

## Orange County Economic Recovery Task Force Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Minutes - Final

**Welcome:** Mayor welcomed everyone and thanked the Task Force members for their continued hard work over the last several weeks as we begin to safely open Orange County. I've asked my staff to send you copies of the letters we have received from the smaller attractions for your review. They are eager to reopen but we want to give appropriate guidance to them. The Brining Back Tourism will present their proposals and the attractions safety plan for the smaller attractions if they are allowed to open for discussion at our next Task Force meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. We are getting them prepared to present and talk about the entire plan of action. Depending on how that goes, we may advocate with that with the Governor or look within our respective structure here to give them guidance.

**Roll Call**: George Aguel provided the roll call of the Task Force members. The following members were present:

- AdventHealth, Scott Brady, MD, Senior Vice President of Ambulatory Services Dr. Hsu representing Dr. Brady
- Alfond Inn, Jesse Martinez, General Manager
- Black Business Investment Fund (BBIF), Inez Long, President and CEO
- CareerSource Central Florida Pamela Nabors, President and CEO
- Central Florida Auto Dealers Association, Evelyn Cardenas, CEO
- Church Street Entertainment, Doug Taylor, Managing Partner
- City of Orlando & Orlando Venues, Allen Johnson, Chief Venues Officer
- Darden Restaurants, Dave George, EVP and Chief Operating Officer
- Don Julio's Mexican Kitchen, Florencio "Larry" Rodriguez, Owner
- Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Kathy Ramsberger, President & CEO
- Florida Department of Health in Orange County, Raul Pino, MD, Health Officer
- J Henry's Barber Shop, John Henry, Owner
- Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce, John Newstreet, President/CEO
- Lake County Agency for Economic Prosperity, Brandon Matulka, Executive Director
- Mosaic Hair Studio, Mike Van del Abbeel, Salon Owner
- National Entrepreneur Center, Jerry Ross, Executive Director
- Nelson, Mullins/Broad and Cassel, Wayne Rich, Of Council
- Orange County Public Schools, Barbara Jenkins, Ed.D., Superintendent
- Orlando Health, George Ralls, MD, System Chief Quality Officer
- Orlando International Airport, Phil Brown, CEO
- Orlando Magic, Alex Martins, CEO Linda Landman Gonzalez on behalf of Alex Martins

- Orlando City Soccer Club, Alex Leitao, CEO Caesar Lopez on behalf of Alex Leitao
- Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Douglas Love-Ramos, President
- Prospera, Augusto Sanabria, President and CEO
- Rejoice in the Lord Ministries & President, African American Council of Christian Clergy, Pastor Roderick Zak, CEO
- Rosen Shingle Creek, Dan Giordano, General Manager
- SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Brad Gilmour, Vice President of Operations
- Seminole County Government, Tricia Johnson, Deputy County Manager/Chief Administrator for Community Relations and Economic Development
- The Mall at Millennia, Steve Jamieson, General Manager
- The Trentham Santiago Group, Conrad Santiago, CFP®, MSFS, Private Wealth Advisor
- The Vineyard Wine Bar & Healthy Bistro, Deborah Linden, Owner
- UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management, Youcheng Wang, Ph.D., Dean
- Unicorp National Development, Chuck Whittall, President
- Universal Orlando, Rich Costales, Executive Vice President of Resort Operations- Craig Widely attending on behalf of Rich Costales
- Walmart, Inc., Monesia Brown, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations
- Walt Disney World Resort, Thomas Mazloum, Senior Vice President, Resort & Transportation Operations
- WaWa, Inc., Todd Souders, Senior Director Florida Operations and New Market Development
- YMCA of Central Florida, Dan Wilcox, President & CEO
- Brian Comes, Hyatt Regency Orlando, Area Vice President
- Frank Goeckel, Wyndham Destinations, SVP, Strategy, Integration & Acquisitions
- Chris Earl, United Safety Council, Executive Director
- Keri Burns, Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Regional Director

**Approval of Minutes** – Tim Giuliani indicating the members received the draft minutes for the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for review. Tim asked for any changes to the minutes. There were no changes and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Wilcox and second from Alex Martins. The minutes were approved unanimously by the members.

**Public Comment**: George Aguel shared information about the public comments received from the residents. Orange County staff read four public comments into the record. To note, the League of Women Voters comment was read in its entirety at the Business Readiness Working Group.

