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Coronavirus Impacts Wall Street, New York Declares State of Emergency & Chinese exports fall 17.2%

The U.S. Stock markets opened March 9, opened with the S&P 500 falling 7% and the Dow Jones Industrial average seeing 1,800 point loss that led the NYSE halting trading temporarily. Also, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency as 105 cases of coronavirus had been diagnosed in the empire state. The Coronavirus pandemic continues to spread globally, and the number of cases has hit now 109,578, with 80,904 cases and 3,123 deaths in China. In other parts of the world, there are 28,674 cases and 686 deaths, with 104 countries reporting new cases, among the latest countries reporting are Colombia, Holy See, Peru, Serbia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Faroe Islands, French Guiana, Maldives, Malta, Martinique, Republic of Moldova and Togo.

As part of the coronavirus impact, we note the Chinese export fell higher than expected during January and February as the pandemic led extended factory shutdowns, employee furloughs, inconsistent supply chains, and less than desirable factory output all across China. The overall impact of exports was 17.2%, and imports also declined by 4%.

Economic Front: Primary Indicators that reported on the week of March 2-6

- Target Federal Funds Rate Lower Limit- reported on 03/03 at 1.00%, compared to 1.50% the previous market day and 2.25% last year.
- U.S. Consumer Price Index- is at a current level of 258.82, up from 258.44 last month
- **U.S. GDP** is at a current level of 21.73T, up from 21.54T last quarter.
- **U.S. Housing Starts** is at a current level of 1.567M, down from 1.626M last month.
- U.S. Manufacturing New Orders- is at a current level of 497.91B, down from 500.20B last month.
- **U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditures** is at a current level of 13.41T, up from 13.35T last quarter and up from 13.07T.
- U.S. Retail Sales- is at a current level of 463.23B, up from 462.60B last month.
- U.S. Total Nonfarm Payrolls- is at a current level of 152.54M, up from 152.27M last month.

Primary U.S. Economic Indicators Calendar for the week of March 9-13

- U.S. Consumer Price Index reports on 03/11
- U.S. Consumer Price Index MoM reports on 03/11
- U.S. Initial Jobless Claims reports on 3/12
- U.S. Producer Price Index YoY reports on 03/12
- 30 Year Mortgage Rate reports on 03/12

Week in markets- Roller Coaster Rides all across the Global Markets.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week of March 9 at 24,120.26, for a loss of 1,802.75 points, or -6.95 percent. Besides, the S&P 500 closed at 2,776.01, for a loss of 254.36 or -8.39 percent. The Nasdaq closed at 8,072.53 for a loss of 607.69 or -7.00 percent. The Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index closed at 1,560.12, for a loss of 49.40 or -3.07 percent. Meanwhile, the U.S. Treasury's 10-year note close at 0.74 percent, or -33.51 less, and YTD return of minus-1.2 percent.

Weekly Market Close Comparison	3/9/2020	3/3/2020	Change
Dow Jones Industrial Average	24,120.26	25,923.01	-6.95%
Standard & Poor's 500	2,776.01	3,030.37	-8.39%
Nasdaq	8,072.53	8,680.22	-7.00%
Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index	1,560.12	1,609.52	-3.07%

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