselors and others.
  - Corcoran- main goal is to open up schools and get students into the learning environment that works best. We need to build out learning management systems that work best.

#### **Overview of Impact to the State University System**

- We have received so many Aspen awards they changed the criteria so we couldn't win so many
  - 16 of the 25 least expensive colleges are in our system
- Overall college, technical and university systems consistently rank at the top while remaining very affordable

#### **Syd Kitson, Chairman, Board of Governors, State University System**

- Goals
  - Health and Safety
  - Remain true to core academic focus
- Directed March 17<sup>th</sup> to do all instruction online for Spring and now for summer
- BOG approved strategic plan in 2015 for online-focus
  - 40% of undergraduate credit hours online by 2025, this was crucial in getting the transition done



- Commend university presidents and trustees on standing this up
- Data
  - 6 universities volunteered staff to assist DOH in finding origins and information about the spread of Covid
  - 3 universities are partnering with DOH to establish drive-thru testing
  - 4 universities are providing online support for teachers, students and parents in their transition to digital learning
- Universities listen intently to the task forces and are governing paths forward to help support re-opening of Florida's economy
  - Believe recommendation of these task forces will support the guidance of how best the universities can operate
- There will be major challenges
  - Social distancing policies will become the norm for the foreseeable future
  - Academic and wellness supports remain available for students
  - Focus on maintaining academic quality
- Fall semester enrollment may be reduced, especially from at-risk communities
- Exploring the loss of revenue from cancellation or re-design of how sporting events occur, particularly football

#### Discussion

- Greg Haile- Community college concerns about how we can further reduce our classes from 20-30 to 10 to adhere to guidelines whether through blended models or other ways. Colleges focus on serving lower-income individuals, thinking about a single-mom who may be working, learning, and caring for her kids. Have to think about how we normalize education standards to student's lives. We will be nimble, but have to tailor our response to them in particular. Also important to remember the role of colleges in the workforce development conversations as we get Florida back to work.
- Jamal Sowell, Enterprise Florida- concern about the upcoming graduates in job placement opportunities?
  - Absolutely a big concern, we are trying to work aggressively connect individuals in getting jobs. Thinking about what jobs will be available immediately and beyond in a post-covid world.
- John Davis, Orlando Chamber of Commerce- re-purposed entire staff to work on connecting business community and colleges and universities. Important to focus on other types of certifications to be able to help those who are laid off to get them in a position to be able to be most qualified for employment.

#### Overview of Impact on Utility Industry

##### **Eric Silagy, CEO and President, Florida Power & Light**

- We've had challenges, but understand that there have not been operational challenges of any utility, truly a testament to all utilities in their crisis planning
- Our network of providers have robust experience in crisis, although mostly weather related



- FPL and Gulf Power have a pandemic plan, updated last year
  - Activated cross-functional Pandemic Team with sub-groups focusing on individual challenges
  - Top focus is safety both for workforce and the public
  - Medical team engaged on a daily basis, very much a part of the team
  - Employees
    - Established temperature screening locations at all critical function areas
    - Testing sites in coordination with medical providers for employees or key vendors
  - Critical control centers
    - Teams split into separate physical locations and staggered shifts to limit contact and spread
    - Use PPE and social distancing protocols
  - Remote working capabilities
    - Our investment in smart grid technology allows us to control many of our facilities with limited human contact
- Must continue to provide electricity in our case and water and gas in other utilities
  - Laser-focus in understanding that we must provide 24/7 coverage
- Understand people are hurting financially
  - Every utility has suspended disconnection for non or late payment
  - Us, TECO and Duke have accelerated our savings on fuel costs for the month of May to get money in people's hands as quick as possible
- Giving back
  - All utilities are supporting
  - FPL provided \$4 million
  - Working with other organizations to make sure everyone is getting what we need
  - FPL using 3-D printers to produce PPE
- Challenges
  - All utilities will suffer from loss of revenue and bad debt, we will have to address
  - Recognize the importance of keeping crews in the field particularly in the fall with the resurgence of flu season
  - Hurricane season around the corner, unfortunately it is predicted to be an active season, and while we hope it is wrong, it only takes one storm to cause damage.
  - This will hurt our ability to actively respond to restoration of power efforts, if we do have a storm, this will likely cause longer outage times.

#### Discussion

- Kudos to Public Service Commission on helping us accelerate cost-savings to consumers. Similar to schools, utilities must serve customers regardless of income levels. Workforce development is crucial. Working with customers on payment arrangements. We are seeing an increase in consumption in residential, but we know the importance of trying to get customers in a good



place so we can get them to a safe and healthy mentality so we minimize planned outages. Typically, now we are doing planned outages to best prepare for the increase use in summer months.

