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Ive just received an email from DVC concerning our 5 day stay at VB starting next Saturday stating the following may be closed for refurbishment: Tiger Lily Aquatic Play Area, Port Holes Mini Golf, Vero Beach Feature Pool, Whirlpool Spa, and the Pirates Plunge Pool Slide. We have our daughters family travelling all the way from British Columbia and they have an infant and a 4 year old. Theres no way the rough Atlantic can provide the same safe environment that a kiddie pool can. To say Im livid is putting it mildly. And the added insult to injury we find all this out a week before we arrive.Im not sure what we can do. Do we ask for some type of compensation for this inconvenience? If everything stated is indeed closed at the same time I find this totally unacceptable. Below is from the website. Maybe they sent you something about next year's refurbishment.The Resort's Feature Pool, Tiger Lily Wet Play Area, Pirate's Plunge Pool Slide, Port Holes Miniature Golf and the whirlpool spa will be unavailable in late September 2020 through late November 2020. Access to our beautiful, sandy beaches will remain open. We apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause Unfortunately the date at the top of the email refers to November 2019 and the body of the text says some or all of the following will be unavailable during your visit. At this point I can only hope we can use the kiddie pool and splash pad for the grandkids at least part of the time. Could see if they'll move you over to Disney World. I've heard people are getting the email, but it sounds like an error given the refurb schedule. We received the email tonight as well. We stay November 20-23, 2019. Really hoping it might be a mistake! I spent the last little while searching the internet for info on VB pool area refurb info and have come up blank. Earlier tonight I sent Disney an email expressing my disappointment. Hopefully I'll get a reply from them that at least has more specific information. Hoping it's a mistake or it's something like a sidewalk being closed as being "some" may be closed. Figers crossed for you. Called the resort directly this morning, its a mistake. Correction email going out soon. Its next year, everything will be fine this month! We also called VB this morning & can confirm the email was sent in error. I have to say the woman we spoke with (Gail) was superb in terms of her customer service. Gail noted DVC working on a clarification email to go out asap. Much relief on our end this morning! I am glad to hear that it was an error! Enjoy your trip! We also called VB this morning & can confirm the email was sent in error. I have to say the woman we spoke with (Gail) was superb in terms of her customer service. Gail noted DVC working on a clarification email to go out asap. Much relief on our end this morning! I think I spoke to the same CM, she was great! I am sad to say I cant see how disney can reopen . They shut down before virus was an issue in Florida . Now it seems like FLorida has no choice but to shut down again. Anyone have more optimistic thoughts?? I think it will happen if cases are shown to increase because WDW opened..so much went into calling ppl back etc. This is speculation with no real opinion lol Just curious - is Florida conducting any contact tracing? If they are, Im trying to envision the Disney response to being pinpointed as the epicentre of significant outbreaks. I think it could happen. I really thought by this time a few months back it would be almost over with, at least for a bit. Boy was I wrong, way wrong. I really do feel I will possibly lose a close family member to this, or even possibly my own life. I think it could happen. I really thought by this time a few months back it would be almost over with, at least for a bit. Boy was I wrong, way wrong. I really do feel I will possibly lose a close family member to this, or even possibly my own life. Do you need help? Do you need someone to talk to? Unfortunately, it looks like this virus is here to stay. Hopefully some type of treatment/vaccination will be found soon. I think it is possible Disney will shut down again if they play a part in a rise of cases, but at this point how could they not? More visitors to an area means higher numbers, plain and simple. Even with distancing and masks, just being around people again will likely see a rise in cases because of the change. People stayed home (read no contact), new cases were low. Then people started leaving their homes (read increased contact), new cases rose. Seems like common sense to me that this would happen.Will it all affect Disney? Who knows? Do you need help? Do you need someone to talk to? No, I will be OK. But how so very nice of you to ask. I am so impressed. Thank you. You are a shining example of what this country needs right now. I am sad to say I cant see how disney can reopen . They shut down before virus was an issue in Florida . Now it seems like FLorida has no choice but to shut down again. Anyone have more optimistic thoughts?? I live here and I don't believe you will see anything happen. They decided today that all schools must open, 5 days per week in August (they usually start the second week of August). I don't see them shutting down anything any time soon. The governor thinks everything is fine. I am sad to say I cant see how disney can reopen . They shut down before virus was an issue in Florida . Now it seems like FLorida has no choice but to shut down again. Anyone have more optimistic thoughts?? When they closed in March they werent prepared with safety protocols and social distancing. Now I think they have protocols to protect their guests and cast members. I think they are too close to the opening date to cancel now, but I could be wrong. Just