**Health Update**: George Aguel introduced the Health Update beginning with Dr. Raul Pino, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Orange County. The health data tends to trend in the right direction. Yesterday, out of 898 tests, we had a 3.6% positivity rate that is the first day in the last 14 days that we went above 3.4%. Keep in mind that the number of tests performed was close to the highest we have completed. In general, the data continues to perform well. We had an additional death in Orange County – Latino female in her 80's. The health metrics we are following for the reopening of the county continue to go in the right direction. We will continue to watch the positive rate as we continue to reopen the county.

Dr. Hsu, AdventHealth – the trends in our admissions have mirrored what we are seeing in Orange County. Our peak was in early April, and our current census is at 23 for the four AdventHealth hospitals in Orange County. The trends continue to be very positive. The hospital opened up for surgeries last week per the Governor's directive. There is a new normal as part of the opening to include social distancing, universal mask-wearing and testing all patients for elective surgeries. We are frequently disinfecting all surfaces in the hospital as well as performing temperature checks. We are getting our ambulatory centers, Urgent Cares back open knowing it's going to be a slow ramp-up over time.

Dr. Ralls, Orlando Health – We are seeing stable numbers. The daily testing of 500 cases is seeing low positivity rates. We are tracking the inpatient COVID-19 patients very carefully; that's a real sensitive metric we use with the data we receive from the state. The number of patients coming into the hospital is increasing. ED volumes are slowly increasing, and our surgical volumes are increasing as well. We've implemented an enhanced screening process that's specific to our nursing home population because of the high risk. We are watching the numbers very carefully and sharing everyone's cautious optimism that we are moving in the right direction.

Q: Chuck – Dr. Pino – can you share the heat map that you showed at our Work Group meeting.

Q: Mayor Demings – second full week of Phase 1 reopening, and the health data look very promising to us. There is a period of time that we have to have as we continue to gather data before we go to the next phase. Let's assume we hold steady the next week as we prepare to go to Phase 2, what do you see in Phase 2 as businesses having the capability to open up. What are the types of businesses and the size of crowds that would be recommended?

Dr. Pino – I am employed by the State, and I don't know what the state would say. I know people are eager to exercise in the gyms; I would have some concerns due to the number of surfaces they touch, the size of the place as well as the sauna and pool. I also visited Universal and reviewed their plans for City Walk. The parks have a huge amount of surfaces, especially handrails. I would suggest signage not to touch handrails if they do not have to.

Dr. Hsu – I don't know that I would take all gyms equally. The number of people makes the difference in a particular area. It's not unreasonable to say, let's start with smaller businesses. Applying the same measures with social distancing, frequent cleaning, and masks. Start with smaller businesses with less crowds and then increase within any given sector. Where I get nervous is in large crowds. You can start Phase 2 with smaller businesses that would not have large crowds.

Dr. Ralls – the fundamental question in Phase 2 to address is the sanitation needs. With the larger venues, it's not the size of the venue as long as those strict guidelines can be maintained and a good commitment from the business owner on the public policy or regulatory side to maintain the sanitation practices. We have restaurants open with limited capacity and whether or not bars could do that as well. Regardless of the size of the businesses, it is the ability to maintain strict compliance with the guidelines.

Mayor – The reason I'm asking is that I have received numerous letters from small attractions that would like to be included in the next phase. Would it cause any of the physician's heartburn if amusement type parks, small theme parks would be included in the next phase? I'm looking to you for some concerns or recommendations in this regard.

Dr. Ralls – I would say that this environment is a challenge with distancing and sanitation. I would be more comfortable if we could see what operational adjustments the business incorporates, such as limiting the number of people they let in. We would need detail prior to making any recommendations. Dr. Hsu-I would echo Dr. Ralls. Part of the issue is the guidance for cleaning. Social distancing would have to open with a limited number of people first. I would suggest if we go ahead, we should proceed with caution and good guidance on what we believe to be reasonable with distancing and cleaning. We need to be very careful. Dr. Pino - I agree with two prior comments. The industry needs to be part of the conversation and see what kind of steps can be put into place and what's feasible and what's not feasible. Whatever we do across the theme parks, should be the same for all theme parks. We should have consistency across the industry as people move from park to park. Part of the conversation has to be cleaning surfaces. When I met with Universal, we talked about the idea of a health ambassador or someone that could walk around the park and knows the safety measures and reminds consumers about the measures that have to be taken and what to do if they are violated.

