



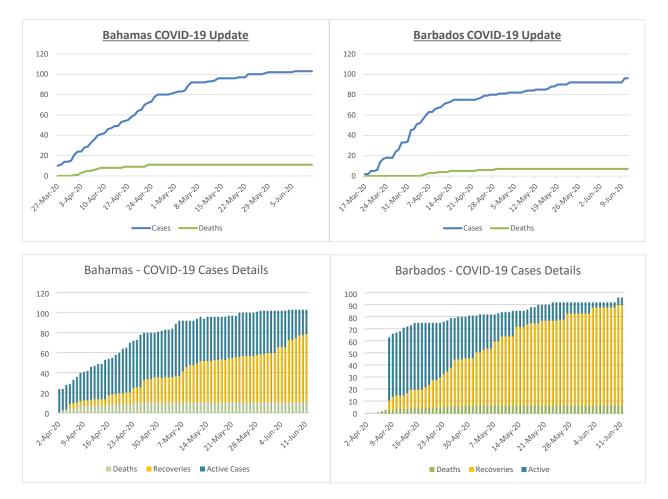
COVID-19 Update: 12th June 2020

RF aims to keep you informed and below are some of the key developments locally, regionally and globally. The sooner the economies of the US, Canada and Europe recover the sooner our markets will recover.

All successful endurance athletes can take a daunting endeavor and break it up into manageable segments. For example, Iron Man triathletes swim 2.4 miles, ride 112 miles, and then run a 26.22 mile marathon. During the swim, the focus is on swimming technique and swimming direction. While riding they need to ensure their profile is streamlined and the body remains hydrated and fueled. The ride is followed by a "short" run which requires focus on technique, pacing, and hydration and energy stores. Successful triathletes plan out each phase of the race beforehand and during the race focus on the present and avoid getting ahead of themselves.

Since March, we have all joined the ranks of endurance athletes due to the COVID-19 crisis. Most countries have broken this endurance challenge into four or five phases. The Bahamas and Barbados have been focused and completed phases 1 to 3. We are about to entire phase four of the re-opening, but it is essential that we remain focused on the present and not assume the final phase five is inevitable. If we get ahead of ourselves and forget the need for social distancing and proper hygiene, we run the risk of a second wave and prolonging the crisis.

The charts below show that both The Bahamas and Barbados continue to make good progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19. Both countries continue to re-open the economy as per their stated re-opening phases.



Source: Johns Hopkins University & Medicine – Coronavirus Resource Center; Bahamas Ministry of Health COVID-19 Dashboard; Barbados Government Information Centre.

The table below shows that the Dominican Republic (DR) remains the hot spot in the Caribbean with 5,369 new cases over the last 14 days. Haiti added 2,498 new cases over this period. The Cayman Islands saw an increase of 46 cases over the last 14 days, but to date they have tested 16,628 people, or 25.3% of the population which is one of the highest testing rates globally. The Bahamas had 2 new cases and Barbados had 4 new cases.

COVID-19 Status Update¹

Caribbean Counties by Cases

									Active	Active	
		Change Last 2				•	Recovery		Cases per	Cases per	Deaths
Country	Cases	Weeks	Active	Deaths	Recoveries	Ratio ²	Ratio ²	Population ³	Capita	1000	per 100k
Dominican Republic	21,437	5,369	8,335	561	12,541	2.6%	58.5%	10,847,910	0.08%	0.77	5.17
Haiti	3,941	2,498	3,853	64	24	1.6%	0.6%	11,402,528	0.03%	0.34	0.56
Cuba	2,219	236	242	84	1,893	3.8%	85.3%	11,326,616	0.00%	0.02	0.74
Jamaica	611	42	193	10	408	1.6%	66.8%	2,961,167	0.01%	0.07	0.34
Cayman Islands	186	46	73	1	112	0.5%	60.2%	65,722	0.11%	1.11	1.52
Trinidad & Tobago	117	1	•	8	109	6.8%	93.2%	1,399,488	0.00%	1	0.57
Bahamas	103	2	24	11	68	10.7%	66.0%	393,482	0.01%	0.06	2.80
Barbados	96	4	6	7	83	7.3%	86.5%	287,375	0.00%	0.02	2.44
St Vin. & Gren.	27	2	2	-	25	0.0%	92.6%	110,940	0.00%	0.02	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	26	1	3	3	20	11.5%	76.9%	97,929	0.00%	0.03	3.06
Saint Lucia	19	1	1	-	18	0.0%	94.7%	183,627	0.00%	0.01	0.00
Dominica	18	2	2	-	16	0.0%	88.9%	71,986	0.00%	0.03	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis 15 15 0.0% 100.0% 53,199 0.00% -									0.00		
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2. Observed cases											
3. www.worldpopulationreview.com											