curious - is Florida conducting any contact tracing? If they are, Im trying to envision the Disney response to being pinpointed as the epicentre of significant outbreaks. They (FL Dept of Health) say they are, but news reports say they are not. Last edited: Jul 7, 2020 I live here and I don't believe you will see anything happen. They decided today that all schools must open, 5 days per week in August (they usually start the second week of August).I don't see them shutting down anything any time soon. The governor thinks everything is fine. I read that parents can have the option of continuing with on line learning also. There will be no minimum amount of days to the school year as in past years, like 180, so if there is a shutdown, days will not have to be made up. Parents will most likely like the fact that they have been given the choice, regular face to face learning or virtual learning. The problem is the teachers, adminstrators, custodial staff, transportation staff, many of whom are "at risk", either with pre existing medical conditions or because of age. This is the issue that schools throughout the country face, health and safety issues with the staff as well as the children. florida looks and sounds a mess right now. my brother in law was just down in tampa and couldn't' wait to get home. I have my father inlay living down there now and he said it's interesting. i was just talking to another friend just down in florida. they said how awesome it was that a few weeks ago before it got back that you didn't have to wear a mask and could do anything you wanted vs up here. i think that is a good example of why florida is like how it is now. i really think it's just not a good idea. Disneys safety measures are no better than any other place that is doing the right thing in the country. even now they are balling it a bubble with the nab getting to disney today. a bubble is a good way to say it cause i think it's going to become a hot spot. sad to say but i see this blowing up in their face. i hope not. Unless significant federal intervention occurs, and it will not in 2020, Florida is open. Disney will have a difficult time closing in the absence of federal or state edict. International travel will be at zero or near zero to Disney, but they will stay open.The problems the NBA and MLS are having (not to mention MLB) are pretty indicative. I live here and I don't believe you will see anything happen. They decided today that all schools must open, 5 days per week in August (they usually start the second week of August).I don't see them shutting down anything any time soon. The governor thinks everything is fine. Pretty much this. Disney won't shut again unless ordered to by the state. And even with record cases, Florida is moving forward with opening the state and requiring teachers to go back to work and students to go back to school. Further, DeSantis is convinced that the theme parks have to reopen to drive economic recovery. He wants Disney open - very badly. So I just do not see any way that he would tell them to shut down again. Even if you put all that aside, remember Disney is a freight train. That train has LOADS of inertia that carries it down the train tracks. It can't stop on a dime, even if it wanted to. Disney will open. And as long as DeSantis is calling the shots, it will likely stay open. Besides, with the health and safety they have put in place, you are less likely to catch Covid at Disney than you are at my local grocery. The biggest danger is going to be the plane rides or gas stations if you drive. I live in Florida and the amount of out of state license plates I see on the daily is crazy now compared to a few months ago. People from all over bringing in germs. I wish Florida opened to only residents for a few months. We wear masks everywhere we go and have been since the beginning even when we were told they are not effective in stopping the spread. 50/50 odds in my opinion. On Sunday, we cancelled our DVC trip for September. Have been told the borrowed 2020 points will be returned to 2021 use year within 14 days. We'll see. Wish people would wear their masks, wash their hands, keep a reasonable distance, and stay home if they don't feel well. It's not that difficult. Peace and cheers to all. Has Universal been linked to any spread? I know Disney is a bigger draw, but Universal has been open for over a month, and it has not been targeted (right or wrong) as the source of the increase in cases. Gov. DeSantis and Disney would use that (again, right or wrong) as part of the argument for opening. We cancelled our August vacation yesterday - still have one planned for november.As far as contact tracing - I've read various articles saying that the cases are so high in volume in the whole of the south that it is impossible to properly contact trace. We cancelled our August vacation yesterday - still have one planned for november.As far as contact tracing - I've read various articles saying that the cases are so high in volume in the whole of the south that it is impossible to properly contact trace. Ive read that its so high because of contact trading. One person tests positive and they can trace it to another dozen people fairly quickly who also turn out to be positive but asymptomatic. Months ago these people would have never qualified for tests. Page 2 I live here and I don't believe you will see anything happen. They decided today that all schools must open, 5 days per week in August (they usually start the second week of August).I don't see them shutting down anything any time soon. The governor thinks everything is fine. It IS fine... just take some precautions and you could be one of the 99.8% who survive this and the flu every year. I still think a lot of the spike we are seeing is due to the protests and riots we