Mayor Demings – whatever decision we make has to be balanced because we have to do it safely. Is there an ideal period of time that we should stay within a particular phase before we further relax restrictions or guidance? Dr. Pino- I would say two weeks minimum. It doesn't have to be three or four; I think the data will tell us what's happening. We are the ones transmitting the virus; we have to I believe we are going to see a small spike in the number of cases. How big the spike is going to be is based on residents' compliance. Dr. Ralls – two weeks is the minimum based on the guidelines. It would likely require careful reassuring of trending numbers so we don't have to back track. That would be a more disruptive thing to do than being careful and giving it some extra time. I think if we continue to see what we're seeing, then we could start talking about Phase 2. Dr. Hsu – I would lean more to three weeks. The reason being, as you reopen, there's not a mad rush in the beginning. By the time you see numbers and people develop symptoms and seek the care, they could be significantly delayed from that standpoint. I agree with a minimum of two weeks, but I think we should look at three weeks.

The Mayor said it's very important for all of us to get it right. I'm going to give the letters we received and have the working group make recommendations to the full task on the viability of whether or not we could open. Lastly, we have an AAU sporting event planned for the third week of June. They want to move forward to do something at our Convention Center, and it has a substantial number of attendees that would potentially participate. In anticipation that we would have moved into the next phase of the reopening, we are ensuring the safety and sanitary measures are appropriate. I'm still a little concerned, but we will look to our healthcare experts with an abundance of caution as we move forward before we hold large in-person large scale sporting events.

Dr. Pino – displayed the pandemic animation map in Orange County.

Q: Chuck – yes, this is the heat map, and it's encouraging.

Q: Conrad – as we reopen the other phases, is there a possibility to do target test specific businesses or industries so we can determine if the cases are increasing specific to those businesses we are allowing to reopen. Dr. Pino – yes, we are getting ready for the next phase. Next week will be the last week for mobile testing in the way we are doing it now. As the community opens up, we may experience that people are not as interested in getting tested for the times we are offering. We have prepared a mobile clinic, and we will be ready to go with strike teams to industries or places that may have a small outbreak.

Not to determine causation but try to diminish the number of people in an outbreak moving through the county. We will not be establishing causation and link to a place.

Dr. Ralls – Randomly testing or requiring testing for the workforce can be problematic and not as useful.

Q: Dr. Jenkins: So, if there's no need for concern when we have a slight uptick from one day to another. When would the caution light go on in the minds of our physicians? Dr. Pino - from an epi point of view, I would be concerned if I see a sustained increase in daily numbers higher than the prior day. If the next day is lower than the prior day, we are good. If you continue to see an increase day by day within a 72 hour period, I would be concerned.

Dr. Ralls – I think considering the degree of vigilance we are giving, after a few days of increases, and then we would want to have a pause.

Dr. Hsu- we have traditionally looked at number of cases, however, there has been some research looking at AI systems to help with this. Well worth look at systems that might assist with early detection with algorithms instead of just looking at the number of cases themselves. Dr. Pino – I don't have any information that the state has been looking into AI.

George thanked the medical professionals for their updates.

**PPE for Small Businesses Update**: Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator, and Public Safety Director for Orange County, provided an update on PPE for small businesses. We have been able to order 1 million masks and 200K bottles of hand sanitizers for small businesses as they reopen. We have put into place an aggressive strategy to move the product within one week. We chose six sites throughout the county representing each district as well as ensuring equal opportunity throughout the county for small businesses to access the PPE. We have an online appointment opportunity for businesses to pick up at a particular time. We wanted to make it easy, so business owners would not have to wait in line. Danny thanked OCPS and the use of schools as distribution points for PPE and COVID testing.

## Six PPE Distribution Locations:

District 1: Orange Technical College Westside District 2: Apopka High School District 3: Three Point Elementary District 4: Downey Park District 5: Corner Lakes Middle School District 6: Mid Florida Tech

These are our numbers – we are over 8,500 small businesses registered for this week in Orange County. District 1 and District 6 were busier than the others. As of today, we served over 4,000 small businesses, and by the close of business, we will have over 750K masks in the hands of small businesses and distributed 100K in hand sanitizers. By the close of businesses on Friday, we anticipate moving 1.2 million masks and 200K bottles of hand sanitizers. Tim thanked Danny Banks and the County for the quick response on PPE to our small businesses.

