



MLS IS BACK. Bill Tuiloma (#25) of the Portland Timbers competes for the ball during Major League Soccer's MLS is Back Tournament. The Timbers, which finished atop Group F, won its quarterfinal match against New York City FC and will now play in a semifinal matchup against the Philadelphia Union on Wednesday, August 5. The championship game is scheduled for August 11. (Photo/Matthew Stith & Devin L'Amoreaux, courtesy of Major League Soccer)

MLS is Back Tournament narrowed down to four clubs

After having its season postponed in mid-March, Major League Soccer (MLS) kicked off its official restart — the MLS is Back Tournament — on July 8. Nearly a month later, the World Cup-style competition will feature its semifinal round this week and the championship match is scheduled for August 11.

The tournament featured four teams placed into six groups. During the tourney, players, club staff, officials, and other participants have been housed within a quarantine bubble in Florida.

Action for the Portland Timbers started July 13 as part of Group F and with a 2-1 win over the L.A. Galaxy. In its second match on July 18, the squad defeated the Houston Dynamo, 2-1. In the final group game on July 23, the team tied Los Angeles FC, 2-2.

The Timbers emerged from its group as the top team. Seeding into the knockout round led to a July 28 Round of 16 match against FC Cincinnati, which ended in a 1-1 draw. To determine which squad would advance to the next round, a penalty-kick shootout was held, with the Timbers prevailing 4-2. In the August 1 quarterfinal match against New York City FC, the Timbers won 3-1.

The first semifinal game, scheduled for Wednesday, August 5 at 5:00pm, features the Timbers and the Philadelphia Union. The winner of that match will meet the victor of the Thursday semifinal between Minnesota United and Orlando City.

To learn more, visit <www.portlandtimbers.com>.

Road trip? Quarantines mess with travel plans

By David Sharp
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Families trying to squeeze in a summer vacation before school starts better do some homework on COVID-19 restrictions before loading up the minivan.

The web of state and local quarantines in the east is growing more tangled by the day: New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut have ordered visitors from a whopping 34 states to quarantine for 14 days. Chicago and Washington, D.C., have each singled out travellers from about two dozen states. Other states have their own lists. Some have an option for visitors to get tested instead.

“Complicated doesn’t begin to describe it. I feel sorry for people. They just want to go to Cape Cod. They want to go to Vermont. I don’t know what to tell them. People are pretty much left on their own to figure out,” said Kathy Kutrubes, owner of a travel agency in Boston.

The restrictions — and maybe the confusion, too — are contributing to a sharp drop in travel, dealing a blow to a key industry.

Before the outbreak, Americans were expected to take 2.3 billion domestic trips this year, according to the U.S. Travel Association. But that’s expected to drop about 30% to 1.6 billion, the lowest level since 1991. Normally nearly a third of domestic travel happens in the summer.

Abroad, a drop-off in tourism from U.S. visitors and restrictions on crossing borders have also led many travel-related businesses to wonder if they will survive.

The coronavirus is blamed for more than 150,000 deaths in the U.S. and more than 680,000 elsewhere around the world.

When it comes to travel restrictions in the U.S., the situation varies widely. Many states have no restrictions whatsoever for domestic travel. But the number of states with quarantines is growing as governors move to protect residents amid flareups in places such as Florida, Texas, and Arizona.

The results are confusing, to say the least.

For example, Maine requires Massachusetts visitors to either quarantine or take a test, but Mainers may travel freely in Massachusetts. Chicago’s quarantine order includes neighboring Wisconsin. But people who cross the state line for work are exempted.

In Connecticut, Paula Simchock and her husband are planning to hit the beaches in Delaware with their daughter en route to dropping her off at college in South Carolina. But because both of those states are on Connecticut’s quarantine list, they expect to have to isolate upon returning home.

“We’re definitely stir crazy. So we’re really looking forward to getting down to Delaware and enjoying our favorite restaurants and surf shop. We’re really excited about it,” Simchock said. “To see that it’s on the Connecticut hot spot list is disappointing.”



QUARANTINE COMPLICATIONS. People wear face coverings while walking on the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk during the coronavirus outbreak in Santa Cruz, California. Californians are being wooed by local tourism boards promising safe and clean lodging, dining, and sightseeing in a bid to boost the state’s devastated economy. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

The U.S. Travel Association believes that with proper precautions — masks, handwashing, and proper sanitation — people can travel safely.

More than a third of jobs lost during the pandemic are in the travel and tourism industry, said Tori Emerson Barnes, spokeswoman for the association.

“Really and truly, the only way that we can have a sustained economic rebound is to have people moving again,” she said.

Mike Stumpf and his wife, who live outside Philadelphia, were supposed to take a cruise in Alaska in June. Then a trip to Colorado was cancelled. A fall cruise to Europe has been delayed, and they bagged their annual trip to Florida.

Between different state regulations and health concerns, there’s just too much uncertainty, he said. “We won’t because it’s not worth the risk and every state has different regulations,” he said.

Others don’t want to risk it, either.

In New York, Lyndie Callan had to cancel her 60th birthday celebration in Spain this summer because of the country’s restrictions on U.S. visitors. But even without the restriction, she wouldn’t have felt comfortable travelling.

“There’s only one way to get this virus under control and that’s to behave responsibly. It starts with me,” Callan said. “I don’t see that my vacation plans are all that important. I’ll go on vacation next year.”

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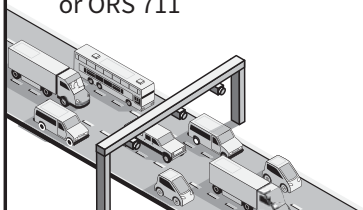
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Solution to last issue's puzzle

Puzzle #85448 (Medium)

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Eviction Moratorium Guide

The moratorium protects tenants **unable to pay rent** from being evicted for nonpayment of rent through Sept. 30, 2020.

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