

Week 8 of Shelter-in-Place Complete. A Real-Life Success Story.

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To All Financial Journey Partners Clients,

Week 8 of shelter-in-place is ending. If you are like us, it has seemed like a long two months.

Shelter-in-place is currently scheduled to last until May 31, in Santa Clara County and the broader Bay Area. This week we will discuss testing and share a real-life story of a relative of someone we know, that had a difficult battle with the virus, and won.

If you are finding this weekly email interesting, informative or useful, let us know. We appreciate the feedback.

Financial Journey Partners is Here to Help You

As we move through May, we are looking forward to June, and a time when we can start enjoying our beautiful office again! Until that time, we are still following the local social distancing protocols.

We are here to help you any way that we can. If you find you have family or friends that are not hearing from their advisor, and might want to talk with us, [please let us know](#).

Testing, Testing and More Testing

As states begin to reopen, or prepare to reopen, testing has become an especially important part of the strategy. The volume of testing is ramping up across the country. There are two main types of tests for the Coronavirus.

First, there is a test to determine if you currently have the virus. The second type of test is to determine if you have the antibodies, meaning you already had the virus and have recovered.



Scott got an email from his doctor that they were offering the Coronavirus antibody test from Access Medical Labs. An antibody test can determine if someone has been infected and recovered. A small number of people test positive meaning they were infected with the virus but had no symptoms.

So, while Scott was not aware of having any symptoms of the virus, he decided to take the test to learn more about it. It is a blood test, with the results returning in a few days. This is one of the rare times he wanted to get a positive result from such a test.

Scott's doctor said this test is 97% accurate, and like the tests used for other illnesses such as Mono. Scott's test result was negative, meaning he did not have the antibodies and had not had the virus previously.

If people currently have the Coronavirus symptoms, we recommend they take the test to see if they currently have the virus. If you have not had symptoms, it is still valuable to get tested for the antibodies to see if you had the virus in the past. We believe that more testing will help us all get through this faster and in better shape.

A Real-Life Survivor of the Coronavirus

When we talk with clients, many people do not know someone directly affected by the virus. But a son of one of our clients went through a life and death battle and survived.

This is a real-life story of the difficulties some have experienced with this virus. We wanted to share this story with everyone as it has a happy ending and reminds all of us of the importance of good health.

When we talked with our client in February, we were concerned to hear that their son, in his mid-40's, had become infected with the Coronavirus. After several days of deteriorating health, he checked into a local hospital.

Because of problems breathing, he was put on a ventilator for three weeks. The hospital staff tried to take him off the ventilators twice, but he had trouble breathing, his oxygen levels dropped, and he had to go back on the ventilator. A difficult part of this virus is that patients must be isolated from their families during the entire hospital period.

Finally, in the third week, he was able to come off the ventilator successfully and spend the next five days in a recuperation facility. The great news is that he has recovered and was finally able to go home on May 1.

We are so happy for the entire family to hear he has recovered. We hope all of you are healthy.

Where Do We Go From Here?

The shelter-in-place order for Santa Clara County currently ends on May 31, but if things improve, the optimism in us hopes that there could be some loosening of restrictions before that date.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said on May 1, that the state is "days, not weeks" away from making significant modifications to its shelter-in-place order and could begin reopening parts of the country's largest state economy¹.

On Thursday, Newsom announced that the state was entering Stage 2 on the "Resilience Roadmap", where some lower-risk workplaces can gradually open with adaptations². As of today, some retail, manufacturing, warehouses, and logistics can reopen, in some areas of the state.

The Mercury News reported that County Public Health officials promised to study the new state guidance carefully and they reminded that stricter regional orders take precedence over more lenient state orders. For now stay-at-home orders remain in place for Bay Area counties and non-essential or non-outdoor businesses, are currently not permitted to reopen³.

Like everyone, we are very much looking forward to the days when we can get back closer to the world before the coronavirus. Warren Buffet at his annual shareholder meeting last week reminded us "Never bet against America; nothing can stop this nation"⁴.



With Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10, we want to wish all our mothers an incredibly special day!

If there is anything we can do to help, or you just want to talk, [give us a call](#).

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

[Elaine, Scott and Linda](#)

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