have been seeing since the end of May. We are right in the timeline were we would be seeing those spikes from that source. Also the photos I have seen of 20 somethings at the local bars is another area of concern and probably a cause of the spikes across the country. I know the cases are spiking but so far the mortality rate has been low, I'm hoping it stays that way. Maybe what we are seeing is the beginning of herd immunity? I still think a lot of the spike we are seeing is due to the protests and riots we have been seeing since the end of May. We are right in the timeline were we would be seeing those spikes from that source. Also the photos I have seen of 20 somethings at the local bars is another area of concern and probably a cause of the spikes across the country. I know the cases are spiking but so far the mortality rate has been low, I'm hoping it stays that way. Maybe what we are seeing is the beginning of herd immunity? I agree and we certainly need to take care of the more vulnerable in our population. I am wishing for some herd immunity pixie dust by the 50th anniversary next year. I don't want to stray too far from DIS, but always remember that morbidity and mortality are quite different. I think Disney, if they stick strictly to their protocols, will be pretty safe overall. The problems will be caused by some guests refusing to comply with mask requirements and distancing. People crowding to the rivers for tubing and bars has caused a lot of our problems here in Texas. The restaurants I've been to in the last few weeks have been very strict about sanitizing and distancing, as well as having employees wearing masks. Last edited: Jul 7, 2020 I don't want to stray too far from DIS, but always remember that morbidity and mortality are quite different. Yup. Those who are eventually discharged from the hospital or who "recover" don't get counted in the mortality rate, however it is becoming quite evident that the "recovery" from this virus is long, and there are indicators that it comes with some long term/possibly permanent damage. That to me is just as important when estimating the severity of this virus compared to the seasonal flu. Yup. Those who are eventually discharged from the hospital or who "recover" don't get counted in the mortality rate, however it is becoming quite evident that the "recovery" from this virus is long, and there are indicators that it comes with some long term/possibly permanent damage. That to me is just as important when estimating the severity of this virus compared to the seasonal flu. This. There is growing evidence that Covid-19 has lingering long term effects. Also, herd immunity is not guaranteed and it requires a level of exposure that we aren't yet near, and to get to that level, we'd overwhelm our medical facilities and you'd see deaths spiking again. (I encourage you to look at what happened in Sweden, who tried the herd immunity approach). One of the reasons that fatality rates aren't yet spiking is earlier efforts helped flatten the curve to under the capacity of our hospitals and we've gained better understanding of how to treat patients. Also, look at the % of positive cases - yes, we are testing more, but the % of positive cases is on the rise, which indicates that it's not more testing that is the result of the increase; the virus is spreading. A recent article indicated that the strain of covid-19 in Texas is mututating into a more contagious variant.I, for one, desperately want to visit Disney again, but will not until it is reasonably safe. The rise of numbers in Florida strongly indicate that travel to FL is not safe, as the state in general is not taking the right precautions to ensure safety. Disney may be trying, mind you, but to get to Disney, there is a lot of potential interaction with areas of high risk of exposure. Herd immunity is looking less and less likely...recent study published in medical journal The Lancet a couple of days ago shows that of those infected, very few maintained their antibodies and some lost antibodies entirely after a few weeks. From what I've read, best hope is still a vaccine, but it is also not without issues--mostly how to get millions if not billions of doses delivered quickly and safely to everyone in a cost-effective manner all the while hoping the virus does not mutate to a degree that the vaccine would miss its target. Disney will not close. A vast majority of new cases are young. The death rate in Florida is one of the lowest in the country. It is not the number of cases to watch, it is the number of cases in ICU that is important. The real problem in Florida is they have allowed elective surgeries and the great number of catch up elective surgeries are taking up a great number of ICU beds. So if the Covid cases get worse those ICU beds are not available. How many people realize that every time you go to a Hospital for treatment of anything, they test you for Covid. People are testing positive that have no systems. Last edited: Jul 8, 2020 You are not closing back down unless you are closing for another 6+ months. No one is signing up for that. People just need to be careful, wear masks, and all companies need to have proper protocols.See about a zero chance of closing unless somehow the mortity rate (not number of deaths) starts to spike across all age groups. No, I will be OK. But how so very nice of you to ask. I am so impressed. Thank you. You are a shining example of what this country needs right now. Glad you are ok- SL6827. But dont be afraid to reach out if you need to! Herd immunity is looking less and less likely...recent study published in medical journal The Lancet a couple of days ago shows that of those infected, very few maintained their antibodies and some lost antibodies entirely after a few weeks. 