

SEARCH MARKETING IN A CRISIS



OUR EXPERTS





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WE HAVE DELIVERED GREAT RESULTS FOR

2,000+ Agencies

6,000+ Brands

200,000+ Campaigns

Over \$2BN+ digital media spend via Basis

700+ Centrons in 41 offices

Innovators in ad technology

Commitment to education

centre

In 2019, WE DELIVERED SEARCH RESULTS FOR

450+ Brands









EARNING PREMIER PARTNER STATUS WITH GOOGLE:

2% of Google agency partners receive the "premier" designation

INNOVATORS in BETA product testing and best practices implementation

DEDICATED TEAM of Centrons specialized in Search Buying and Strategy

ACCESS to training opportunities and Google hosted events such as Google Marketing Live and Google Brand Summits



We Think

We Care

We Deliver

We've come a long way from our beginnings as a search agency in 2009. Now that we've made our roots and established BFO as a leading digital agency in the following areas:



Paid Media (Search, Display & Social)



Organic Media (SEO & Content Marketing)



Analytics Solutions (GA/GTM Setup, GA Optimization, Custom Performance Dashboards)

Earning us numerous awards such as:













WHAT YOU'LL HEAR TODAY

- + Crisis Happens
- + Using Search Data
- + Local Search / GMB
- + Onsite Recommendations
- + Paid Search
- + Q&A





PANDEMICS



Can strike at any time with only a few hours to months' notice



Can interrupt life as we know it locally, regionally, nationally, or globally



Puts local, national, and global economies at risk



WEATHER

- Can strike with little-to no-warning
- Often impacts a small(ish) geographic region, but can impact business globally
- Recovery can last from days to years





LEGISLATION/ **POLITICS**



Often predictable based on the political climate



Can impact business nationally (impeachment), regionally (Brexit), or Globally (World Wars)

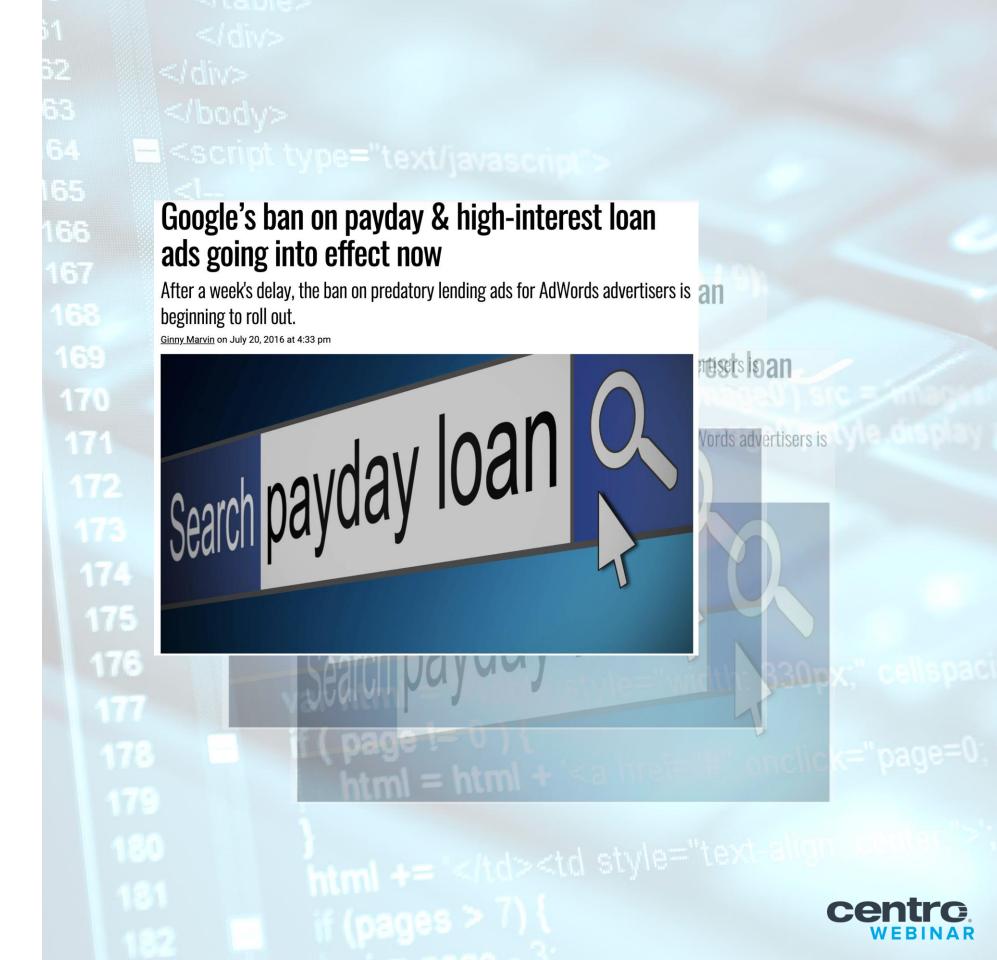


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AD POLICY CHANGES

- Immediate impacts
- Unpredictable outcomes
- Inconsistent enforcement

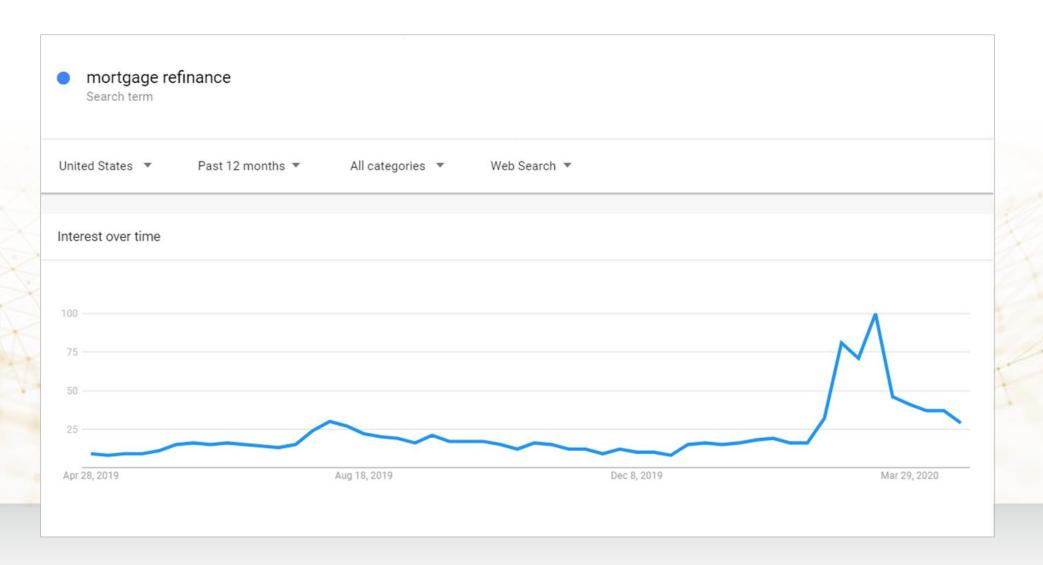


USING SEARCH DATA

EVALUATE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT TIPS

Historical performance review

- How is the crisis impacting your ability to service customers
- Are you seeing an uptick or downturn of interest and KPIs
- Google Trends review
- Search query reports

