

Newsflash: Positive Oxford Vaccine Progress

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Country Equity	Index	7 Day	YTD	Currency	Price	7 Day	YTD
SA Equities (ZAR)	FTSE/JSE ALSI	+0.1%	-1.4%	Gold (USD)	1,818*	+0.5%	+19.9%
US Equities (USD)	S&P 500	+3.1%	+0.7%	Platinum (USD)	864*	+0.0%	-11.2%
UK Equities (GBP)	FTSE 100	+1.4%	-17.0%	Oil (USD)	43.34*	+1.3%	-34.4%
German Equities (EUR)	DAX	+1.9%	-4.1%	USD/ZAR	16.62*	-0.8%	-15.5%*
Japanese Equities (JPY)	NIKKEI 225	-0.3%	-4.0%	GBP/ZAR	21.03*	-0.5%	-11.8%*
Chinese Equities (CNY)	SHANGHAI SE	-3.8%	+8.7%	EUR/ZAR	19.00*	+0.4%	-17.0%*

Source: Morningstar Direct, Bloomberg, *time of writing 06h40, 2020-07-21

One of the many vaccines being developed globally has produced positive results. Clinical trials involving 1,077 people at the University of Oxford indicated that antibodies and T-cells were produced in patients. The UK government is very excited by this and has since ordered 100 million doses of the vaccine. *"The immune system has two ways of finding and attacking pathogens -- antibody and T cell responses. This vaccine is intended to induce both, so it can attack the virus when it's circulating in the body, as well as attacking infected cells,"* said the study's lead author, University of Oxford paediatrician Dr Andrew Pollard.

Deaths from the virus in South Africa have increased by over a thousand in a week. Confirmed positive tests continue to rise exponentially in Gauteng, which now accounts for 36% in the country. The Western Cape has reached a very flat peak and now accounts for 23% of positive cases. South Africa currently ranks 5th in the world for confirmed cases behind the US, Brazil, India and Russia. Second wave increases have been seen in countries that had earlier contained the virus, notably Israel, Australia and Japan. The southern states continue to be the epicentre in the US. President Trump has endorsed wearing masks in public, tweeting: *"We are United in our effort to defeat the Invisible China Virus, and many people say that it is Patriotic to wear a face mask when you can't socially distance. There is nobody more Patriotic than me, your favorite President!"*

EU leaders have struck a deal to provide a €750bn stimulus for the 27-nation bloc. This follows intense discussions lasting since Friday. The deal supposedly centres around a €390bn programme of grants to member states hardest hit by the pandemic. *"Europe, as a whole, has now a big chance to come out stronger from the crisis,"* said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Sources: BBC.com, CNBC.com, Bloomberg.com, News24.co.za, MoneyWeb.co.za

Coronavirus Numbers Update

Global Confirmed	Global Deaths	Total Test Results in US
14,703,293	609,886	46,469,524

Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University

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COVID-19 Statistics in South Africa

 2,505,646 Years Conducted	 373,628 Positive Cases Identified	 194,865 Recoveries	 5,173 Deaths
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Source: Department of Health



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