Law Enforcement Perspective Businesses Reopening in Orange County: Sheriff Mina thanked the task force for their work. The Sheriff shared his thoughts on reopening businesses from the law enforcement

perspective. Going back to the original stay at home order and curfew we have not seen any large patterns of violations of any of the orders. There have been a handful of compliance issues. Before Phase 1, we probably received 25-30 business complaints generated from DBPR. Businesses that thought they were exempt and were not or businesses that violated the order. Most of our function has been an education role and explaining the executive order and the violation. We had a handful of violations for the curfew. As we move into Phase 1, there has been no pattern of noncompliance. We've just had a few calls and complaints about restaurants and retail establishments. I've spoken with all the Chiefs of police in Orange County over the last couple of days, and they are not seeing a pattern violating the order. We've seen good compliance from the community as a whole. When people call DBPR, they funnel those complaints to me. We have not seen any restaurants in unincorporated Orange County. In talking to the other chiefs, they have seen a handful in relation to social distancing and some patrons not wearing masks. The majority of the calls we have received have been in relation to large gatherings, street parties, and house parties. The community has been compliant as a whole from our perspective. We thought originally we might become overwhelmed with complaints from the community. We have not seen that and have not been overwhelmed. I know there is a concern with Chief Rolon, and this upcoming weekend related to the curfew not being in place and they may have some issues with the establishment's downtown. I'm happy with the way things are going in Phase 1 and the measured approach. We generally see good compliance.

George thanked Sheriff Mina for the report and the way our residents are complying with the guidelines as well as the establishments.

**Working Group Updates:** Tim Giuliani introduced the Working Groups that will provide an update at today's meeting. We will hear from Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence, and then we will hear from Guidelines for Reopening Business, followed by Business Readiness, and then Bringing Back Tourism.

**Business Compliance & Consumer Confidence Working Group Update:** Evelyn Cardenas and Pastor Roderick Zak, Co-Chairs of the Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence Working Group provided an update on the group's work and recommendations.

## **Recommendations:**

The Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence Working Group recommends an initiative designed to build consumer confidence by which businesses can voluntarily affirm their commitment to following Orange County Government's seven guidelines for reopening.

- Elements of Recommendation:
  - Wall Of Fame
  - Website
  - Declaration/Pledge of Commitment for Public Display

The Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence Working Group recommends the consumer confidence initiative has a motto and includes a business pledge and business disclaimer on the website.

- Elements of the Recommendation:
  - The motto can be selected from the list provided by the working group, or as decided by Orange County, with the goal of building momentum for the initiative

- Business Pledge: The business commits to following Orange County Government's seven guidelines for reopening to ensure staff, customers, and the community are safe and healthy.
- Business Disclaimer: In order to place this 'pledge' at the entrance, the business must follow Orange County Government's seven guidelines for reopening. This is based on the honor system and adhering to the seven guidelines.

The Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence Working Group recommends the Department of Business and Professional Regulation provides Orange County Government the complaints regarding the Executive Orders within 48-72 hours, unless the violation is egregious and it will be reported to the Orange County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at (407) 836-4357.

The Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence Working Group recommends a business that receives a noncompliance notice shall immediately take all appropriate steps to remedy the issue. Failure to address the issue could result in removal of the business from the County's public list of compliant businesses (wall of fame).

The Business Compliance and Consumer Confidence Working Group recommends the development of a theme/hashtag and public service announcements to facilitate public communication and reinforcement for following Orange County Government's seven guidelines for reopening. We strongly believe education is key, and education will be key to businesses complying with the seven guidelines.

Q: Is there any way to have the guidelines in Spanish to show to consumers and employees. Tim indicated that we would add that to the recommendation.

Tim: Do we have three recommendations having to do with the consumer confidence initiative, second recommendation on handling complaints, and third recommendation on how businesses will be removed from the Wall of Fame. Evelyn: We are recommending a whole system, but it is three recommendations. Tim asked for the county's advice on the motion. Lucas recommended one motion and included any amendments. Tim: Do we have a motion to adopt the recommendations? Doug Taylor made the motion and it was seconded by Alex Martins. Questions or amendments – 1<sup>st</sup> amendment to include the initiative in Spanish. Mayor Demings indicated that it would be translated in Spanish and Haitian Creole.

George – regarding the second portion, do we need to make any adjustments based on Sheriff Mina's update? Evelyn: The recommendation was just to put a timeframe and how the state and county communicates. Mayor – very difficult to mandate to the state that they will report something to the county within any specific time period. The County cannot mandate the state.

