# The Economy: COVID Depression is now the COVID Recession

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### Today looks like W

- 1. How long will this last?
- 2. Recent macroeconomic performance
- 3. Sectoral view
- 4. Headwinds
- 5. Long term fiscal concerns



## What's your letter: V U W K L?

Today, it looks like W

Sources of economic uncertainty

Pandemic Round 2 in Europe; U.S. Round 1 never ends

Winter COVID and the Flu

Election and macroeconomic policy

Consumer spending and the income distribution

Bankruptcies, foreclosures, and liquidity

### The real drivers of recovery

Masks, sanitation, and Thanksgiving dinner

Vaccines will be "supply constrained" through early fall 2021—which is optimistic

Vaccine take-up rate is a question

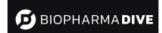


## Vaccine Horse Race

Doing the addition to find the pivot?



### Vaccine horse race





Notes on the lead horses:

Oxford-AstraZeneca: testing resumed 10/23

Moderna (RNA): Phase 3 underway

Pfizer-BioNTech (RNA): Late stage data late fall 2020, post-election announcement

Johnson & Johnson: single-shot, Phase 3 start 9/23; 10/12 pause;

Sanofi-Glaxo: Phase 3 expected early 2021

Current projections assume clinical development succeeds and progresses on time, neither of which are certain to happen.

Nami Sumida/BioPharma Dive



## Vaccines ready when?



#### 5 takeaways from the FDA's closely watched coronavirus vaccine meeting

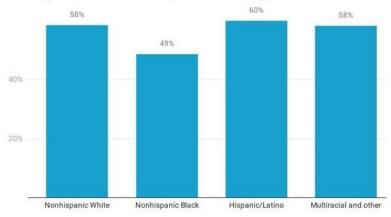
October 24, 2020; https://www.biopharmadive.com/news/fda-coronavirus-vaccine-advisory-meeting-takeaways/587665/

- 1. Some experts were reassured by the FDA's standards: Vaccine developers seeking an EUA will need to meet the same efficacy standards as they would to win a full approval. And, before granting an EUA, the FDA will require a median of at least two months of safety follow-up. Other committee members were skeptical of current phase 3 trials
- 2. Others, **not so much**: Some experts on the panel, however, questioned the clinical trial goals companies are using, and debated whether the two-month safety requirement for emergency clearance is sufficient.
- **3. Keeping vaccines cold will be a challenge**: New type of vaccine being developed need deep freeze. Shipping containers & dry ice said to keep vaccines for 15 days
- 4. Plans are in place to **ensure people receive their second shot** Pfizer and BioNTech's as well as Moderna's vaccines are given as two shots several weeks apart
- 5. Mistrust of government is a major concern:
  - May Pew Research Center found 72% of surveyed Americans would "definitely" or "probably" get a vaccine; September, 51%
  - Harris October Poll 58%, of respondents would get a vaccine as soon as it's made available; 43% of Black respondents said they would.
  - Regan-Udall Foundation listening sessions with healthcare and retail workers, as well as minority group members, concerns spanned general distrust of the healthcare system about the speed of development & being used as a "guinea pig."



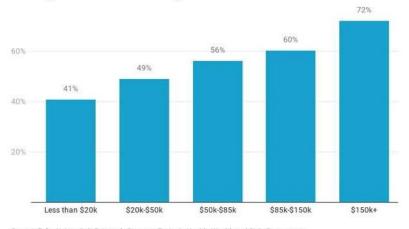
## Tufts University Poll May-June 2020 on vaccine accept

#### Willingness to Vaccinate by Race/Ethnicity



Source: Tufts University Research Group on Equity in Health, Wealth and Civic Engagement

#### Willingness to Vaccinate by Household Income



Source: Tufts University's Research Group on Equity in Health, Wealth and Civic Engagement

