

Alexander Tachmes Appears on Good Morning America to Discuss Miami Beach's Spring Break, Comments in the DBR on COVID19 Vaccination Issues for Hotels

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[Alexander Tachmes](#), a partner in Shutts & Bowen's Miami office, was recently interviewed on ABC's *Good Morning America* to discuss the Spring Break situation in Miami Beach. He also stated in a recent interview with the *Daily Business Review* that a busy 2021 season in the hospitality sector will bring a slew of complications, one of the most pressing being whether businesses should consider barring entry to any patrons who aren't vaccinated.

On March 19, the *Clevelander* South Beach announced it was temporarily closing its food and beverage operations at least until March 24, citing concerns over the safety and well-being of staff and patrons as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic collides with Spring Break in South Florida.

Alex told the *Daily Business Review* that management made the decision to close on Friday, after a police crackdown on Collins Ave. resulted in disorder on the streets in the immediate vicinity of the hotel.

"It had been bad for days and it continued to be bad," Alex said. "Yes, this is spring break and this is a weekend and it's going to cost our client a lot of money in revenue. But, first and foremost, we don't want people coming if it is not safe."

The JESTA Group-owned establishment will decide whether to reopen on March 24 or remain temporarily closed, according to a memo from its management team, which said "employees have our full support and shall be paid their full salary during this period."

The *Clevelander* is not alone. Other businesses have also temporarily closed. Alex believes that a fresh legal dilemma is brewing.

"We're quickly getting to a point where there's going to have to be some determination made by businesses about whether they restrict entry to people that only have vaccines or not," Tachmes said. "That's clearly looming as the next large legal question in terms of access to establishments."

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