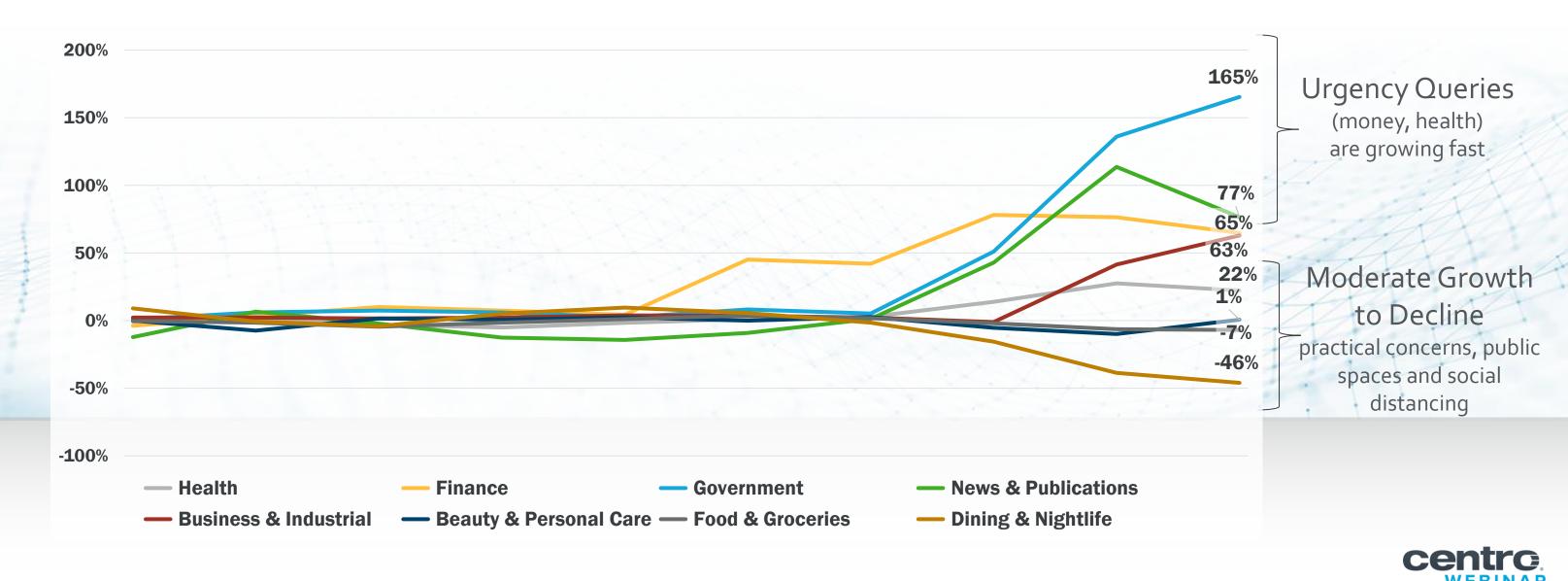




EVALUATE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

WHAT IS CENTRO SEEING?

Search Interest Since COVID-19 Entered Public Interest



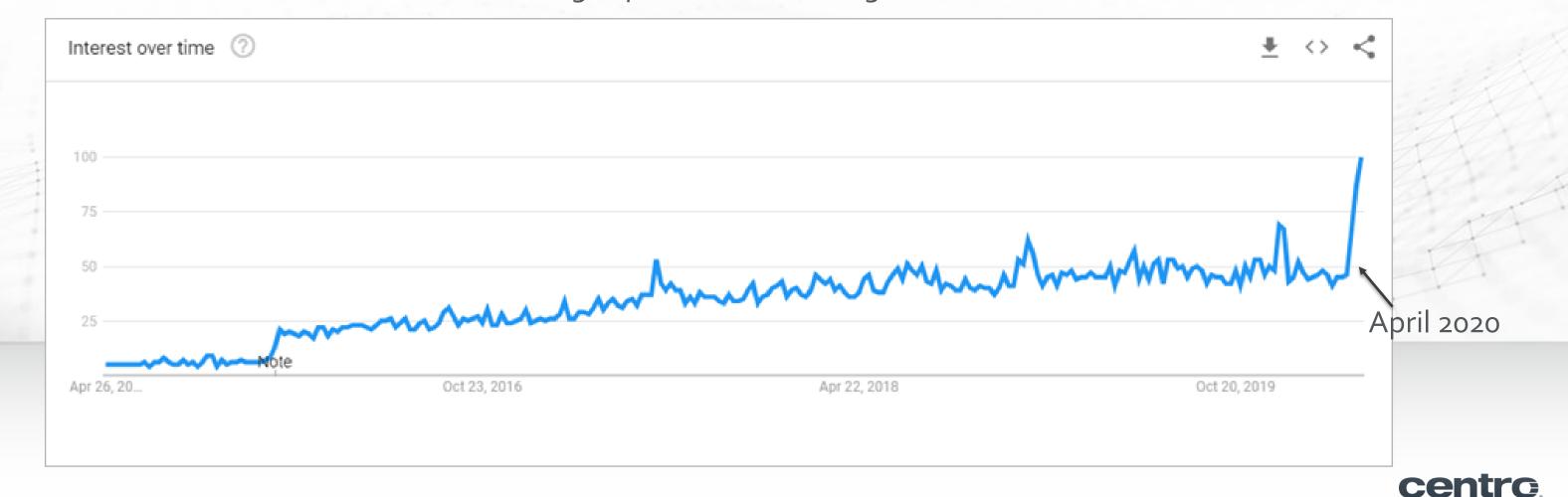
EVALUATE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

WHAT IS CENTRO SEEING?