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Herd immunity is looking less and less likely...recent study published in medical journal The Lancet a couple of days ago shows that of those infected, very few maintained their antibodies and some lost antibodies entirely after a few weeks. From what I've read, best hope is still a vaccine, but it is also not without issues--mostly how to get millions if not billions of doses delivered quickly and safely to everyone in a cost-effective manner all the while hoping the virus does not mutate to a degree that the vaccine would miss its target. They are concerned about how viable a vaccine is too now. It may require boosters quite often (yearly like the Flu shot? More? Unknown at this point). But it looks increasingly like a measles-type vaccine is unlikely. We'll be fine in either November or January depending on other things. We'll be fine in either November or January depending on other things. Hey hey now theres no room for a logical post in these boards! That being said its such a shame how little the media reports on therapeutics and antibody producing therapeutic cocktails. We are at most 2-3 months away from the mass production/availability of these products. Thats a game changer. My prediction is that by Thanksgiving most of this will be behind us and only international travel bans (especially from China) will remain for most of 2021. I don't think they will shut down again. Hey hey now theres no room for a logical post in these boards! That being said its such a shame how little the media reports on therapeutics and antibody producing therapeutic cocktails. We are at most 2-3 months away from the mass production/availability of these products. Thats a game changer. My prediction is that by Thanksgiving most of this will be behind us and only international travel bans (especially from China) will remain for most of 2021. Really the recent increase in positive tests in the south could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Either they will follow a pattern of NYC with disastrous amount of deaths and then with everyone getting exposed and it will go away. I don't expect this to happen. Or they won't and only have a small upticks in death at a fraction of the level of infections. This could be because treatments are better, they've shielded nursing homes, or the virus has mutated, or the people testing positive now are low risk and just about anyone can get a test. Any of these or all of them could contribute to this result. This is what I'm expecting to happen. Either way it ends faster now, because without a vaccine people are going to eventually get it and staying shutdown until a vaccine would cause more deaths and destruction than the virus. We are far beyond any chance of eradication until herd immunity of some flavor comes along. Remember: Mortality and morbidity are different. elective surgeries and the great number of catch up elective surgeries are taking up a great number of ICU beds. Most elective surgeries don't take up ICU beds. Either they will follow a pattern of NYC with disastrous amount of deaths and then with everyone getting exposed and it will go away. Far from "everyone" got exposed. I know countless friends who got exposed and very sick, who are counted in the total counts for NYC, but - 222,000 confirmed cases out of a population of 8M - is still only about 3% infected. And now about 1.1% of tests are coming back positive. It's not like you can get exposed once and then you're never going to get exposed again. 97% of the population didn't get infected or sick, and we'd still like to keep it that way.Getting back on topic: I also don't think WDW will close again, unless they can't keep their guests and CMs safe. This would require operating at low enough volumes that surfaces can be cleaned, and that everyone *can* maintain social distance and follow their rules. But I think at this point, they're going to let the guests self-select whether to go or not. Decision is made for me because of the quarantines going in both directions; in some ways it makes it easier for me, because then I don't have to rationalize going or not going. Am I sad about it? Yes. I hope the CMs are able to work and feel safe at work. Last edited: Jul 8, 2020 Page 3 My prediction is that by Thanksgiving most of this will be behind us and only international travel bans (especially from China) will remain for most of 2021. I think it is other countries now that fear U.S. travelers. Or is your China reference a political dig As the "Will disney opening be delayed" thread is moot, this thread was due. Prediction this thread will last longer since it is open ended. Disney will not close. A vast majority of new cases are young. The death rate in Florida is one of the lowest in the country. It is not the number of cases to watch, it is the number of cases in ICU that is important. The real problem in Florida is they have allowed elective surgeries and the great number of catch up elective surgeries are taking up a great number of ICU beds. So if the Covid cases get worse those ICU beds are not available. How many people realize that every time you go to a Hospital for treatment of anything, they test you for Covid. People are testing positive that have no systems. Most post-op ICU stays are 2 days or less. Yes the surgeries have an effect but that's not the whole picture. I think it is other countries now that fear U.S. travelers. Or is your China reference a political dig Not a political dig just more so a hedge by the US against future virus transport. China was a very logical starting point to a pandemic given their incredibly compact living conditions in highly overpopulated cities combined with poor hygiene and lifestyle. 