The 2020 Economic Review and Outlook for





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The U.S. and California



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Immediate Status of COVID-19

- We remain in a panic state
- The COVID-19 case growth rate in the U.S. continues to rise, exceeding the Italian growth rate of new cases
- Escalating in Europe: Spain and Germany
- Fastest case growth rate is in New York state
- Abating in South Korea and Singapore
- No new internal cases in China, last 5 days . . .

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A Positive Coronavirus Update — Life In China Returning To Normal



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For anyone looking for some positive headlines regarding the most talked about topic online, they may seem few and far between.

Just one new case of COVID-19 was reported on Monday this week in China domestically as parks restaurants and even domestic tourism begins to recover.

Forbes, March 19, 2020

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What you should know about the U.S. Economy



- □ The unemployment rate was at 3.5 %
- □ The economy was poised to only slow a little this year: to 2.0% (from 2.3% in 2019)
- □ Uncertainty from the U.S. China trade war was a dissipating cloud over the economy . . .
 - **Especially after Phase I was signed on 1-15-20**









But everything turned on a dime

- The economy faces an unprecedented shock, all within a 3 week period:
- □ COVID 19 hit the Securities Market like a shock wave ! Now, it's the economy
- Investors are spooked by the uncertainty of containment and unknown extent of economic damage
- □ The Fed first did an emergency 50 BP FFR cut
- □ Then another emergency cut to zero percent to ease credit demands during the crisis







Supply and Demand Impacts

- Tourists aren't spending because
 - □ they're not here, and
 - everything is closed anyway
- Heavily impacted sectors include:
 - □ Airlines, hotels, restaurants, retail stores
 - □ All spectator entertainment venues
 - **Truck drivers and warehouse workers**
 - And now: bars, gyms, personal care





What Impacts we can see to date



- Continued empty grocery store shelves
- **Empty stores, empty downtowns, no traffic**
- □ Longer delivery times from Amazon
- □ Oil prices have tumbled !
- Oil company stock prices down 50 percent, right along with airline stock values



The Great COVID 19 Shutdown

- □ NBA season suspended
- □ March Madness cancelled
- □ All California schools closed next 3 weeks
- All high school sporting events suspended
- **UC** System in-person classes cancelled
- **Disneyland theme parks closed, CA and Florida**
- New York Broadway shows closed
- □ Major League Baseball season delayed

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The Great COVID 19 Shutdown

- **2020 Summer Olympics postponed to 2021**
- Music festivals like Coachella postponed
- Other entertainment events cancelled
- **Conventions cancelled**
- Conferences cancelled or postponed
- □ Travel from Asia, Europe into US, banned
- □ All Bars, restaurants, wineries, breweries
- □ Shelter-in-place enacted in ½ of U.S. so far . . .

Jobs most at risk

- □ Food services and drinking places
- Most of the retail trade sector
- □ Amusement and recreation
- **Given Spectator sports, sporting goods**
- Motor vehicle parts dealers
- Accommodation and Hospitality
- □ Health and personal care stores
- □ Air, water, and ground transportation
- □ Trucking
- **D** Business and administrative support services









Observed Impacts we are seeing



- most travel and all recreation, amusement
- □ In-store retail goods/services, x food, medicine
- $\Box \rightarrow$ automobiles, and larger durable goods
- A recession occurs if these effects on demand are severe or prolonged
 - Severity rises with the length of the shut down period deemed necessary for containment



Further Impacts we WILL see



Are there any Benefits ?



- Lower oil prices are a big positive for the American consumer
 - □ And low oil prices are still a negative to the U.S. economy impacting taxes, revenues and jobs
- Amazon is hiring 100K workers to facilitate the rapid and massive switch to online purchases



Are there any Benefits ?



- Stay at home workers are creating record surges in Internet demand. Sonic, Cox, Comcast
- **Census is hiring 500,000 workers**
- □ Lower interest rates will ultimately boost the housing market further . . . will stay low



















California: Just before the outbreak

- The economy was strong and vibrant
- Lowest unemployment rate on record
- **Existing home sales rising again**
- Home prices also rising after 2019 respite
- Tourism was surging . . . with a rising share attributed to foreigners including Chinese
- Lodging Occupancy at record levels in San Francisco and Los Angeles Counties

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California: Engines of Growth Broad-based job creation from all sectors Technology is the principal engine Bay Area and LA Metro regions New Development extraordinarily strong Apartment building in principal metro areas

- -- Office and Hotels surge in No & So California
- -- High Speed Rail project continues
- -- Fire rebuilds in Northern California





Who's Impacted in California ?