Even high-level vertical trends can be misleading for your brand

We recommend additional research and trend evaluation

- Example: Dining Category interest is stagnant, but we have a QSR client who is seeing exponential interest growth





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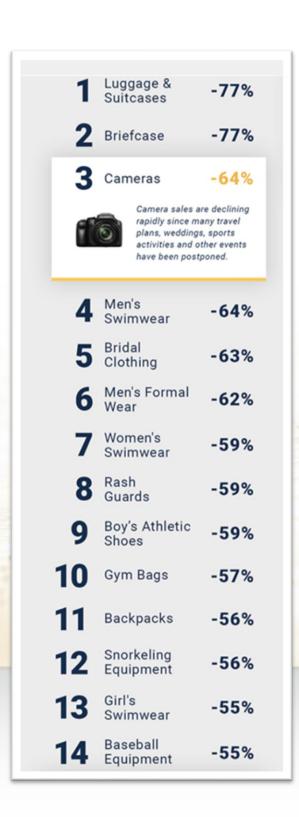


New and shifting markets provide growth categories

Actions

- Split out Campaigns to de-couple budgets
- Closely Monitor Inventory!





DECLINING CATEGORIES



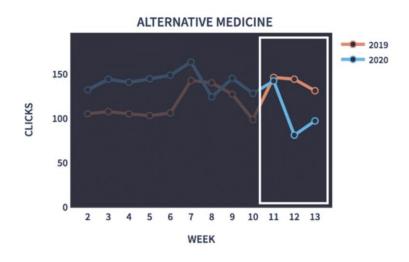
Find the bleeding, save your budget and focus elsewhere.

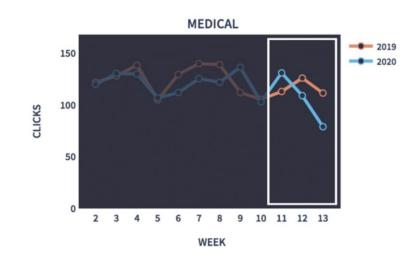
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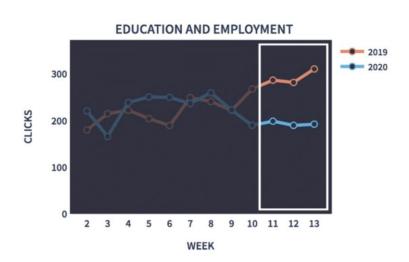
- Cut Spending
- Implement reporting to identify category rebound



MINIMALLY IMPACTED



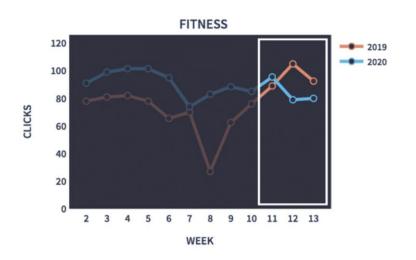






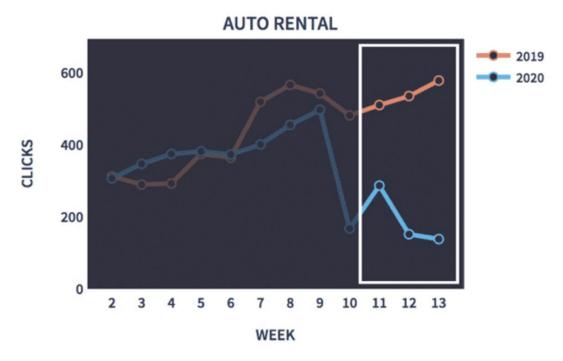




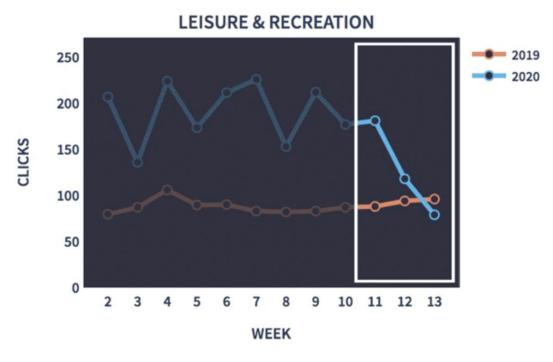




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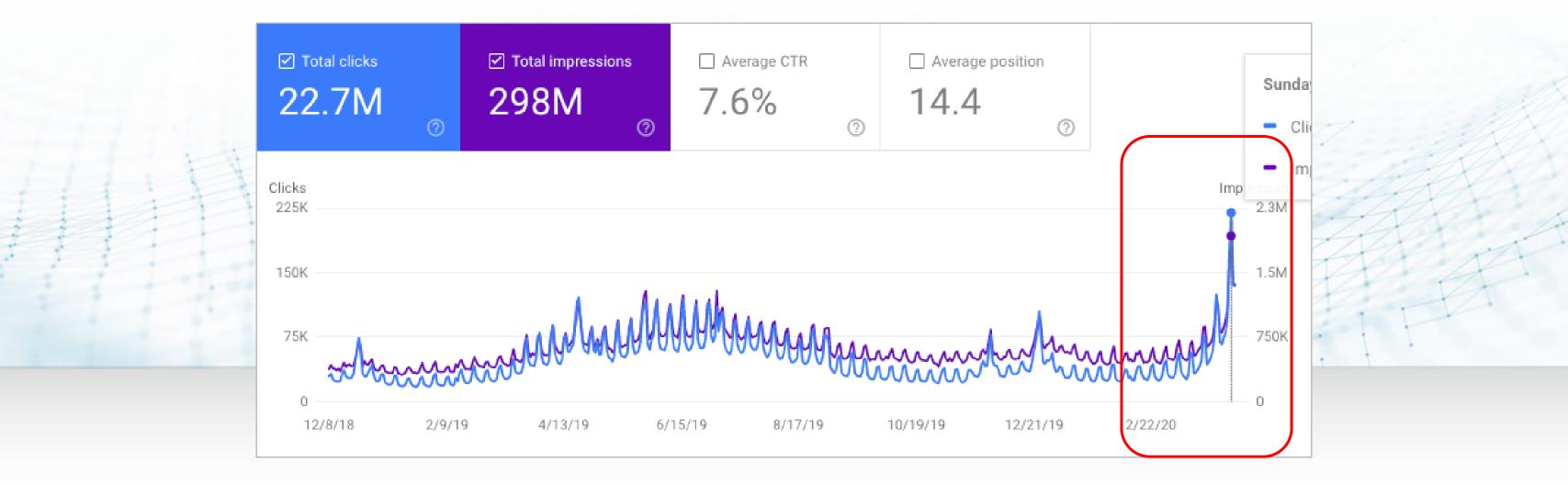




