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Boston - According to a CDC study, unvaccinated Americans are 11 times more likely to die of COVID. Yet among the 29% of U.S. voters who are unvaccinated, 83% told a CNBC survey they do not plan to get the lifesaving shots. Here are this week's health policy responses to the pandemic and other bearish or bullish developments.

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By: Eric Stein, CFA | July 29, 2021

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By: Marshall L. Stocker, Ph.D., CFA | July 28, 2021

Boston - During the past 62 days, the global growth in new cases and cumulative deaths both averaged 0.3% per day — the same rate as on May 27, when we posted our last COVID update. Let's take another quick look at the health policy responses and the latest bearish or bullish developments related to the pandemic.

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By: [Vishal Khanduja, CFA](#) | & [Brian S. Ellis, CFA](#) | July 27, 2021

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[Fed to weigh growth, inflation, Delta variant uncertainty at July meeting](#)

By: [Eric Stein, CFA](#) | July 26, 2021

Boston - Monetary policymakers at the U.S. Federal Reserve have a lot on their minds ahead of their meeting on July 27 and July 28. The economy is generally stronger than we perceived a year or so ago — certainly the rebound from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic has outpaced the initial expectations.

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By: Eric Stein, CFA | June 17, 2021

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[US census data release reveals population pressures for investors](#)

By: Tom Lee, CFA | June 9, 2021

Minneapolis - The first round of U.S. census data was released at the end of April. As of Census Day on April 1, 2020, the U.S. population stood at 331.5 million. This means the just-completed decade yielded the second-lowest population growth rate for the U.S. since the census was first taken in 1790: a mere 7.4%. Only the decade of the Great Depression experienced a lower growth rate than the 2010s.

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[Hawkish comments by Fed reflect change in tone, not core policy](#)

By: Eric Stein, CFA | June 3, 2021

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