**Closing Remarks, Commissioner Richard Corcoran**

Thank you, this group will continue to work and it look forward to the recommendations out of this committee.



## **Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail and Transportation**

### **Agenda**

*Dana Young, President and CEO of Visit Florida opened up the call outlining areas of conversation today surrounding outdoor recreation, the retail industry, theme parks and sports and how we return to normal while keeping the public safe.*

### **Outdoor Recreation**

#### **Mayor of Jacksonville Lenny Curry**

- Beach reopening focus...they opened last weekend with restrictions 6am-11am the 5pm to 8pm
- You can walk, run, surf, swim, anything that follows the social distancing guidelines. No sun bathing etc.
- Law enforcement presence and they are policing distance and he says its working.
- Work with your local media so correct info is shared. And the people have thinned out as the days went on. Why not open up larger spaces where people can be and still practice social distancing. Working internally for the next move with what the Governor advises, businesses, restaurants, etc.

#### **Dev Motwani, President and CEO of Merrimack Ventures**

Lessons learned? Hours working?

Mayor Curry: Just make sure there is a presence of police and fire rescue. Giving people access but manage it.

#### **Tim Petrillo co-Founder and CEO of The Restaurant People**

Question to Mayor Curry on what if any was the impact to restaurants or hotels on the beach opening for those within the proximity of the beaches?

Mayor Curry: We didn't open parking so it was mainly the people who live there so not much change on that, plus the hotels are pretty much closed.

#### **Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection Noah Valenstein**

- Earth Day celebration today! Thankful for our state park system, a 4 time award winning system (the only one).
- State level 5 million acres of land we manage
- State parks cover 800,000 acres....have been closed for public access
- 3500 camp sites, shy of 300 cabins
- 1400 employees parks one and half million visitors per year each park



- Congregate or more distance recreation per the different parks...hours, amenities, activities etc.
- Would like recommendations in what the task force and the Governor is looking at
- 175 state parks...can they be divided into more passive access points? Have to look at each park differently...do they have large amounts of parking, bathrooms, but perhaps they have access to boat ramps etc.
- Our staff is the most important aspect of moving out of shut-down...clear signage and communication will be key to ensure safety of staff and visitors.

#### **Sheldon Suga Chairman of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association**

His comments were concerning protecting businesses from lawsuits....get the Legislature to limit exposure.

#### **AJ de Moya Vice President and General Manager, the de Moya Group**

Agreed that it is a critical issue that faces businesses regardless of the industry. Mentioned that Senator Brandes tweeted out his intent to file legislation to protect against the lawsuits yesterday.

#### **Rob Kornahrens President and CEO of Advanced Roofing**

Understands that outdoor recreation is important....Mayor Curry.....when do you expect to fully open? Mayor...evaluating it daily. Currently do not have a date.

#### **Phil Goldfarb President of the Fontainebleau Miami Beach**

Compliment Mayor Curry - his insight should be utilized as we open up beaches throughout the state. Should be the model.

Mayor...Media and enforcement...Phase 1 communicating over speaker and its working. Enforcement is not strong-handed and it's working.

#### **Retail Industry**

**Walter Carpenter Chairman of the NFIB Florida Leadership Council** small business in central Florida... 15 employees that range from early 20s on up.

- Need to move from fear based environment to an informed based environment.  
Surgical
- approach should not apply to industry but to geography. Retail, small business, large business...



- Not what we shop for, but how we shop. Grocery stores etc.....no reason that small businesses can operate the same way. Social enforcement. Need to get businesses open. Not to overly regulate or restrict.
- Georgia has opened up with a set 20 conditions. Would prefer to see industries create best practices or guidelines. Small business sector challenge is the tight employment. Plan for the best possible outcome.

### Discussion

Conditions? 3/4 have applied for PPP loans and many were left out on the first round of dispersed money. Association with their bank seems relevant in the percentage return. 28% were not successful and waited for their bank to take the info. Preparing for the next round the banking system needs to do a better job. Uncertainty and lack of communication should improve. These small businesses were counting on the PPE loans to help them.

Special needs for successful re-opening? Employees returning to work, customers, money from PPP loans. Don't have a large HR staff so they will need help. Staffing issues could be a problem. Future hotspots for the virus...we need to be mindful...Local government should streamline their opening conditions so they are uniform. State needs to relax commerce restrictions.

**Monesia Brown Director of Public Affairs Walmart** shares how we have been impacted and some of our best practices.

- Operating as essential vs non-essential. Walmart, operating as an essential business, remains focused on safety and taking extensive measures. Our employees have been there at their best and so proud of them. Their best practices on safety and security is the number one priority.
- Plexiglass, floor decals for direction and distance, taking temperature of associates and screening questions, masks for employees and encouraging it for our customers, limiting the number of customers in the stores, adjusted operating hours for stocking and cleaning. We are doing everything we can.
- Committed to hiring more than 150k associates. We have had over one million applicants. We are hiring and working diligently. We have complied with all local government. Industry standards across the state would be very helpful.