SEARCH CONSOLE REPORTING

Monitor your Search Console data daily; understand the impact on your business

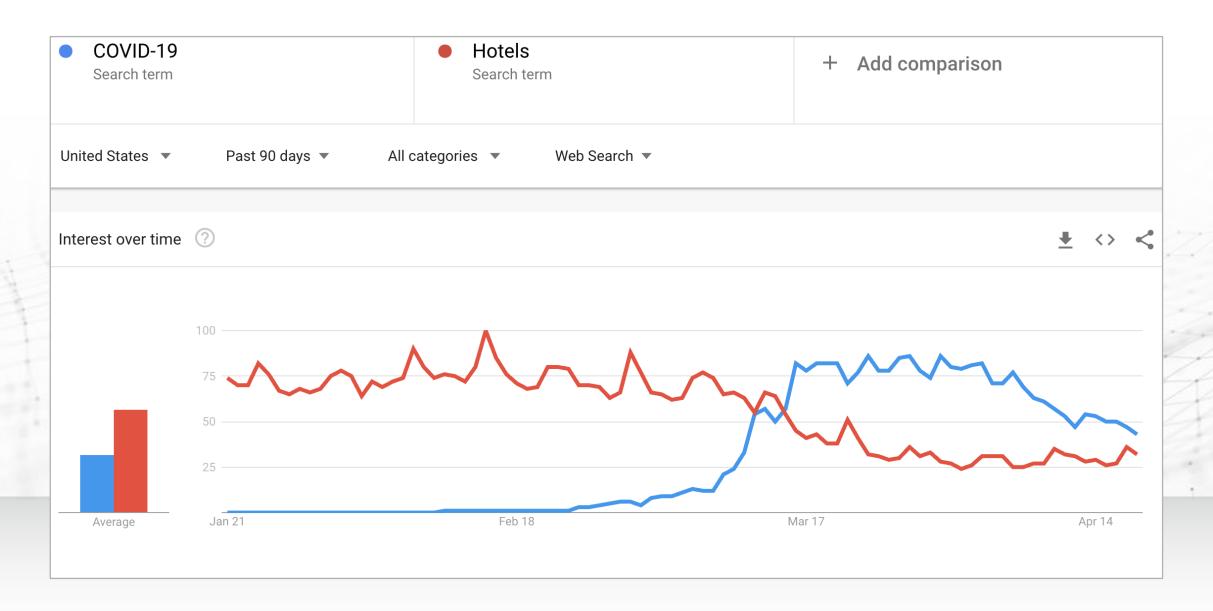
Pay attention to significant spikes and/or dips to help and develop a plan of action





GOOGLE TRENDS

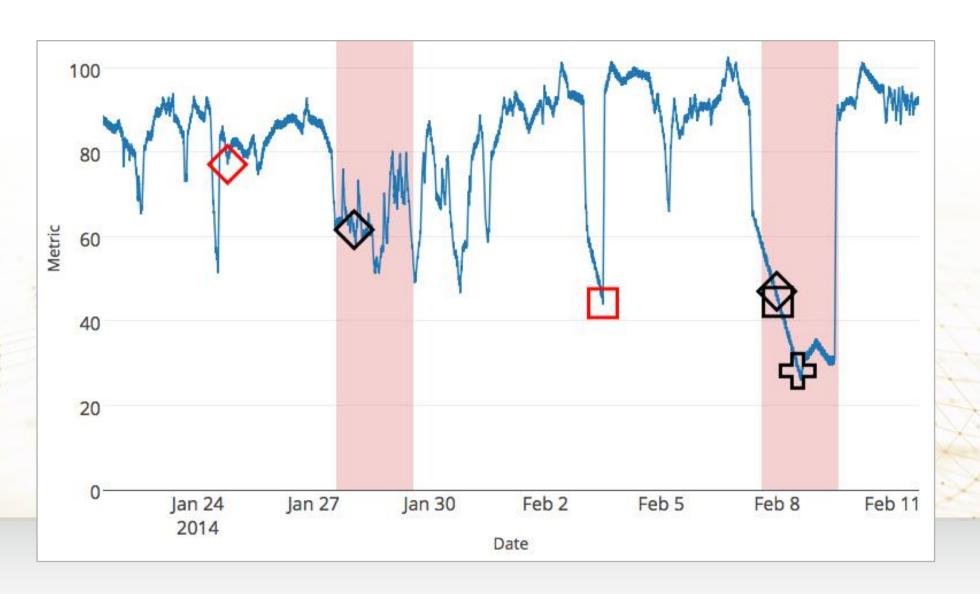
Use Google Trends to understand changes in search behavior during a crisis





ANOMALY DETECTION

Use anomaly detection software to identify major (and minor) shifts in key metrics



You can be alerted to major business shifts in real-time



KEY SITE INDICATORS

- Direct and organic search traffic can be strong indicators of business shifts
- Market level indicators for local intent

