
OH&LA Hotel Industry Recovery: July 10, 2020

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COVID-19 Membership Update: July 10

STR Hotel Occupancy Updates

For the first time in 12 weeks, hotel occupancy dipped over the July 4 weekend. Occupancy was 45.6% for the week ended July 4, down from 46.2% the prior week, [according to STR](#). Occupancy had risen in week-to-week comparisons for 11 straight weeks since April.

New City Emergency Proclamations: COVID-19 Guidance

Multiple cities have released updated Emergency Proclamations. The ORA has continued to remain instrumental in providing input to state officials in order to help keep our businesses open and safe. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Below are several emergency proclamations and executive orders based on city health departments and city mayors. We will include more as they are released:

- Bethany
 - [Emergency Declaration](#)
- Midwest City
 - [Midwest City Ordinance](#)
- Norman
 - [Norman Ordinance](#)
- OKC
 - [Emergency Order](#)
- Tulsa
 - [Emergency Order](#)
- Stillwater
 - [City Ordinance](#)
- Yukon
 - [Emergency Proclamation](#)

**Note: This is the most up-to-date information available at the time this email was sent. Some information may have changed since then, so we encourage you to check other sources as well.*

Phase 2: Oklahoma Business Relief Program Grants

Phase 2 begins at 8 a.m. on July 14. Many participating financial institutions are continuing to work with businesses interested in applying to gather the required information in advance. OBRP offers funding for businesses that have suffered revenue loss due to the pandemic. Businesses submit their applications through participating financial institutions, which are listed on the Commerce website. Phase 2 will open up another \$50 million, and it is anticipated that the funds will go even faster, as business owners and financial institutions have additional time to prepare. [Learn more.](#)

McConnell Calls for 5-year Lawsuit Shield for Businesses

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell outlined new details this week of what he wants to see in the next and potentially final coronavirus relief package, including a five-year liability shield for businesses and a possible

new round of stimulus checks aimed at workers making \$40,000 a year and less.

- McConnell spoke at a series of events in Louisville, during a two-week congressional recess. They laid down markers for Democrats ahead of what promise to be contentious negotiations when Congress reconvenes on July 20.
- He intends to release a new bill as the starting point for talks that will take place with coronavirus cases surging anew and economic pain still racking the nation.
- He said the next bill will include liability protections for businesses, health-care providers, universities and schools.

One Question - OH&LA Update Poll

Since Mid-March when hotels were closed due to the pandemic, and continuing through the recovery process, OH&LA has been producing this daily update to provide you with the latest news that impacts your business. Our updates have announced informative webinars and roundtable discussions, and health and safety protocols, as well as reporting the association's progress in the fight to make vital improvements to legislation, such as PPP loans and expansion opportunities for liquor sales. OH&LA is constantly evaluating the work we do for the hospitality industry and we'd like to hear from you about how frequently you would like to receive these updates. We invite you to answer this [one-question survey](#) so we know how frequently you wish to receive our updates.

Oklahoma COVID-19 Testing Sites

Several of our members have requested a list of COVID-19 testing sites available in the state. We put together a list of both rapid testing sites which only take 15 minutes to receive results, as well as free testing sites that typically take around 48-72 hours to learn your results. They are listed below:

- [Rapid Results Testing Sites](#)
- [Free Testing Sites](#)