### Compare distrust with exposure and incidence

White, Hispanic, & other: 58% to 60%

African-American: 49%

#### Household income

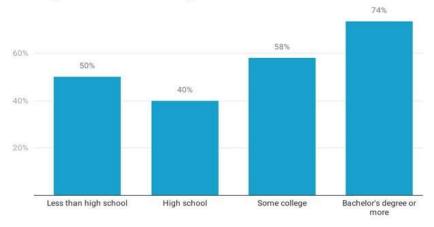
> \$150,000<sup>+</sup>: 72%

> \$20K - \$50K: 49%

> Less than \$20K: 41%

Education: High school graduates: 40%

#### Willingness to Vaccinate by Education



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Phase 3 data availability, Three RNA vaccines in Phase 3 trails in the U.S., 11 in Phase 3 globally Optimistic FDA guess is availability mid-summer 2021 20M-30M doses of vaccines that will require 2 shots

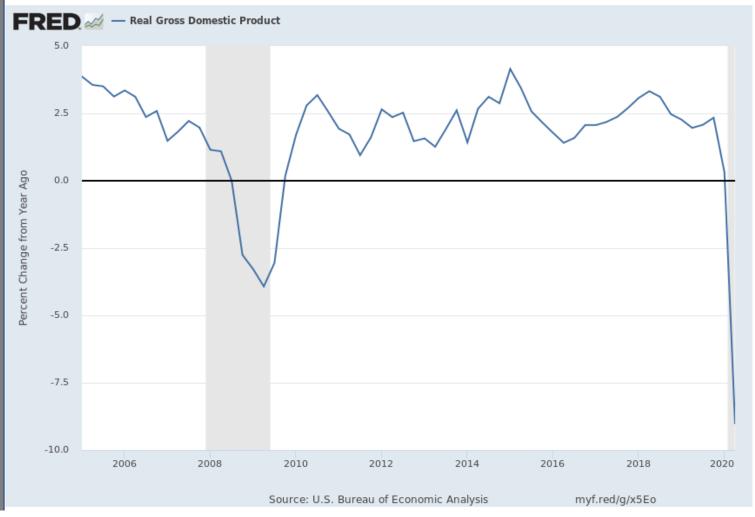
- 10—15M people inoculated out of 331M or between 3% and 4.5% of the population
- The CDC estimated:
  - 20M health care workers,
  - up to 80M essential workers, and
  - 53M people older than 65
  - Total of 133M people (count health care as essential workers) with likely double counting that is 35% to 40% of the population
  - Herd immunity is often placed at 70-80% coverage. That is between 232M to 265M people
- Single shot, traditionally manufactured, vaccines by Johnson & Johnson and Novavax close to starting Phase 3 trials
- A guess is that the population will not be covered until late fall 2021 to early spring 2022
- That is when the economic recovery can start with current behaviors in place



# Macroeconomy

### This is ugly: Real GDP

## 12-month percent change in real GDP, quarterly data 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter GDP early estimate is due October 29



Percent change from 12 months earlier 2009(2) April-June 2009: -3.90% 2019 (4) October-December 2019: 2.33% 2020(1) January-March,2020: 0.32% 2020(2) April – June 2020 -9.03%

#### **Great Recession:**

14 Quarters to recover pre-crash GDP (3.5 years)



# Biggest dollar losers Second quarter of 2019 to second quarter of 2020 12 Month Change in Real GDP (\$ billions)

Nearly 68.7% GDP loss is in personal consumption expenditures on services

Industries sent to the sidelines by COVID-19

Visitors services and restaurants: 47.8%

Health care: 24.3%

Nonresidential Fixed Investment

Transportation equipment 7.4%

Industrial equipment 1.3%

	12-month
	change
Industry	GDP
Health care	-439.4
Food services and accommodations	-381.9
Recreation services	-289.7
Other services	-210.2
Transportation services	-193.3
Gasoline and other energy goods	-156.6
Clothing and footwear	-116.6
Other durable goods	-51.5
Motor vehicles and parts	-40.3
Furnishings and durable household equipment	-5.4
Financial services and insurance	13.3
Recreational goods and vehicles	39.4
Other nondurable goods	61.0
Housing and utilities	112.3
Food and beverages purchased for off-premises consumption	113.7
Final consumption expenditures of nonprofit institutions serving	
households	145.1