Site Search trends or anomalies

Detault Channel Grouping				Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration
	Users ? ↓	New Users ?	Sessions ?	3	?	?
	170.49% ♠ 1,664,458 vs 615,357	171.55% • 1,540,393 vs 567,258	171.05% • 2,246,822 vs 828,928	5.87% 55.00% vs 51.95%	2.41% • 3.25 vs 3.33	2.22% • 00:04:09 vs 00:04:15
1. Organic Search			,			
Mar 21, 2020 - Apr 19, 2020	1,062,681 (60.65%)	946,301 (61.43%)	1,391,274 (61.92%)	57.25%	3.07	00:04:23
Feb 20, 2020 - Mar 20, 2020	415,217 (63.92%)	365,339 (64.40%)	537,680 (64.86%)	54.19%	3.19	00:04:25
% Change	155.93%	159.02%	158.76%	5.65%	-3.56%	-0.56%
2. (Other)						
Mar 21, 2020 - Apr 19, 2020	359,416 (20.51%)	302,341 (19.63%)	434,437 (19.34%)	50.94%	3.33	00:03:10
Feb 20, 2020 - Mar 20, 2020	99,339 (15.29%)	80,541 (14.20%)	117,396 (14.16%)	44.38%	3.39	00:03:20
% Change	261.81%	275.39%	270.06%	14.78%	-1.75%	-4.79%
3. Direct						
Mar 21, 2020 - Apr 19, 2020	211,260 (12.06%)	203,339 (13.20%)	267,590 (11.91%)	46.62%	4.30	00:04:52
Feb 20, 2020 - Mar 20, 2020	102,636 (15.80%)	98,075 (17.29%)	130,731 (15.77%)	48.46%	3.98	00:04:23
% Change	105.83%	107.33%	104.69%	-3.79%	8.20%	11.21%
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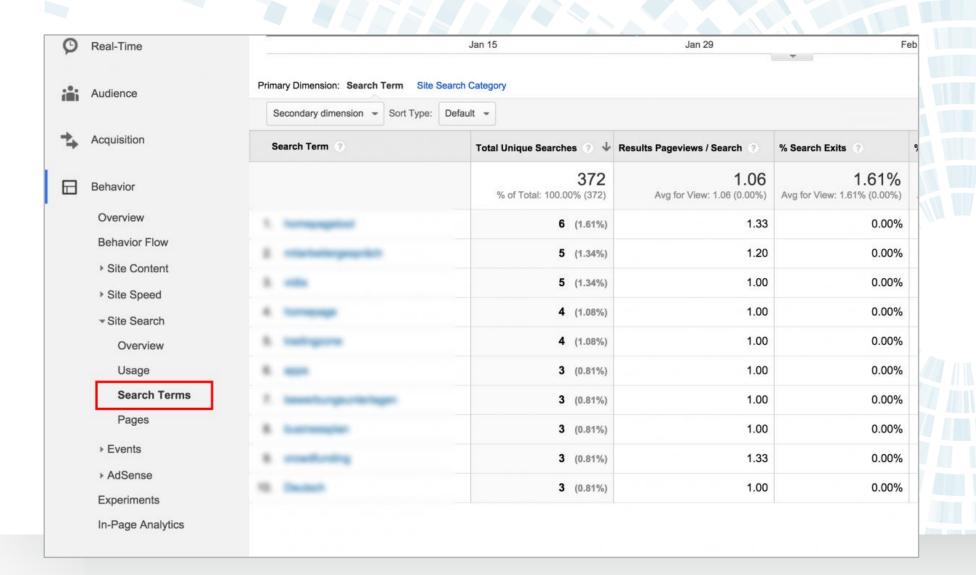
Site Search trends or anomalies

California	
Apr 15, 2020 - Apr 21, 2020	1,499 (12.57%)
Apr 8, 2020 - Apr 14, 2020	1,490 (13.50%)
% Change	0.60%
Texas	
Apr 15, 2020 - Apr 21, 2020	1,159 (9.72%)
Apr 8, 2020 - Apr 14, 2020	965 (8.74%)
% Change	20.10%
Florida	
Apr 15, 2020 - Apr 21, 2020	689 (5.78%)
Apr 8, 2020 - Apr 14, 2020	622 (5.64%)
% Change	10.77%
Georgia	
Apr 15, 2020 - Apr 21, 2020	666 (5.59%)
Apr 8, 2020 - Apr 14, 2020	670 (6.07%)
% Change	-0.60%
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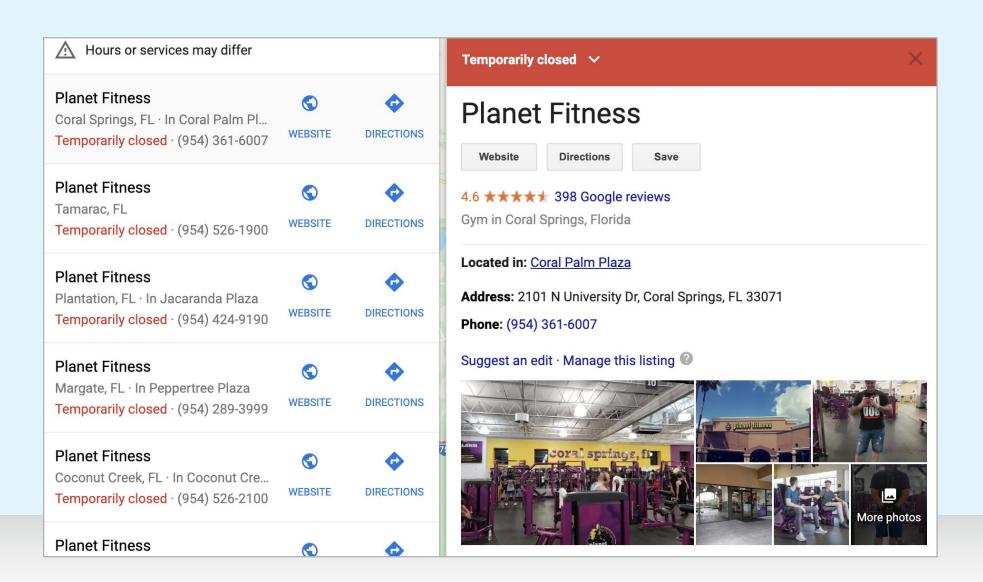