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Also, what is your source for the "poor hygiene and lifestyle" comment? Not trying to be argumentative, but I worry that this kind of stereotype fuels anti-Asian sentiments and xenophobia. I'm expecting our government to keep pretending it's not happening, because apparently if we pretend it's not there everything is fine. At this point, I think it's crazy to expect Disney to close to protect people when everything else is open and people want to go. If someone wants to go put themselves in danger, at some point they are a corporation and can't sacrifice themselves so everyone's money goes to competitors instead.The businesses that voluntarily took extra measures only got hurt more. Nobody is thanking them, but their competitors who were less responsible are now doing better than they are. Universal opened and everyone sat around talking about how they are happy to go there instead. They are concerned about how viable a vaccine is too now. It may require boosters quite often (yearly like the Flu shot? More? Unknown at this point). But it looks increasingly like a measles-type vaccine is unlikely. I don't see why anyone should have a problem with a yearly vaccine, like the flu vaccine is. It's a virus, like the flu is, and mutates. So I see people going in and getting the flu shot in one arm, covid shot in the other. And some day, maybe 10 years from now or more, they'll be combined so you get one yearly flu-covid shot. That's my theory (or hope).Meantime, I don't see Disney closing either. Closing and reopening is much too costly. I am sad to say I cant see how disney can reopen . They shut down before virus was an issue in Florida . Now it seems like FLorida has no choice but to shut down again. Anyone have more optimistic thoughts?? I wouldn't call it optimistic but at this point I don't see them shutting back down. Cats out of the bag everywhere in this country and despite that no one is slowing the train down. The powers that be don't seem to care, and Disney has made it plain with the contrast between California and Florida that only a state mandated closure would keep them shut. I shudder to think how bad it would have to get for them to make the decision on their own. We'll be fine in either November or January depending on other things. No truer thing has been said... Disagree. Funny thing about viruses... they don't care who is in charge. May the odds be ever in your favor. we"reofftoneverland said: There are scientists who dispute this. Apparently the antibody tests referred to in the article you posted do not look for T-cell immunity which appears to be much more prevalent. It is mind blowing to me how this article from a reputable publication does not mention this topic, even in an attempt to dispute it. This T-cell discussion has been around for awhile too. Here is an article about it. I just want to put it out there but based on research I saw previously (some was posted in another threat) T-Cells that react specifically to COVID-19 can help reduce symptoms but it does not make you immune in the sense that you won't even be infected.So while it helps that one person it doesn't actually allow herd immunity occur since you are still spreading the disease. Again I see 0 chance they close again for the full state. They might put in more restrictions but nothing is shutting back down at this point. Look at this: want to look at Daily Cases/Deaths and then toggle on the 7 day average. What would need to happen is a drastic spike from deaths.Distance, cleaning, and masks is the way to go. I stated before that if you shutdown it better be for 6+ months because nothing is going to change and we are better off being open now to try and find the correct balance to restrictions prior to flu season instead of trying to reopen during flu season. Stay on top of the news on this virus, read multiple sites, dont just rely on TV news to get all your info on this. There is some pretty interesting information out there that brings some perspective to this and, at least for me, stops the panic you see out there. So true. This virus happening during a presidential election year has been the worst case scenario. With different media sites pulling so far to each corner it makes it hard to figure out what's legit and what is just selective reporting. Just this past week I checked out one major media site and it had a half a dozen stories about Covid on the front page. Information in one report contradicted other reports on the same site. The media is the main cause of the panic surrounding this in my opinion. So correct but not correct. The virus all came from the same location (China) it just happens to have moved across the global differently. China -> WA and China -> Europe -> NY has been known since March timeframe. Was reacting more to the comment upthread about expecting more viruses out of China, that also led to this comment - I would caution targeting any one specific country if the goal is truly about planning for the future as virus can originate anywhere...think Ebola, MERS.Also, what is your source for the "poor hygiene and lifestyle" comment? Not trying to be argumentative, but I worry that this kind of stereotype fuels anti-Asian sentiments and xenophobia. So true. This virus happening during a presidential election year has been the worst case scenario. With different media sites pulling so far to each corner it makes it hard to figure out what's legit and what is just selective reporting. Just this past week I checked out one major media site and it had a half a dozen stories about Covid on the front page. Information in one report contradicted other reports on the same site. The media is the main cause of the panic surrounding this in my opinion. I couldn't agree more with regards to the media and politics. Here in NJ you will see a statistic of 53 deaths reported for July 9th. Only 5, yes that is correct 5 deaths occurred in the past 24 hours. They are now going back and adding confirmed deaths, via test results or death certificates, from as far back as March. 