



U.S. Municipal Bond Market

Daily Record Number of COVID-19 Cases Surpasses 100k, Continues Rising

Summary

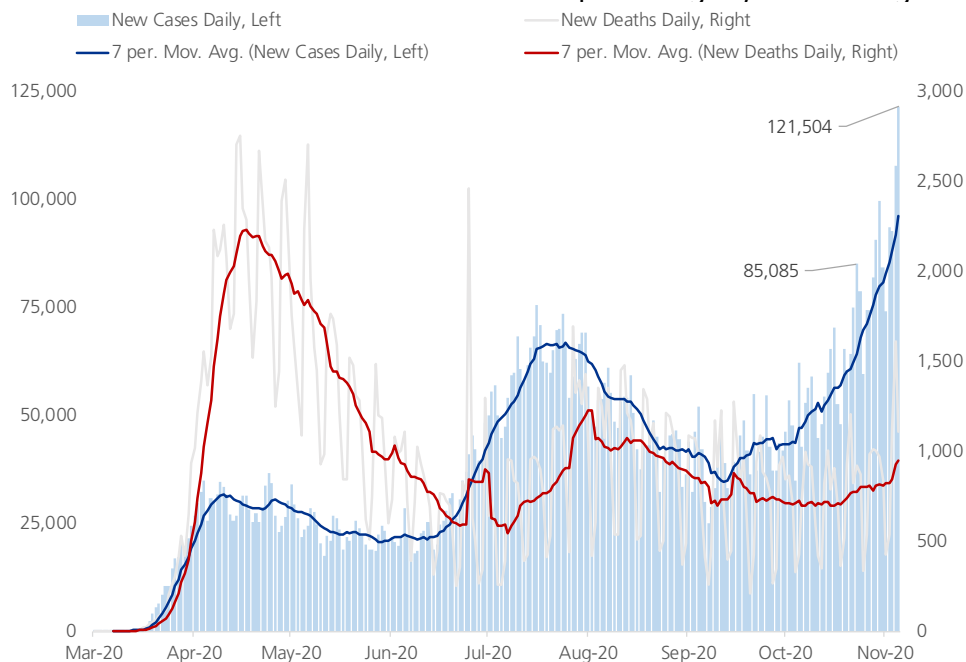
- This week, the daily number of COVID-19 cases not only surpassed the 100,000 mark, but rose well above that point the very next day to 121,504 (Thursday).
- The Dallas Federal Reserve's Mobility and Engagement Index (MEI), while still range bound, has been worsening. This could be a negative leading indicator for near-term economic activity.

The Third COVID-19 Wave Continues

Health officials warned weeks ago a third wave of coronavirus was on its way. Partial national shutdowns were put in place across France, Germany, and the U.K. in recent weeks. In the U.S., only a very limited number of partial shutdowns have occurred to help contain the spread of the third wave of COVID-19. El Paso, Texas and parts of Illinois for example took steps to repress the spread of the virus.

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Another Record Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported Again, Trend Rising



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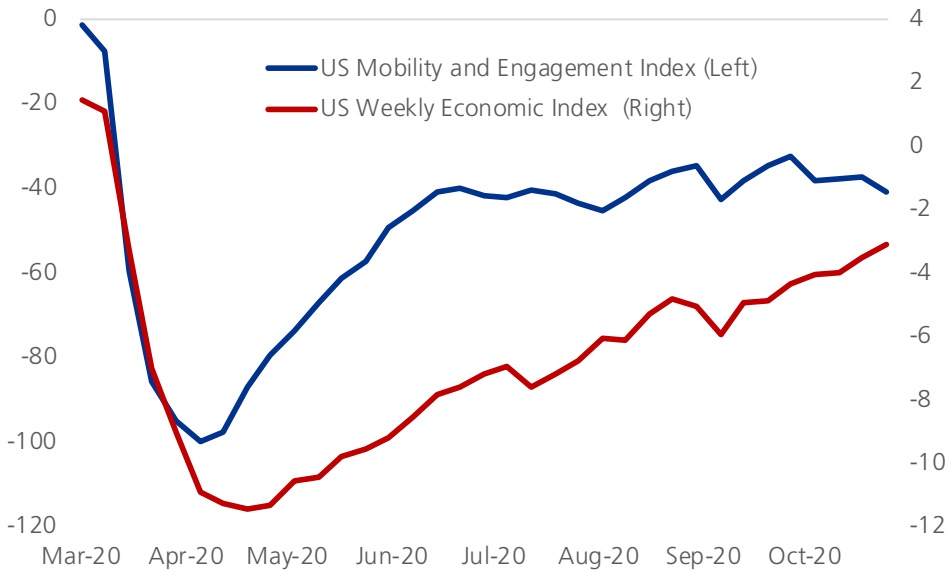
As a result of this continuing increase, we will be closely watching to see if on a national, regional, statewide, or even local level, officials again begin taking steps to contain the spread of the virus.

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Mobility and Engagement Index Remains Range Bound

The Dallas Fed's Mobility and Engagement Index (MEI), while still within the range it has been within since the end of June, continued to trend lower this week by hitting a level (-40.8) that it has not fallen to since the middle of September.

The Dallas Fed's National MEI is Still Well Below Pre-COVID-19 Levels



Source: Safegraph, Homebase, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Lewis, Daniel J., Mertens, Karel, and Stock, James H., and HilltopSecurities.

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