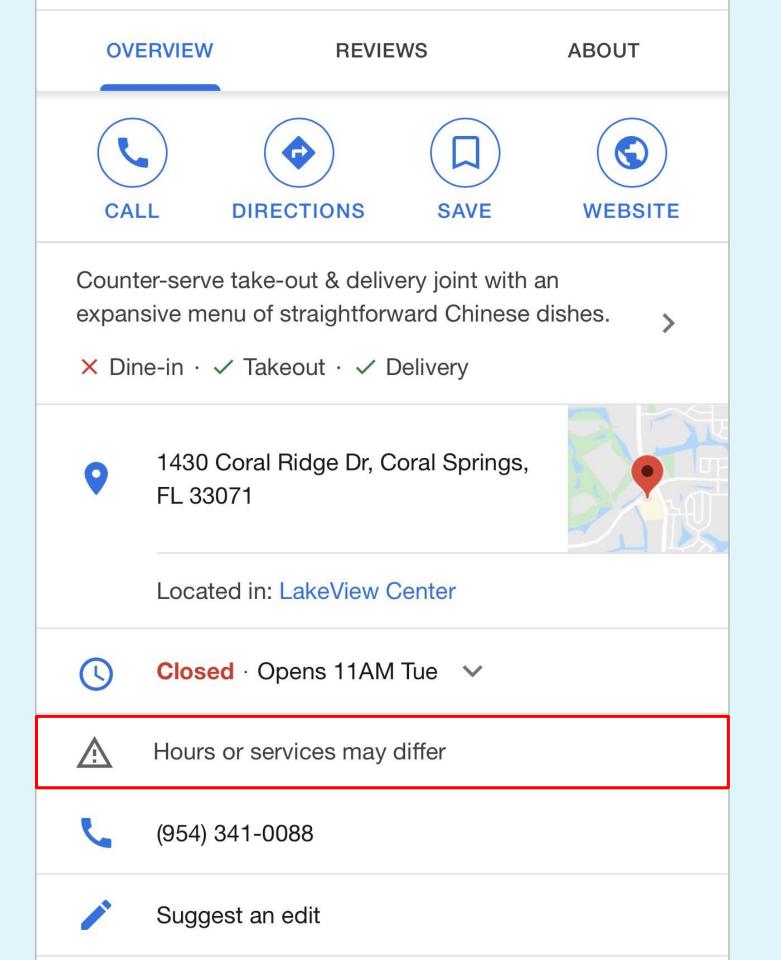


CUSTOM HOURS

- Make sure that any changes to your business hours and/or temporary closures are updates across the local search indices
- If you have not already done it, make sure you have access to update hours quickly and efficiently (such as claimed listings, or management platform)







LOCAL POSTS / UPDATES



Take advantage of special messaging features in local search indices

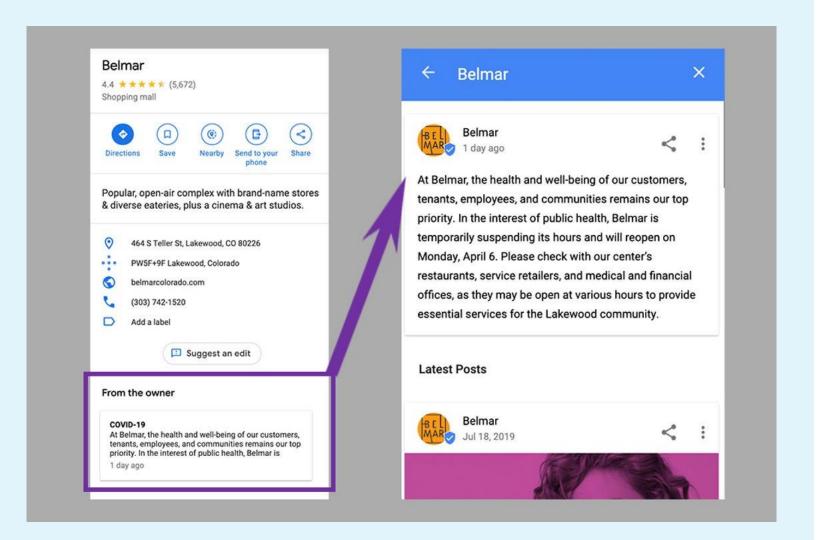


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Build trust and continued loyalty





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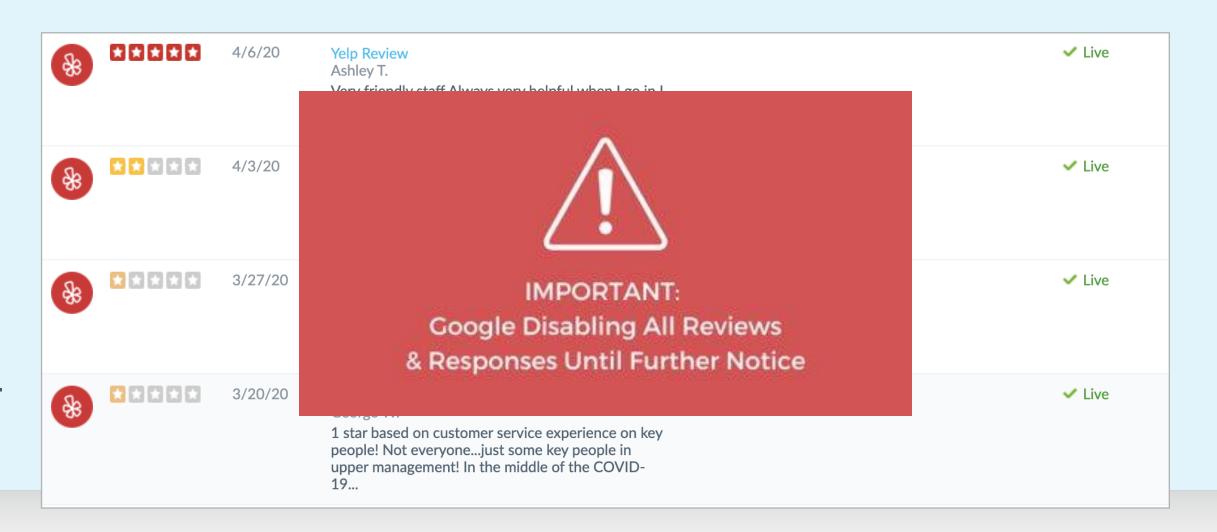
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MONITOR YOUR REVIEWS

Customer reviews can be a fast and reliable way to understand how changes to your business operations may be impacting customer

- Be prepared to respond to your customers in a timely matter.
- Respond with empathy & support.

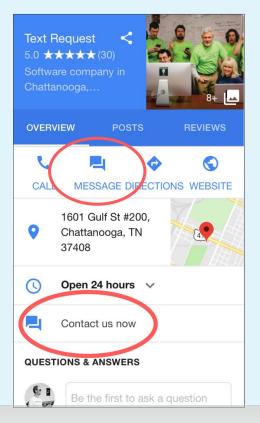




EMBRACE MESSAGING PLATFORMS

- Without reviews and with longer hold times on customers will be looking to communicate directly with brands
- Create virtual 1:1 connections with your customers.