53 deaths sounds a lot more scary than 5, giving the wrong impression of the actual state of things. In the press conference they state it could take a year and a half before the numbers are all validated and returned. I believe this is done to drive the fear/panic and to allow governors to continue the lockdowns. You really need to get down into the weeds and read from many sources before you panic. I have become so disenfranchised due the numbers and shell game being played.Stay well my friends! Last edited: Jul 9, 2020 I don't think they will close again. Once people have experienced the isolation of lockdown and then had restrictions eased... well it's not easy to put the toothpaste back in the tube. Universal has been open for a month and we haven't heard any rumblings about them closing back down. Let's hope it goes well for Disney, cast members and guests alike. Page 4 Disney will not close down after opening, or delay its opening. "But look at all the cases!!!" Exactly why. COVID is obviously being widely transmitted in FL at bars, at the mall, at the salon, at the home, at workplaces, at the bank, at the supermarket etc. etc. etc. So what if Disney is added to the list of places you get it. Why close Disney unless you are going to close everything, which the Gov has made clear is not happening. Universal has been open for a month and we haven't heard any rumblings about them closing back down. Let's hope it goes well for Disney, cast members and guests alike. We don't actually know if they're doing contract tracing here, so who knows if things are OK at Universal? They (the state) did contact tracing that resulted in the shut down at bar near UCF because people in the same zip code got COVID-19. But they're saying that the information is coming in too slow to do proper contact tracing. I hope Universal and Disney are/will be safe, but how do we really know? I sent a note to the Dept. of Health asking about this the other day. If I ever hear back, I'll post the response. Betting 3 weeks, after reopening. A total guess on my part. I AM grateful for all the recent discounts.... people will rush in - and we NEED guinea pigs . We are not going.... let's see what the data shows . Disney will not close down after opening, or delay its opening. "But look at all the cases!!!" Exactly why. COVID is obviously being widely transmitted in FL at bars, at the mall, at the salon, at the home, at workplaces, at the bank, at the supermarket etc. etc. etc. So what if Disney is added to the list of places you get it. Why close Disney unless you are going to close everything, which the Gov has made clear is not happening. Because you actually believe in your message that the safety of your guests and staff is your #1 priority. Thats why youd do it even when others arent. This thread is NOT the place for any political discussion (which is a violation of the Guidelines we all agreed to follow when we registered). Any further deviation from the topic will result in closure of this thead.Thanks in advance for your cooperation. I wouldn't be surprised if there was another closure. I just don't get why so many people are determined to go headfirst into the eye of the storm. No thank you. I too think they may close up again. If so, the backlog of DVC points will continue to rise and make matters even worse in the years to come with availability. Hopefully that wont' happen but it certainly is a possibility. While I think there is a good chance of re closing, the time-frame I see is next winter when the country enters the second wave as opportunists for outside distancing and other benefits diminishes and buildings need to recirculate a much higher percentage of air to be able to maintain temperatureWith that said I think increasing crowd levels may be very difficult over the next 6 months, so how long Disney can loose money running the parks and resorts vs closing may be a consideration also. With that said I think increasing crowd levels may be very difficult over the next 6 months, so how long Disney can loose money running the parks and resorts vs closing may be a consideration also. I highly highly highly doubt they are running more in the red with parks open vs closed. 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You are also paying staff for upkeep as well and likely paying more senior specialist so they don't get poached.Also I didn't say they were turning a profit I am saying they are losing less money by being open. if the calculation is that you keep most of staff when closed then open is always better, if it is compared to a full closing with minimal staff, I do not think we can with any certainly know which drains more cash and what the capacity tipping point is. if the calculation is that you keep most of staff when closed then open is always better, if it is compared to a full closing with minimal staff, I do not think we can with any certainly know which drains more cash and what the capacity tipping point is. I would suspect staff salaries are a small subset of actual costs.In addition reclosing the park will have long term damaging impact on the park as people worry about reclosure and choose to push off scheduling anything for a couple more years. I would suspect staff salaries are a small subset of actual costs.In addition reclosing the park will have long term damaging impact on the park as people worry about reclosure and choose to push off scheduling anything for a couple more years. yes these will be difficult decisions with too many intangibles and unknowns Last edited: Jul 11, 2020 I think it could happen. I really thought