Globally the numbers continue to rise and over the last 14 days total cases increased by 1,703,203. Brazil, US, India, Russia, and Peru had weekly increases of 364.6K, 301.3k, 129.1k, 123.1k, and 66.5k respectively. India is now the fourth most infected country.

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Fon 10 Counties by Cases

Top 10 Counties by Cases											
									Active	Active	
		Change Last 2				Fatality	Recovery		Cases per	Cases per	Deaths
Country	Cases	Weeks	Active	Deaths	Recoveries	Ratio ²	Ratio ²	Population ³	Capita	1000	per 100k
Global	7,547,702	1,703,203	3,562,057	422,062	3,563,583	5.6%	47.2%	7,577,130,400	0.05%	0.47	5.57
U.S.A.	2,023,690	301,271	1,369,576	113,822	540,292	5.6%	26.7%	331,002,651	0.41%	4.14	34.39
Brazil	802,828	364,590	330,838	40,919	431,071	5.1%	53.7%	212,559,417	0.16%	1.56	19.25
Russia	510,761	123,138	235,194	6,705	268,862	1.3%	52.6%	145,934,462	0.16%	1.61	4.59
India	297,535	129,148	141,842	8,498	147,195	2.9%	49.5%	1,366,417,000	0.01%	0.10	0.62
United Kingdom	292,860	22,349	250,217	41,364	1,279	14.1%	0.4%	67,886,011	0.37%	3.69	60.93
Spain	242,707	4,801	65,195	27,136	150,376	11.2%	62.0%	46,754,778	0.14%	1.39	58.04
Italy	236,142	4,410	30,637	34,167	171,338	14.5%	72.6%	60,461,826	0.05%	0.51	56.51
Peru	214,788	66,503	106,271	6,088	102,429	2.8%	47.7%	32,946,060	0.32%	3.23	18.48
France	192,493	6,129	90,875	29,349	72,269	15.2%	37.5%	65,273,511	0.14%	1.39	44.96
Germany	186,933	4,374	6,626	8,780	171,527	4.7%	91.8%	83,783,942	0.01%	0.08	10.48
All Others	2,546,965	689,184	934,786	105,234	1,506,945	4.1%	59.2%	5,164,110,742	0.02%	0.18	2.04
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Regional Updates

Bahamas

- Gradual re-opening of the tourism sector to commence.
 - o June 15th private aircraft and boats/yachts will be allowed entry.
 - o July 1st the remainder of the industry is expected to re-open.
- COVID-19 crisis appears to have stabilized, but only 2,252 tests (0.57% of the population) have been completed.
- Central Bank restrictions on access to foreign currency for investments remain in place.

Barbados

- PM Mottley gives all businesses the green light to re-open on June 15th.
- Effective June 15th, weekday curfew will be lifted, but the weekend curfew will remain in place for two weeks.
- To date Barbados has tested 6,321 (2.2% of the population) people. (Source: www.gisbarbados.gov.bb)

International

- The Cayman Islands have done 16,628 tests (25% of the population) to date of which 186 were positive and 16,442 were negative. To date they have had a single death. (Source: www.caymancompass.com)
- US FED Chairman Powell remains dovish and noted that the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is "not even thinking about thinking about raising rates".
- The FOMC median participant does not see the Fed Funds Rate increasing before the end of 2022.



 FOMC median participant forecasts a 6.5% contraction of GDP in 2020, followed by a 5.0% expansion of GDP in 2021. The spread between the lowest and highest FOMC participant forecasts is the widest ever.

