Travel Industry Update
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Some North American airlines see ticket sales slowly increasing

- Southwest, United and Air Canada say that ticket sales are slowing increasing and ticket cancellations are slowing.
- Southwest, focused on the U.S. domestic market, said it was adding some flights in June, which will bring that month’s overall annual capacity decline to between 45% and 55%, less severe than May’s decline of 60% to 70% in May.

Delta add flights to keep airline capacity at 60%

- Delta Air Lines Inc will keep planes no more than 60% full through at least July, adding more flights to its schedule than demand would usually justify.
- The move is part of a longer-term bet that CEO Ed Bastian highlighted to investors last month: that consumers’ perceptions of safety will be instrumental in reviving more routine travel, and that they will be willing to pay a premium for comfort.
- Previously the airline had said the capacity limits would be through June 30.

Las Vegas airport adds PPE vending machines

- McCarran International Airport has added PPE vending machines selling personal protective equipment including face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and wipes.
- The move comes as all major U.S. airlines and an increasing number of airports now require passengers to wear masks or other face coverings during the coronavirus pandemic.
- Sample prices include $4.25 for 50mL (about 1.7 ounces) of liquid hand sanitizer, a 10-pack of alcohol wipes for $5.25 and $7.50 for a pack of three disposable masks or $14.50 for a reusable cloth mask.

Hilton re-opening all hotels in Mainland China

- Hilton is one of the region's fastest-growing global hospitality companies and boasts 255 hotels in the Greater China region and more than 500 in the works.
- “The safety and well-being of our guests and Team Members remain our highest priority and reopening all our hotels in the Chinese Mainland is the first step in a measured global recovery process,” Hilton CEO Chris Nassetta said in a statement.
Current travel restrictions

- Here is an article that covers the current travel restrictions in Europe, Asia, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Travel is still restricted in most places, and quarantines are in place as well.

Florida Keys re-opening to visitors on June 1

- After closing to visitors on March 22 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, guests will be welcomed back to the island chain when checkpoints on two roads leading from the South Florida mainland to the Keys are suspended on June 1.
- Beaches in the Keys will also re-open June 1.
- Local officials also revealed arriving passenger screenings at Key West International and Florida Keys Marathon International airports will also be suspended.
- As for the hotel industry in the Florida Keys, occupancy will be limited to 50 percent of the standard numbers during the first phase of reopening. Officials will meet later in June regarding revisions to occupancy restrictions.
- While the tourism industry is preparing to reopen, Monroe County Mayor Heather Carruthers said businesses would have to be ready for a “new normal,” such as increased cleaning protocols, social distancing guidelines and mandatory face coverings for all visitors and employees.