

COVID-19 Index		Topic	Current Status	Score
July 27, 2020				
Health	Vaccine Testing Treatment	Consensus for a vaccine by mid-2021. The availability and accuracy of tests remain a controversy. The Trump administration has said they aim to have a vaccine by January 2021 as part of Operation Warp Speed. The U.S. government agreed to pay nearly \$2 billion to Pfizer and BioNTech for 100 million coronavirus vaccine doses.		
	New Cases	Global confirmed cases are 15,636,812 as of July 24, 2020 according to JHU. Number of cases in US is 4,091,062. New cases in the U.S. totaled just under 69,000 on Thursday, July 23, 2020, down 11.1% from a week ago, though on 6.1% fewer tests Dr. Fauci said that states with severe Covid-19 outbreaks are going to "seriously look at shutting down."		
	Deaths	According to JHU: Global deaths at 636,404 and US deaths at 145,063 as of July 24, 2020. Per the WHO, the Covid-19 crisis is "far from over" and "the worst has yet to come."		
	US GDP	Fed forecasts US economy will shrink -6.5% this year. JPM and Goldman estimated -35-40% Q2 GDP. It was -4.8% in Q1. Biggest drop in quarterly economic output since Q4 2008.		
	ECRI	ECRI's U.S. Weekly Leading Index (WLI) stands at -8.38% as of July 17, 2020. The ECRI has trended positive for the past eight weeks, partially due to market rebound. The market tends not to rebound until the ECRI trends positive. It is not as low as 2009 levels anymore.		
	Unemployment	June unemployment rate fell to 11.1% from 13.3%. Filings for initial jobless claims totaled 1.416 million for the week ending July 18, up 109,000 from the week prior. This was the 17th straight week in which initial claims remained above 1 million, and the first time it has increased in 16 weeks. Continuing claims fell to 16.197 million from 17.304 million in the week prior.		
Economy	Federal Reserve	Fed Chair Powell warned Congress of the risks to the economy if lawmakers do not pass additional fiscal aid. "The path forward for the economy is extraordinarily uncertain and will depend in large part on our success in containing the virus," says Powell.		
	PMI	U.S. business activity increased to a six-month high in July. U.S. PMI Manufacturing rose to 51.3 in July, up from 49.8, marking a 6-month high. PMI Services rose to 49.6, up from 47.9, also a 6-month high but stayed in contraction. PMI Composite rose to 50.0, up from 47.9.		
	Global	European Union leaders agreed on a €1.8 trillion (\$2.06 trillion) spending package aimed at containing an unprecedented economic downturn by resorting to new measures that could ultimately deepen the bloc's economic integration. According to the World Bank, about 93% of countries are in a recessionary state right now.		
Markets	S&P 500	-0.47% YTD – not as bad as one would think. However, most everyone agrees that our economy is more than 0.47% "messed up" right now. Goldman predicts the S&P 500 will close the year at 3,000-3,200 and recommends income producing investments. Tech mega caps continue to lead the rally. FAANGM accounts for over a quarter (26%) of the S&P 500 market cap share.		
	Earnings	S&P 500 Forward P/E Ratio currently 22.19x, a level not seen since Tech Bubble. According to FactSet, earnings in the second quarter are estimated to plummet -43.8%. A market of haves versus have nots.		
OVERALL			Progress will be slow; hope for no 2 nd wave; consensus for a "swoosh" recovery if we are lucky.	
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