Global Economic & Market Updates

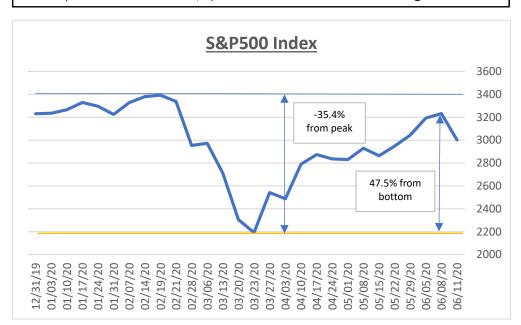
The table below details the real GDP growth expectation of all the economists that contribute to bloomberg. China's economy is expected to return to growth in Q2, while the US and Canada real GDPs are expected to fall by 34.2% and 41.3% respectively. On the positive side, US and Canadian real GDP is expected rebound in Q3 by 15.0% and 29.9% respectively. Let us hope this expected v-shaped recovery occurs.

Economic Forecasts ¹									
Real GDP (YoY%)	Q4 19	Q1 20	Q2 20	Q3 20	Q4 20	Q1 21	Q2 21	Q3 21	
US	2.1	-4.8	-34.2	15.0	7.9	5.0	4.1	3.6	
China	6.0	-6.8	1.1	5.0	6.0	14.5	8.7	5.6	
Japan	-7.3	-3.4	-22.0	6.1	5.5	4.0	3.0	3.0	
Germany	0.4	-2.3	-11.2	-6.9	-4.4	-1.1	10.6	5.6	
France	0.9	-5.4	-17.1	-8.7	-5.3	1.3	15.2	5.1	
UK	1.1	-1.6	-15.6	-7.9	-5.2	-1.5	15.9	6.3	
Italy	0.1	-4.8	-15.5	-10.1	-6.8	-0.7	13.0	6.5	
Canada	0.3	-10.0	-41.3	29.9	10.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	

 $^{{\}it 1. Bloomberg contributor composite forecasts}$

Global equity markets have recovered most of the losses incurred in Q1. On June 11th markets gave back around 6% of these gains, but today markets seem to have stabilized. Over the short-term increased market volatility should be expected and investors, with medium to long-term investment horizons, may want to buy market pullbacks like we had yesterday.

Global Equity Market & Commodity Returns								
Stock Exchange	2018	2019	1Q20	8-Jun				
USA (SPX)	-6.2%	28.9%	-20.0%	0.0%				
Germany (DAX)	-18.3%	25.5%	-25.0%	-3.2%				
Japan (NKY)	-12.1%	18.2%	-20.0%	-2.0%				
Canada (SPTSX)	-11.6%	19.1%	-21.6%	-6.4%				
Gold (XAU)	-1.6%	18.3%	3.9%	12.0%				
Silver (XAG)	-8.5%	15.2%	-21.7%	-0.5%				
Platimun (XPT)	-14.3%	21.5%	-25.2%	-13.2%				
Oil (USCRWTIC Index)	-24.8%	34.5%	-66.5%	-37.5%				
Notes: 1) All returns are in USD; 2) Data was sourced from Bloomberg								