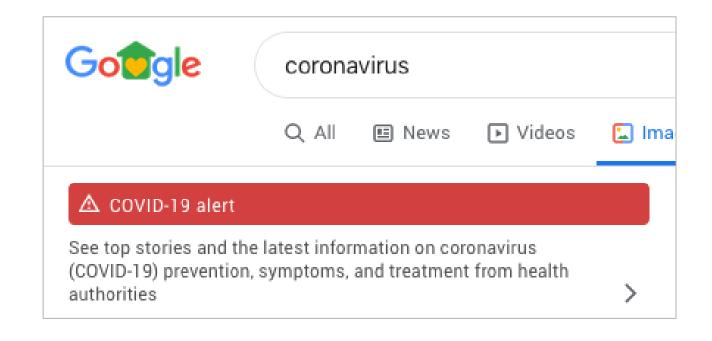




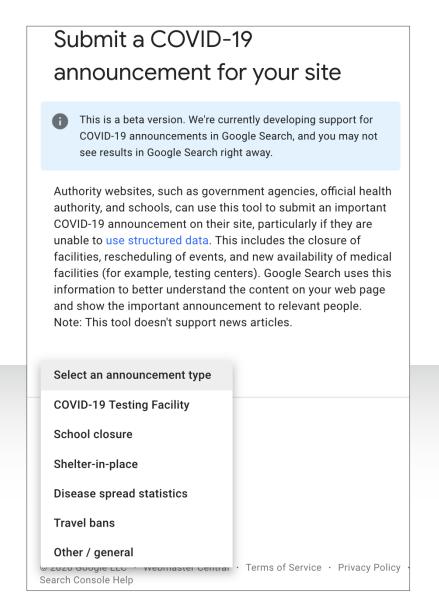


SCHEMA UPDATES

If your business has been impacted by a crisis, use Special Announcement Schema to communicate with your audience directly in the search results



Implementation instructions: bfo.io/covidschema



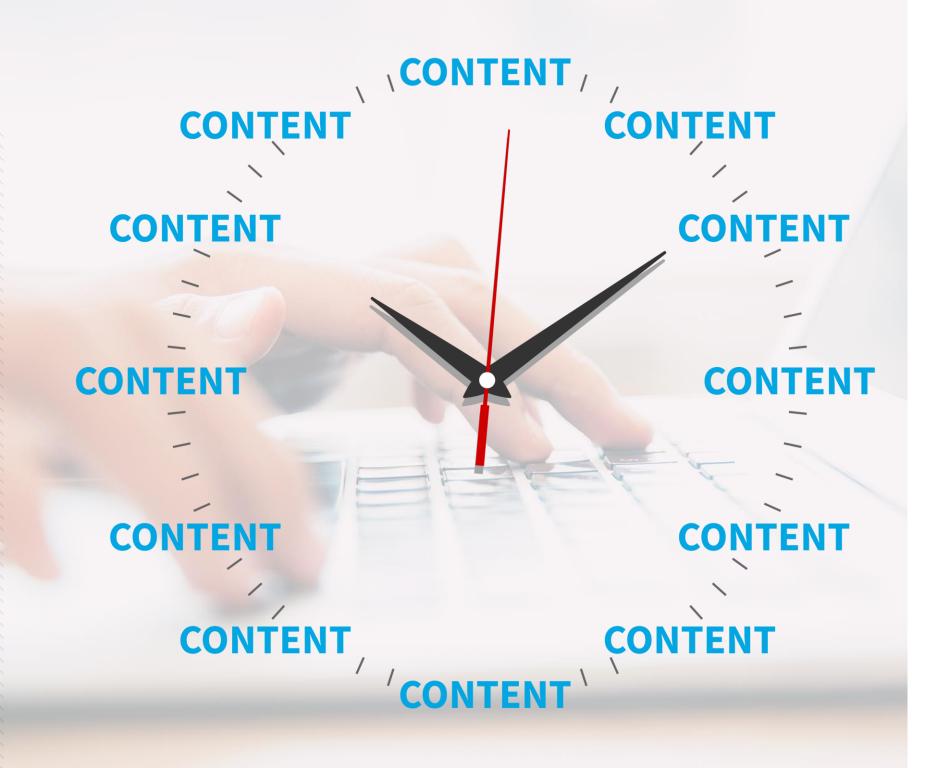


SHIFT YOUR FOCUS

Shift focus to accomplishing those items on your to-list that you have been postponing

Reorganize your content, re-write those metatags, or re-envision your website





CREATE A CONTENT WRITING ARMY

- Your business may find itself with an increase in resource availability
- Put your team to work writing new, timely content as well as creating a library of content for the future







PAID SEARCH IN A CRISIS

GET BACK TO BASICS:

Right Message + Right Place + Right Time

BENEFITING FROM A CRISIS?

- Adjust to the higher demand and CPCs.
- ✓ Maintain KPIs, similar experience to Q4.

EXPERIENCING A DIP?

- The likelihood of a conversion or click would be lower.
- Ecommerce or Curbside availability?
- Ensure ad text is updated to promote new, safe opportunity.

EITHER SITUATION

- Be considerate and update to a softer and empathetic ad message.
- Custom landing pages are recommended to further provide customers with background and resources.



TACTICS TO CONSIDER

SEARCH IN A CRISIS

CRM Utilization

- Audience suppression maximize funds on new audience
- Conversely speaking to your core audience with a unique & timely message

RLSA

 Similar to CRM, craft unique, timely messages to customers vs prospects

Negative keywords

- Safeguard against appearing for crisis related terms
- Free Negative Keyword List at bfo.io/covidkeywords

Paid + SEO

- Review impression-to-click ratio for your organic traffic
- Help to better strategize what campaigns are crucial vs. what is well covered

ACCOUNT OVERVIEW

Capitalize on areas of interest while potentially scaling back coverage where organic can win



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Paid Search + YouTube

DRIVE AWARENESS

Adding YouTube video advertising to existing paid search buys is an efficient means to drive awareness

- YouTube is the 2nd largest search engine
- Even during a crisis CPMs and CPV
 (cost per view) can be one of the most
 efficient costs to reach a targeted
 audience

