Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak
September 22nd, 2020

INFORMS Members In The News

- Trumps Trumpf (Online Focus)
    Member: Tinglong Dai

- Last-minute deals entice travelers (Good Morning America)
    Member: Sheldon Jacobson

U.S. Federal Policy Update

- The House Financial Services Committee convened a hearing on the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve's response to the pandemic, with testimony from Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell. They emphasized the need for Congress to agree on more coronavirus relief – with Secretary Mnuchin specifically stating that "there's broad bipartisan support for extending the [Paycheck Protection Program] to businesses that had revenue drops for a second check."

- The White House published a readout from Vice President Mike Pence's briefing on coronavirus response and best practices.

- Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue published a new rule specifying eligibility requirements and application procedures for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which is intended to help agricultural producers whose work is impacted by COVID-19 seek financial assistance.

- The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency published an announcement on election disinformation, emphasizing that "the increased use of mail-in ballots due to COVID-19 protocols could leave officials with incomplete results on election night."

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) delayed their vote on how to distribute vaccine supply among states once one is approved. They stated that "the committee's working group has not fully worked out its plan to present to ACIP today, so the CDC has decided not to ask ACIP to vote today."

- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci stated that "vaccines are being produced to be ready to administer," with hope that health agencies "get a good signal that it works."

State Update

- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) announced that the state is adding five more states to their quarantine list, which mandates that travelers quarantine for 14 days upon arrival

into New York. These five states are: Arizona, Minnesota, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Wyoming.

- North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper (D) announced that if the current downward trend for COVID-19 cases continues, then outdoor venues will be permitted to reopen at 7% capacity beginning on October 2nd.

- The U.S. Department of Defense granted [$5 million](#) to Utah's Office of Economic Development, to be used to fund a state project that includes retraining workers displaced as a result of COVID-19.

- The Washington, D.C. City Council passed legislation unanimously that would extend the city's state of emergency, as well as the ban on new eviction measures.

Global Response

- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that they would implement more stringent coronavirus restrictions – including a 10 PM closing time on social venues, a mask mandate, a limit of 15 people at gatherings, and a request that employees work from home.

- The Saudi Arabian government submitted a request to delay the G-20 Summit until December, due to ongoing concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

Economic Update

- U.S. stocks were on the rise today, with all three indices closing with gains. The Nasdaq Composite climbed by 1.71%, the S&P 500 by 1.05%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 0.52%.

Latest Impact Data

- In the United States: Over 7,094,780 cases and 205,380 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.

- Worldwide: Over 31,742,218 and 973,933 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

In the News

- [U.S. coronavirus death toll tops 200K as officials fear fall surge (Politico)](#)

- [FDA to soon issue tougher emergency vaccine standards: report (The Hill)](#)

- [CDC Advisory Panel to Delay Vote on Initial Vaccine Roll-Out (The Wall Street Journal)](#)

- [Mnuchin, Powell say Congress needs to pass more COVID-19 relief (Roll Call)](#)

- [Colleges reopening in-person likely added 3,000 U.S. COVID-19 cases per day: study (Reuters)](#)