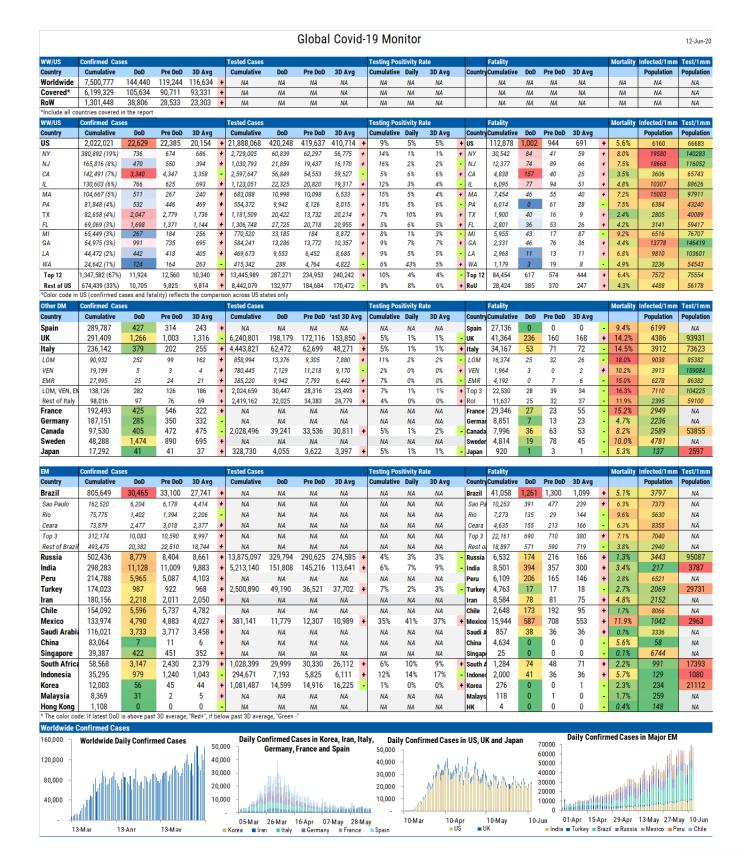




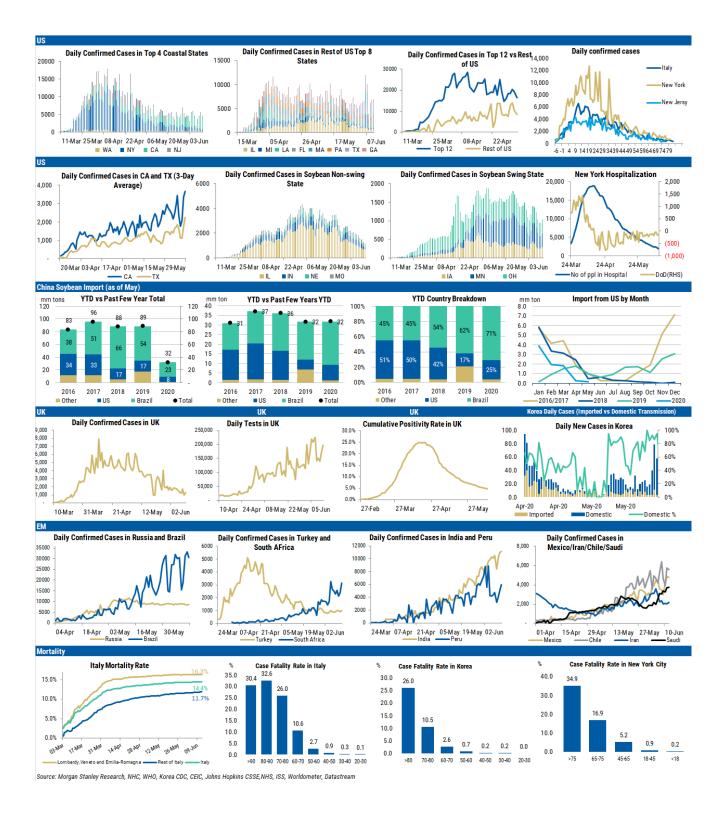
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From Morgan Stanley

- Flat plateau: US (23k, CA and TX start to accelerate again), Russia (8.8k)
- Still accelerating: Brazil (30k), Peru (5.9k), Chile (5.6k), Mexico (4.8k), India (11k) and South Africa (3.1k)
- Re-accelerating after festival: Iran (2.2k) and Saudi Arabia (3.7k)
- First wave under control: Most European countries.
- To Prevent second wave: China (7), Korea (56), Singapore (422) and Hong Kong (0).
- Matthew Harrison: <u>Biotechnology: COVID-19: Ongoing Spread Rather Than Increasing Tests Drives New Cases in Accelerating States (11 Jun 2020)</u>
- Many US states have recently reached a new peak in daily new cases. Some investors have suggested
 that case growth is primarily driven by higher testing volume. Our analysis demonstrates higher testing
 is not the main driver of new cases. We conclude active community spread is likely still ongoing.







For our published research on the virus and its implication. Please see

- Biotechnology: COVID-19 Outbreak Dynamics Daily Update Vs Our Model
- Morgan Stanley Global Research: Global Weekly COVID-19 Impact Update: June 5, 2020.