- All restaurants, bars, wineries, breweries, closed for public gathering on March 15
- Governor Newsome orders shelter in place for Bay Area on March 15
- Rest of California is "shut in" on March 19
- Only the "essential critical infrastructure workforce" can remain at work
- How many people are impacted ?









Initial Forecasts through March 20

- 1) JP Morgan:
- 2) Deutsche bank:
- 3) IHS Markit:
- 4) UCLA Anderson:
- 5) UBS:
- 6) Goldman Sachs:

- 3 percent in Q2
- 13 percent in Q2
- 8.3 percent in Q2
- 6.4 percent in Q2
- 10 percent in Q2

With 7 percent unemployment

- 24 percent in Q2
- 7) Bank of America - 12 percent in Q2 Also: 1 million jobs lost in Q2 alone

COVID-19 Scenarios

- 1) Virus appears contained by mid- April with much fewer daily case outbreaks
 - 1) -- Supply chains restored by late April
 - 2) -- Travel bans lifted in May
 - 3) -- Spectator events resume in May
 - 4) -- People rush to plan their summer travel
- 2) Pandemic Peaks in late April; with containment achieved by late May
 - 1) Shelter-in-place orders removed in May
 - 2) Airlines, other travel, all events restored in June

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COVID-19 Scenarios

- 3) Pandemic Peak: June 1 Containment by end of June <u>Restoration of economy by August 1</u>
 - -- U.S. suffers negative GDP growth in 2020 Q2
 - -- and likely 2020 Q3

The decline in the stock market alone will reduce GDP growth this year by more than 1 percentage point.





2020 Economic Forecast Summary

- 2 principal scenarios: optimistic and pessimistic
 - Even if the shutdown was called off on April 1, there would be much slower growth
 - There are serious supply limitations but the attendant decline in demand from consumer-workers losing their jobs, income and wealth is staggering
- It's clearly a mega-contraction in the economy
- But is it a recession?

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2020 Economic Forecast Summary

- That's up to the NBER
- But because this shut down is unprecedented and so severe, it's likely they will call one beginning now and continuing until the contraction is clearly over
- However, an official recession could potentially be averted if we ramp up enough in May and June to overcome the current *bloodbath* that is impacting half of March and likely most of April

2020 Economic Forecast Summary

- Because interest rates will remain low through 2020 this will help housing and other interest rate sensitive sectors lead the recovery...
- Inflation remains a non-issue
- Construction (which there is a lot of right now) is less impacted by supply chain and will also help to power regional economies back to life
- Layoffs persist from between 6 weeks and 4 months pushing the unemployment rate sharply higher







Good news: Stimulus/Rescue Package



- \$1,200 in helicopter money to most adults
- \$ 367 billion in loans to small business
- \$ 500 billion in loans to distressed companies
- \$ 500 billion in loans to cities and states
- \$ 600/week additional unemployment benefit
 - \$ 130 billion to hospitals

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Potential Delays to the Recovery

- A V-shaped recovery does not mean immediately
- The economy is like an ecosystem: ramping up from devastation could take 6 months
- Can prior airline itineraries be reestablished quickly?
- The converted supply chains have to be reconverted back
 - □ From trucking to grocery stores and Costco to trucking back to Red Lobster and Applebees

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Potential Delays to the Recovery Supply chains need to be restored from China Will the network be in place to reabsorb the surge of inhound products to distribution conterp?

- of inbound products to distribution centers?
- What about the demand ?
- Re establishing worker supply chains internally
 - -- Will everyone be available to return to their old job ?
 - -- Will there be delays due to worker quarantines?

Potential Delays to the Recovery



- small and medium size businesses that were forced to quit during the shutdown ?
- □ 2 to 3 months = some form of normality
 - □ But full efficiency = 6 to 9 months



What about the Santa Clarita Valley ?

- The largest employer is shut down
- Princess Cruises shut down
- Healthcare like Henry Mayo and COC are included in the essential workforce
- Manufacturing enterprises in the Santa Clarita Valley are also mostly essential, and largely exempt from shelter in place



Santa Clarita Valley

- However ALL construction is part of the essential critical infrastructure workforce
- "Construction Workers who support the construction, operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects (including housing construction)"

Where are the job impacts by sector; what kind of dollar loss is at risk ?