Paired with paid search, YouTube can help

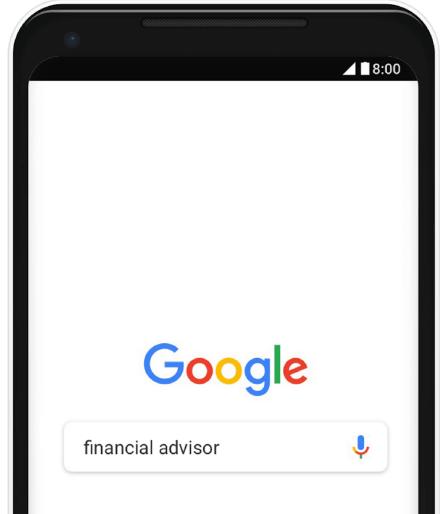
- Drive reach and frequency
- Build consideration
- Drive online and offline actions
 - Brick and mortar advertisers can continue to measure in-store traffic including curbside pickup and drive thru traffic during a crisis

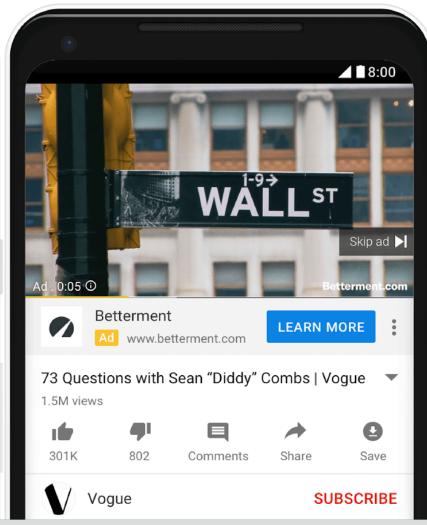




LEVERAGE YOUTUBE'S CUSTOM INTENT TARGETING TO SYNC SEARCH INTEREST

- 85% of people who use Google Search are also on YouTube
- Define the keywords that matter to your brand
- Reach people on YouTube soon after they show intent by searching for your keywords on Google





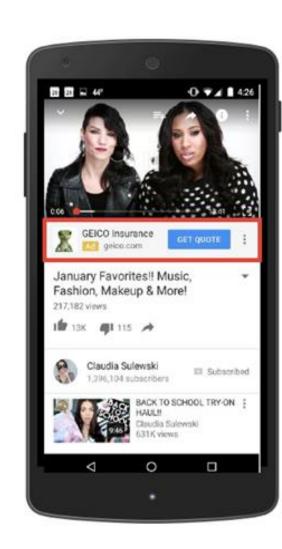


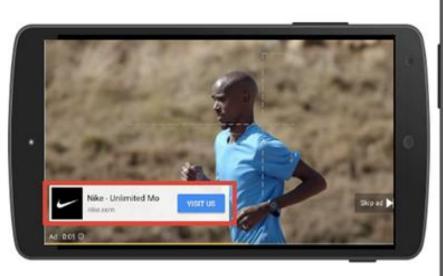


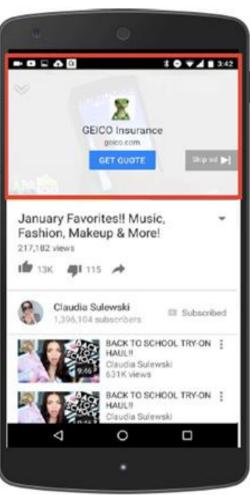
OPPORTUNITY IN A CRISIS

TO DRIVE CONVERSIONS, ADD TRUEVIEW FOR ACTION

- Drive leads and conversions
 by adding prominent CTAs
 (calls-to-action) and headline
 text overlays to your video ads
- No incremental cost to layer on TrueView for Action
- Enjoy the branding benefits
 of video with the performance
 driven results



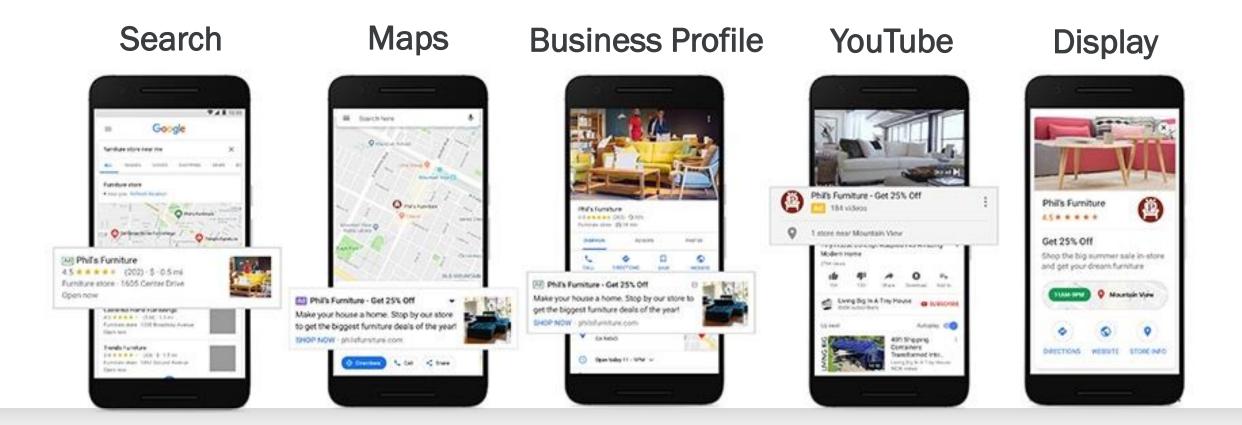






LOCAL CAMPAIGNS

IN-STORE TRAFFIC



As retailers reopen from a crisis, Local Campaigns are designed specifically to drive foot traffic into stores

Sync Google Ads with Google My Business listingsa

One of the biggest benefits of Local Campaigns is that they are the only way that you can buy ad space within Google Maps



SHOPPING CAMPAIGNS

ECOMMERCE

Drive ecommerce sales through Google results if retailers are closed.

Smart shopping campaigns help maximize conversion value.

Search



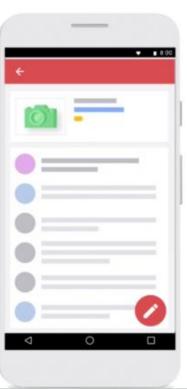
Display



YouTube



Gmail





KEY TAKEAWAYS

- + Use search data as a business intelligence resource
- Update your brand messages on every platform
- + React (but don't over-react) and follow the data
- + When in doubt, rely on experts



QUESTIONS? THANK YOU!

ASK US ANYTHING!





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