We have very little data to go on

1) This is happening at unprecedented speed - and our typical models can’t keep up

1) We’re largely reliant on private-sector data (e.g. OpenTable)

1) Labor market data is too slow (reference week)

1) But we have unemployment insurance claims!

Unemployment insurance claims

1) It’s the pace that will get you: fastest UI claims ever increased in one week during the Great Recession was 14%.

1) Unclear what the number this week will be - estimates are ranging from 2-4 million

1) 3 million would mean that the unemployment rate increased by almost 2 p.p.

1) The real question is what comes next week...

Unemployment insurance claims

1) Remember that unemployment insurance is an undercount of people’s economic pain right now:
    a) Can’t file
    b) Don’t qualify
    c) Hours cut
    d) Contractor
    e) Etc.

Where does the unemployment rate go?

No one knows!