

## **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Pandemic - State of Suspension**

**July 23, 2020.** We have entered into a weird time zone where everyday seems the same. Our lives are on hold awaiting some good news regarding the discovery of a vaccine or a steady decline in the number of COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Consequently all of America seems to be in a state of suspension.

For months the country has been looking forward to the start of school, the resumption of professional sports teams, and the opening of retail business and restaurants. As the deadline approaches there is determination to get going but the virus continues to spread, resulting in constantly pushing back start dates. Every American wants this mess to end but ignoring that it actually exists has proven to be the biggest obstacle to moving forward. Now that the President has finally accepted that the pandemic is real and can get worse, maybe we will see a more unified and sensible approach to mitigating the disease?

I could have written this same assessment two months ago and I won't be surprised if we are still floundering two months from now.