Evelyn – if you think we should remove the timeframe we can. Mayor – it may need to be adjusted that Orange County will encourage the state to report potential complaints within 48 hours. Accepted as a friendly amendment.

Tim – asked for any additional questions. I think the recommendation presents a wonderful opportunity for organizations to come together and work with the County. The OEP stands ready to help businesses and build consumer confidence. Tim asked for a voice vote. Members voted on the recommendations as amended. Task Force members unanimously supported the recommendations.

Mayor – the committee recommended a consumer confidence survey, and the county has developed it and we are finalizing it today. We will have a survey to the public within 24 hours.

Pastor Zak – Mayor, should we make adjustments for the Houses of Worship and recommendations that are more aligned with the order.

Mayor – in terms of the Governor's Executive Order, he only put in place guidelines for Houses of Worship. The County's executive order issued is consistent with the Governor's Office. We did not mandate guidelines, but we stated that the "should" follow the CDC guidelines and limit gatherings to 10 people. We have reviewed this with the County Attorney's Office, and we will address it during the Town Hall meeting.

Pastor Zak – I had an alliance meeting today, and they said restaurants are smaller than most churches and rotate new customers more frequently and increase the risk of COVID-19. Churches are larger and ideal to practice social distancing and they are more likely to follow the guidelines. Houses of Worship are more easily tracked and can isolate in the event of an exposure.

Pastor Zak - There's a perceived inequity regarding restaurants operating at 25% capacity and some Houses of Worship and it needs to be a shift. They feel ten person limit might as well mean we are closed. They perceive the county's order as a restriction.

Mayor – we will have a full discussion tomorrow. There's nothing in the county's executive order that mandates that they cannot go beyond gatherings of 10. The order is consistent with the guidelines laid out by the CDC. We know there's been some discussion in the media about a particular funeral this past weekend, and it did not appear any social distancing took place and very little wearing of masks, which is unfortunate, but that's something the church can do. There is no enforcement that can be taken against that church for what they did.

Pastor Zak – there's a lot of churches that are preparing to open this month, and in June and in reference to the guidelines, will there be an adjustment.

Guidelines for Reopening Working Group Update: Chuck Whittal and John Henry, Co-Chairs provided an update on the Guidelines for Reopening Business. We were extremely happy to hear Dr. Pino's update and that we are trending in the right direction. We went eight days without a death, which is going in the right direction. Sheriff Mina's update was very encouraging. John Henry spoke about the opening of his business. Thanked Mayor Demings and the Task Force members. Excited about the opening, and he is very busy. He indicated they are following the guidelines; they are very cautious and wearing masks, gloves, and sanitizing. Chuck – Steve Jamieson indicated the mall was active yesterday, and people were ready to get out again. Thank you Mayor for addressing the small attractions, and I own two of them. You have businesses like Dave and Busters- they sell food and have games and they are in a different league than the larger attractions and have the ability to limit capacity and social distance. We don't want to see Central Florida penalized because of South Florida. We are very quickly approaching Phase 2; the doctors have some hesitancy requiring fitness centers. They are health centers and they know what they need to do. I know one of the large chains is struggling and filing bankruptcy. We need to figure out how to get smaller attractions open, fitness center opens, and restaurants open to 75%. The Governor has not given any indication of when we are going to Phase 2. We've asked the doctors to give us an update on Monday so we can give you a recommendation that you can take to the Governor. We would like to come

up with some guidelines for those businesses and present them to you. This may be for the County Attorney's Office, but where do they fall in the list of businesses such as Dave and Busters?

Q: Dan Wilcox – Speaking on behalf of gyms everywhere, we are working incredibly hard with the seven guidelines and limiting capacity and implementing the sanitation practices and reservation systems. We like to be considered for Phase 2 by the Task Force and the Governor

Tim: I believe you are scheduled to meet on Monday, and you will have something to recommend for Phase 2.

Mike: Why can't gyms be on the same type of appointment system like Hair salons?

**Business Readiness Working Group Update**: Deborah Linden and Doug Taylor, Co-Chairs, provided an update on the Business Readiness Working Group update. Doug thanked Director Banks for his update on the PPE distribution and the hard work distributing 1.2M masks and over 200K bottles of hand sanitizer. We can tell you how much interest the PPE distribution has garnered and how important it has been to the small business community. Thanked Orange County for their hard work. It's been at the highest importance of the Working Group. Our initial recommendations have been adopted by the Task Force. We will have a full suite of outputs for next the Task Force meeting.

