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Abstract

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Interim Economic Update

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# Economic Impact of the Novel Coronavirus

An outbreak of a novel coronavirus named COVID-19, a respiratory virus capable of causing pneumonia, spread outward from its epicenter of Wuhan, China beginning in January 2020. As of February 29th, 85,403 cases and 2,924 deaths had been reported in more than 50 countries. The virus, while not highly deadly, has incited global fear as it is extremely contagious and poses a high risk to certain segments of the population including the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions. Governments and healthcare systems’ primary responses to the novel coronavirus, which lacks established treatments or immunizations, have been widespread quarantines and travel bans.

The outbreak is expected to slow global economic output, most notably in China. Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), anticipates growth will slow worldwide this year by 0.1 percentage points and in China by 0.4 percentage points. Additionally, the Chinese government’s focus on containing the virus is expected to delay work on the anticipated Phase 2 of U.S.-China trade negotiations.



Partly in response to these emerging threats, the stock market dropped on Monday, February 24th by more than 3%, with the largest declines for companies in the travel industry and those with supply chains heavily reliant on China and South Korea, another country hard-hit by the virus’s spread. The slide continued throughout the week, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average[[1]](#footnote-1) falling 3,583.05 points and closing 12.4% lower on Friday, February 28th, than the previous Friday. The S&P 500 was down 11.5% over the same period. The volatility index[[2]](#footnote-2), a proxy for investor anxiety derived from tracking options prices on S&P 500 stocks, closed at 39.16 on Thursday, February 27th, more than 1.5 times its level one week prior. In the course of the selloff, the market demonstrated an appetite for safer investments, pushing long-term treasury bond prices up and yields down. The Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell, indicated that the Fed would “act as appropriate” to mitigate the nation’s economic effects of the coronavirus outbreak. On Tuesday, March 3rd, the Fed cut target interest rates by 50 basis points to a range of 1.0% to 1.25% in response to the risks posed by the novel coronavirus to economic stability; it was the first emergency rate cut in over 11 years.

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