### **Glen Gilzean President and CEO Central Florida Urban League**

Quick point on Walters comment on staffing issues. What can we do to help them socially and emotionally?



Walter: Resources have been given to us through our insurance providers which have been helpful. Keep employees informed in a positive manner and have them look forward to rejoining the company at some point. Stressing good communication and keeping that communication positive.

#### **Dana called on Dr. Rivera former Miami Dade County Dept. of Health**

Any insight on emotional welfare for workers who have been furloughed or permanently laid off? Lillian Rivera- concerning mental health...encouraging everyone to reach out to their local County Health Dept. Many non-profits and emergency management can be helpful and they can provide and direct resources. Congratulations to Walmart on what they are doing....doing a phenomenal job...as is Publix. We will get through this. The guidelines that were put forward by the White House...everyone needs to look at it... they are basic guidelines that will be helpful.

#### **Jose Cil CEO of Restaurant Brands International**

Expressed that he is happy to work on guidelines that can be helpful to all industries.

#### **Theme Parks**

##### **John Sprouls CEO Universal Orlando Resort**

- Terms of impact has been total for them which was voluntarily shut down.
- They are more than just a theme park. We are an entertainment complex. Retail, TV production, restaurants, bars etc. Looking at everything on how to re-open.
- Because of our size...greater ability to enforce social distancing. Safety, health screening, and protocol of illness, face coverings, sanitation will be ramped up, as well as disinfecting. Reduce frequent contact points.
- Greater use of technology...touchless points of contact. Use app to sign up and given time, reduces people standing in line. Limiting capacity. Looking for guidelines from our local governments. We are also looking at capping attendance initially.
- Dana asked for any insight for smaller theme parks....social distancing and control overall attendance, principles are the same but on a smaller scale. And of course sanitation.

#### **Discussion**

Airports and theme parks are similar....have you used plexiglass to address lines and movement of people that we have looked at with TSA? Universal hasn't thought about it in that context since we plan to control capacity.

Walter Carpenter: establishing guidelines rather than conditions.



### **Sports Industry**

**Matt Caldwell President and CEO Panthers Hockey Club** things are at a complete standstill.

- Weekly call with the NHL Commissioner, the NBA and the NHL groups are working very closely together. June time frame or target sometime in July.
- Limited stands or empty arenas, but when we can get the players together in a safe environment. Constant beta tests with our players and constantly monitoring them...resume the season this Summer if we can but nothing obviously is finalized.
- Tough on everyone...sports, parking, restaurants, food service etc. Everyone is affected. Getting the players safe is the direction of where the Panthers are going.
- Sanitation is huge. 20,000 seats...may not be able to sell all the tix, requiring masks, and time specific when the game starts and food rush in between periods makes virtual lines probably difficult. Netflix is doing well but would like to get sports back as soon as possible. Target is hopefully sometime this Summer. Absolutely no revenue coming in so it is very difficult. Have been able to keep full and part time employees on.

**Len Brown Executive VP and CLO of PGA Tour Inc.** Impacted on various levels...

- The Tour Championship is our Super Bowl. TV deals extended through 2030. Decided to move forward at first with the events because social distancing could be accomplished. They were being responsible. Thursday morning...1st group tee's off, but then the second group.....phone with the Governor and Shane, they decided to play Friday but without fans.
- Friday NBA, Broadway and others cancelled events....then Universal and Disney closing they knew they had to shut down within a span of 12 hours.. Cancelled the players and four events right after. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been lost. Donate a lot of the food which was good. Golfing is sponsor driven. The Jax market and Tampa Bay market was extremely impacted. We as a PGA tour of our 50 year history has contributed about \$3 billion in charity. We play all over the country.
- We want to have players test before they leave home, test them when they arrive, and test during the week. Try to make environment a safe zone, stay at same hotel, monitor movements, prohibit movements outside safe zone, looking at caddy relationship with distancing and PPE, equipment, common touch areas, eliminate rakes in sand traps, working with television partners for our media compounds and how those are set up so broadcasters are safe.
- Our goal is to take people back as immediately as we can. It is weird not having any sports so we are hopeful to get back as soon as possible. We will come back without fans and will only allow them back in when they are safe but again our venues allow for social distancing more than others.



Discussion

What are you doing for opening up so that we can look at guidelines for opening up recreational golf?

We've continued to operate, we look at social distancing, equipment use, our restaurant is now just take out but we have continued in the state of florida. Not every state in some states we have had to shut down and furlough employees.

Dana Young: If anyone has comments or questions please get them to Chris Spencer.