Bringing Back Tourism Working Group Update: Jesse Martinez and Dr. Youcheng Wong, Co-Chairs, provided an update on the Brining Back Tourism Working Group. We had our recommendations accepted and approved at the last Task Force meeting. We had our meeting on Monday, and we talked about the phasing of the Tier structure as the county reopens. We were happy to have two guest speakers, David Ingram, Acting General Manager, who spoke about the Convention Center and the upcoming tournament. He spoke about the healthy environment for the participants and staff and how that will work at the convention center if it does happen. He talked about the economic state of the Convention Center and the GBHC certification that they are applying for. Our second speaker was Maria Triscari, President of the I-Drive Chamber of Commerce. She spoke about how they are managing during these times and what her members are concerned about to include the small attractions. I believe they are separate from larger theme parks and if they do it safely, they could open at some point in Phase 2. Dr. Wong – for the past two weeks we have met multiple times and invited a number of speakers from various industries, so we have different perspectives from industry leaders. The information shared was insightful and informative. As far as we are concerned, we have to make recommendations based on the data provided. We will stay positive and be cautious between the durations of Phase 1 and Phase 2. Hopefully, by sometime next week we will have additional information to provide insights on the phased approach.

## **Open Discussion**: George led the Task Force in open discussion.

Q: Chuck – Mayor and Roseann – I mentioned in my conclusion do we know the legal position of the smaller venues and where they stand. Who on your level has heard anything from the Governor on target dates to speak about Phase 2? The most frustrating thing for businesses is that they don't have hope. There has not been a date proposed for Phase 2, so they can plan and rehire employees. The whole state is not considered equal.

Mayor- we are all considered about our local economy. While we may be unique in what drives our local economy, we are not unique with the potential the virus can have on our community. The virus does not look at any community any differently. We have to have a balance with the decisions that are being made

based on the health risks. I'm not going to ask the Governor to assume the extraordinary risk and put people's lives at risk. Protecting their livelihood is very important and so the two have to come together. Has the Governor given any indication of when he will go to Phase 2 – the answer is no. However, in following the guidelines laid out by the White House and the CDC, we need 2-3 weeks in-between phases. It could be another week before we go to Phase 2 or longer. The Governor usually makes the announcement and gives 4-5 days' notice before it takes effect. Given what I've heard from the physicians, they offered a lot of caution about relaxing the guidelines too quickly. However, they said if there were sanitary protocols that could be put in place by certain industries and the small attractions can say here is what we can do and limit the number of people coming in, then they may be allowed to open. It just conjecture on our part we don't have a definitive date. Make sure your recommendations are based on fact, and not emotion and see where this takes us in the next few days.

Chuck: it sounds discretionary on the Governor's part, the White House guidelines talk about the 14-day trend, and then you go into Phase 2. We said we would follow the data plus cushion. On the legal side, where do the attractions fall?

Mayor – that's a matter of interpretation. I believe we can get clarity from the Governor's Office. I believe one size does not fit all. They may be able to open portions or all. This is a statewide issue and it's being discussed in large urban centers across the state. I will have conversations with colleagues in large urban counties and see where their position falls.

Pastor Zak: As you know, there was a large funeral in Pine Hills this past weekend, I was wondering if funeral homes are regulated because they can be potential super spreaders. Mayor – from a legal perspective, the funeral homes are considered religious services if held in Houses of Worship. There's some authority over the license of funeral directors; they are still within their allowable activities. It's really the faith leader that has to make decisions that are more restrictive than what can be mandated and make decisions in the best interest of their parishioners. They don't always agree. We do live in a litigious society and we would I have to look to the courts and the civil system to make a determination if someone contributed to the demise of another. It's a controversial subject here and across the nation. The best we can do is to have an open conversation about the CDC guidelines.

**Next Steps:** Tim Giuliani - the next task force meeting has been scheduled for May 21<sup>s</sup> at 2pm. All task force and working group meetings are streamed live on Orange TV, and public comment can be submitted at <u>publiccomment@ocfl.net</u> by 5pm the day before the Task Force meeting. You can also provide any comments or questions at <u>economicrecovery@ocfl.net</u>

**Closing**: Mayor Demings stay the course, and thank you for your input. It's valuable as we move forward. Tim Giuliani, Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting.