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Good Morning,

Stocks lost ground last week as the Fed provided a dire forecast for the economy, indicating monetary policy will remain very easy for some time. In particular, Fed Chairman Powell noted, “the path ahead is both highly uncertain and subject to significant downside risks.” He also highlighted the ways a deep and long recession could harm long-term growth considerably even after the actual recession ends. Then markets rallied sharply Monday after pharmaceutical company, Moderna, announced some success in Phase 1 trials of their experimental vaccine for COVID-19. We remain in a headline-driven and volatile market environment.

The coronavirus pandemic is disproportionately affecting those of retirement age, which could influence how parts of the economy are re-opened. According to the CDC, the average age of those who have died is 76, with 80% of all deaths in America coming from those over 65. The great re-opening experiment rolls on as we all hope for the best. Even if infections rise, it will be politically very difficult to “re-lock down” the economy. The original case for economic closing was not to wait for the virus to be eradicated, but rather to slow down the pressure on the health care system and buy time to develop more testing and treatment. Americans seem increasingly determined to re-open the economy.

It's Memorial Day weekend, the time to honor the men and women who died while serving in the US Military. Perhaps it's appropriate to include the first responders and health care workers who have also sacrificed their lives in the current war against COVID-19. We are lucky to live in a country where heroes exist and put the interests of the greater good ahead of their own.

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Enjoy the long weekend!

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