# Biggest percentage losers Second quarter of 2019 to second quarter of 2020

Recreation services lost half of its GDP value

Gasoline and energy goods down by 45%

Transportation services and food services and hotels off by 40%

Health care off by 18%

Transportation equipment for industry down by 43%

Who grew

Nonprofits that serve households by 33%--this is not a good thing

Grocery stores and take out food by 11%

Recreational goods and RVs by 9.1%

	12 month
	percent
Sector or Industry	change
Gross domestic product (GDP)	-8.5%
ersonal consumption expenditures	-9.7%
Goods	-3.5%
Services	-12.5%
Recreation services	-50.0%
Gasoline and other energy goods	-45.4%
Transportation services	-40.3%
Food services and accommodations	-38.3%
Clothing and footwear	-28.8%
Other durable goods	-23.3%
Health care	-18.0%
Other services	-17.4%
Motor vehicles and parts	-7.7%
Furnishings and durable household equipment	-1.5%
Financial services and insurance	1.1%
Housing and utilities	4.2%
Other nondurable goods	5.0%
Recreational goods and vehicles	9.1%
Food and beverages purchased for off-premises consumption	11.1%
Final consumption expenditures of nonprofit institutions serving households	33.2%
Gross private domestic investment	-16.3%
Fixed investment	-7.0%
Nonresidential	-8.5%
Structures	-10.1%
Equipment	-15.0%
Information processing equipment	0.7%
Industrial equipment	-8.8%
Transportation equipment	-43.1%
Other equipment	-11.9%
Intellectual property products	0.7%
Software	3.3%
Research and development	-0.2%
Entertainment, literary, and artistic originals	-5.9%
Residential	-1.9%
Change in private inventories	-662.0%
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Services	68.7%
Industries	
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Health care	24.3%
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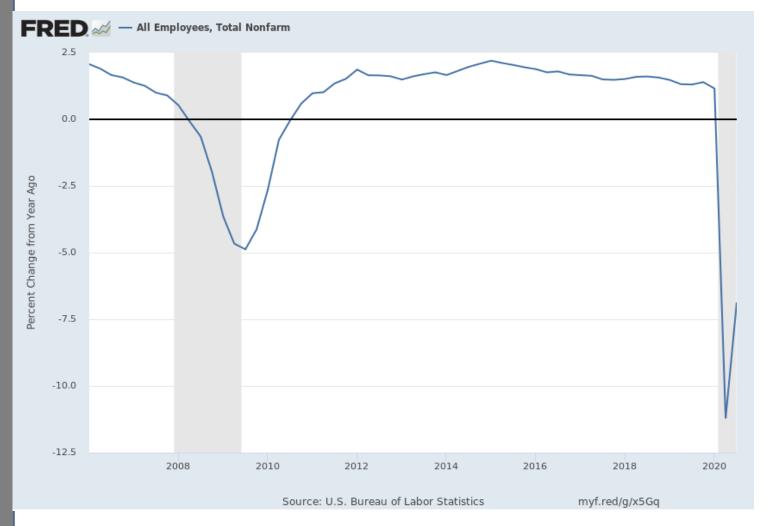
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## This is ugly:

### 12-month percent change in non-farm employment, quarterly data



Percent change from 12 months earlier

2009(2) April-June 2009: -4.87%

2019 (4) October-December 2019: 1.39%

2020(1) January-March, 2020: 1.15%

2020(2) April – June 2020 -11.20%

2020(3) July-September 2020. -6.86%

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## This is really ugly: Non-farm employment, quarterly data



**Employment Levels** 

2008(1) January-March 2008: 138.3M

2010 (1) January-March 2010: 129.8M bottom

2014(2) April-June 2020: 138.5M recovery

2020(1) January-March 2020: 151.9M

2020(2) April-June 2020: 133.7M

2020(3) July-September 2020: 140.8M

**Great Recession:** 

26 Quarters to recover pre-crash GDP (6.5 years)



## TREAT YOUR MASK LIKE UNDERWEAR



- 1. Do not touch or adjust (especially in public).
- 2. Do not borrow or lend.
- 3. Make sure fit is tight but comfortable
- 4. Make sure it is CLEAN.
- 5. Wear the right side out.
- 6. If it is damp, change it.
  - 7. Don't go COMMANDO!

Words that will get you through a pandemic

Thank You

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