by this time a few months back it would be almost over with, at least for a bit. Boy was I wrong, way wrong. I really do feel I will possibly lose a close family member to this, or even possibly my own life. I am sorry that you feel scared. I hate that anybody feels that way. I will never tell anybody what to feel because we are all different, but I do think it is very important to remember that contagious does not equal a death sentence. It has a 99.9% recovery rate. Most people who get it have mild symptoms. People who are at-risk or elderly should definitely take extra precaution. And of course if people are scared they should stay home if it brings them peace. I think all of us have to realize that Covid is going to be around just like the flu, strep, bronchitis, etc. The infection rate is higher, but that does not mean everybody is going to die from it. Media of all sorts make money off of the emotions of people; fear and worry. It causes us see "facts" through the lens of emotions. I stopped listening to MSM and started listening to surgeons, Immunologists, Virologists and even Epidemiologists on the topic and when I heard scientific facts it brought a lot of peace and understanding. This was for both the topic of the actual virus as well as masks. They even speak to inflated numbers. Very educational. Just as an aside, I had it already a few months ago. For me it was like bronchitis or an upper resp infection. I had mild fever for about 5 days, a cough that kept me up at night and I wheezed. My husband nor children got sick and nobody avoided me (in my house). I am in my 40s.We have 4 family members about an hour away who have it now. They are in 3 different houses. The oldest being 93 and she is in the hospital for observation and the others in their 50s and 60s, all doing well. They are about 7 - 9 days in. 2 of them said it feels like a horrible case of the flu, the 93-year-old is miserable and the 4th one said it is giving him "potty problems", but no other symptoms.My good friend, 68, had it and although she was in the hospital, she did not need a respirator. She went in because her husband passed a few years ago and she was alone and has diabetes. She asked the hospital to take her so she could be watched. She recovered just fine. She said the worst part was that they literally tested her every day. She equated it to a very bad case of the flu.A co-worker, 41, had it while unable to work. She was sick with a crazy cough and fever for about 5 days. She said the worst part was the 102 fever that would not break. Once the fever broke she felt great. She said it was like a bad case of the flu. I think Disney, if they stick strictly to their protocols, will be pretty safe overall. The problems will be caused by some guests refusing to comply with mask requirements and distancing.People crowding to the rivers for tubing and bars has caused a lot of our problems here in Texas. The restaurants I've been to in the last few weeks have been very strict about sanitizing and distancing, as well as having employees wearing masks. When you consider that Texas, in 2017 & 2018, saw over 10K deaths from the flu, you really have to ask why the draconian measures for 3K deaths from Covid. ALL life is valuable and I am not brushing that off, but the facts are the more people in a state of 29 million die in car accidents each year and many more from the flu than this virus. 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We currently have 134,097 Covid19 related deaths and its only 6 months out of the year. We can only hope that when Disney does open, visitors take heed of the protocols Disney has in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.We are longing to come back to Florida. However, the fact that UK visitors cannot even enter the country for the foreseeable future draws a very thick line under the possibility.Please stay safe, well and take care of yourselves and each other. I was in two places close to Disney yesterday where many Disney CM's live, had to stop at a 7-11 and a Pizza Hut. Anyway, in front of me while I was picking up milk at 7-11 were two CM's coming from work in uniform. We chatted briefly and I told them to stay safe. Then I went to pick up pizza at Pizza Hut and there was a security officer in uniform waiting for her pizza. We chatted while both waiting for carryout and she didn't seem happy about returning. She said that she had health conditions and was worried. 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By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. Our teardown of R2-D2 shows whats inside this little droid with a big personality.One of the hot new toys released in advance of the new Star Wars movie is R2-D2 by Sphero, the same toymaker that developed the BB8 for the 2015 Star Wars sequel called The Force Awakens. As with the BB8, R2 is controlled by an app you download and run from a smartphone. Theres no wireless charging; the robot recharges via a standard USB connection.R2s arm and rotational mechanism.Our team recorded a video describing how to use the app, so we wont spend any time on it here. Suffice to say the R2 robot has a lot more personality than the BB 8.Well get straight into taking R2 apart. Wed have to say that taking the toy apart is a lot like disassembling an engine on a car in that you have to figure out the right sequence of steps. Get the sequence right and R2 comes apart readily.R2s arms pivot to an angle when its time to travel. And the first step in disassembling R2 is to take off his arms. Theres a cover on the top portion of each arm which hides screws holding the arm to the pivoting mechanism in the shoulder. Remove the screws and the arm comes off. With R2s arm off, the wiring to the servomotor in the base becomes evident.The lever in R2s arm is a bit