INFORMS Members in the News

- **Now you’ll have to pass a health screening to fly United Airlines (Crain’s Chicago Business)**
  Member: Sheldon Jacobson

U.S. Federal Policy Update

- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) formally requested a briefing for Democratic Senators from White House Coronavirus Task Force members next week. Specifically requesting information from Task Force Coordinator Deborah Birx and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci, Minority Leader Schumer stated that the senators “need to understand why these spikes are happening and how to adapt [the] national response.”

- Weekly Labor Department data released today found that 1.5 million Americans applied for unemployment insurance benefits in the past week. This brings the total number of claims since mid-March to 44.2 million.

Global Response

- The European Commission announced that their member countries would begin a gradual reopening of their external borders for travel beginning July 1st.

- The Italian government announced that they would ease lockdown measures on schools and summer camps – allowing activities to resume with appropriate social distancing protocols.

State Update

- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that the state would progress to phase 2 of their reopening process, with outdoor dining and outdoor amusement activities set to resume operations beginning 5 PM EST tomorrow. Additionally, next Friday, June 19th, gyms, malls, and fitness centers will reopen while appropriate protocols will have to be maintained.

- Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers announced that the state would be disbursing $40 million in CARES Act financial assistance to hospitals in the state.

- Hawaiian Governor David Ige announced that the state’s state of emergency restrictions would remain through the end of July for travelers, mandating that travelers remain in quarantine for two weeks after they arrive in Hawaii.

- Idaho Governor Brad Little confirmed that the state would move to the next phase of their reopening plan as planned this Saturday, which would allow for nightclubs and sporting arenas to resume operations – as long as they maintain social distancing measures.
Economic Update (as of close of the markets)

- U.S. stocks fell sharply today, with all three indices closing with major losses. The Dow Jones Industrial Average declined by 6.9%, the S&P 500 by 5.9%, and the Nasdaq Composite by 5.3%.

Latest Impact Data

- In the United States: Over 2,064,564 cases and 115,112 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 7,439,097 million cases and 417,950 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

In the News

- Quarantine fatigue: Governors reject new lockdowns as virus cases spike (Politico)
- Fears of second U.S. coronavirus wave rise on worrisome spike in cases, hospitalizations (Reuters)
- White House Considering Second Round of Stimulus Payments (Wall Street Journal)
- Dow plunges more than 1,800 points as rising COVID-19 cases roil Wall Street (The Hill)
- Amid sharp stock market selloff, Trump and his aides try to talk up economy’s prospects (Washington Post)