hard to see so weve outlined it with dotted lines. Visible are the pins that let the lever rock R2 back and forth. Also seen is the magnetic encoder on the shaft of the servomotor handling R2s track drive.There is also a cover on the inner surface of the leg that pops off to reveal a long plastic lever arm between the pivoting mechanism in the shoulder and the foot. This lever arm keeps the foot in contact with the ground when the leg pivots to let R2 start moving around.R2 has a servomotor in the base of each leg. The servomotor connects to the track drive through a gear train that reduces the motor speed and boosts the torque. The servomotor and the geartrain become visible by removing a small cover in the foot of the arm. Its evident that the servomotor includes a feedback loop because a magnetic encoder disk and Hall effect sensor is evident on the motor shaft to provide feedback about the position of the motor shaft.Armless R2 minus one body panel. To remove the dome, we had to unstick snap-fits in the dome rotator with a Dremel tool.Top, the gray plastic contains the snap-fit attachments for R2s dome. Removing three screws reveals the white plastic rotation mechanism, bottom, housing the dome servomotor and feedback potentiometer (not visible).Once the arms are off you can remove R2s main body panels. The cover for the cylindrical part of the body is in two pieces. One piece is held on with a couple screws and comes off pretty easily. The other cylindrical panel only detaches after first removing the top dome-shaped cover on R2s rotating head. The dome covering comes off by rotating the head to get at two snap fits. The snap fits are rather tough to manipulate. Because our R2 wasnt going to be reassembled, we Dremeled the snap fits off to remove the dome cover.Views of R2s main board, top, and LED boards that mount in the dome.Once the dome is off, the other cylindrical side panel comes off to reveal, among other things, the speaker and Lithium-ion battery underneath it. With all the panels off you get a good view of the two main electronics boards and two smaller boards holding LEDs for R2s blinking dome lights.R2s sounds come via this speaker, top. With the speaker removed, the gray plastic housing that holds the foot and its control lever is revealed.Were down to the last few mechanical components that go into R2s locomotion. Theres a piece to which the top dome panel attaches. It is fastened on with screws. Removing it reveals the servomotor that rotates the turret and a feedback encoder. The feedback encoder is interesting in that rather than being an incremental encoder, it is just a potentiometer. The motor controller senses the changing potentiometer resistance to decide how to rotate the motor shaft to rotate the turret.Theres a second potentiometric encoder, like the one sitting in the turret, that sits on the main chassis of R2. This potentiometer provides feedback about the position of the foot that extends to the ground from R2s body and slides along when R2 moves. The servomotor that moves the foot is the same one that angles the two arms into position to let the robot move around.With the circuit boards moved from R2s plastic frame, we are getting down to the robots main chassis. The chassis consists of two pieces fastened together with screws. Removing them gives us a clear view of R2s foot. It sits on a lever arm that moves via cam action when the servomotor rotates the arms into position to let R2 move around.And thats finally it for R2s mechanics. Now we move on to the electronics that control all the movement and sound effects.Two main boards hold most of the electronics with three other smaller boards on the turret and main chassis that hold LED indicators. One of the main boards holds an STM processor that consists of an ARM Cortex-M4 core together with a DSP, floating point unit, and a few other things. Near it sit two motor driver chips from Texas Instruments. Each driver chip can control two motors and can implement motor speed control through pulse-width modulation. That makes sense because there are four motors on R2. Whats notable about the motor driver chips, though, is that while some motor driver chips will handle velocity or position feedback signals, these dont. So the STM processor runs the feedback calculations for all four feedback loops.You need position feedback to move the turret or change the angle of the arms, and you probably need velocity feedback to handle the track motors in R2s feet. Were guessing that the feedback loop in the track motors is probably a velocity loop rather than a position loop because a velocity loop is easy to implement.The other main board on R2 contains an audio amp chip to run the speaker and generate the sounds that give R2 a lot of his personality. It also contains the Nordic Bluetooth chip and antenna, a reset switch, and the battery charging circuitry and USB charger socket. Theres also what appears to be a flash memory chip from Winbond, though the markings are a bit scrambled and hard to make out. Now you might wonder what the flash chip does in that the Nordic Bluetooth chip already has 512 kilobits of flash. But the fact that this board holds the audio amp powering the speaker gives us a clue. Wed guess that the Winbond flash holds R2s digitized vocabulary which gets fed out to the digital audio chip.And there you have it. As Luke Skywalker might say, weve been through a lot with this little droid.A lever action driven by R2s shoulder mechanism moves the foot back and forth.R2s main board containing the STM processor and TI motor drivers.The second big PCB on R2 holds the TI sound amp (bottom image) and a Winbond flash that probably holds the sound effects. Also here are the BLE board and battery manager IC. 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