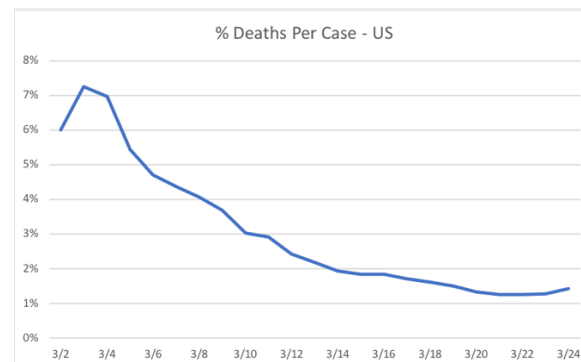
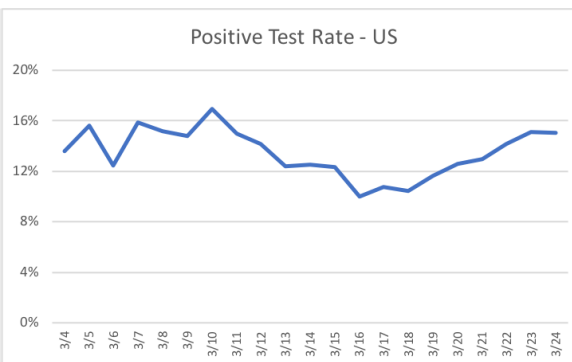
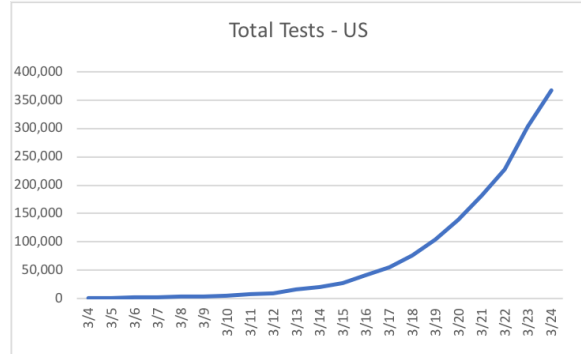
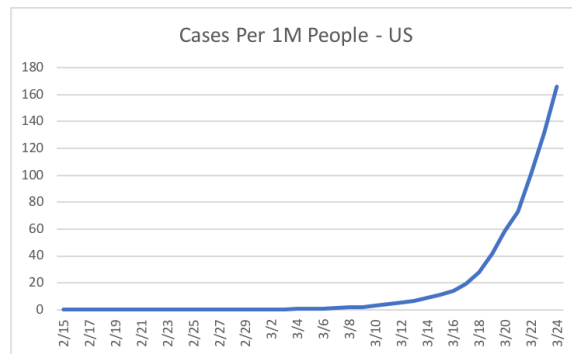
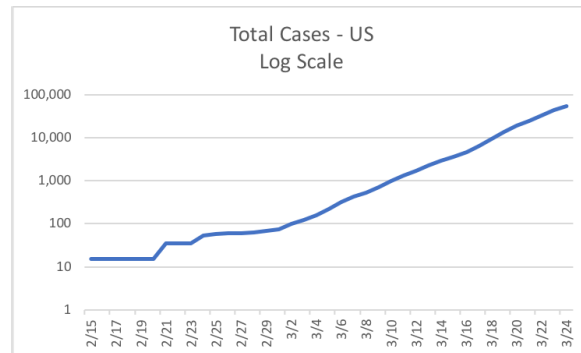
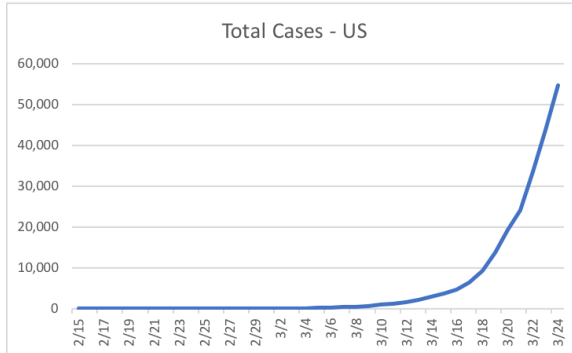


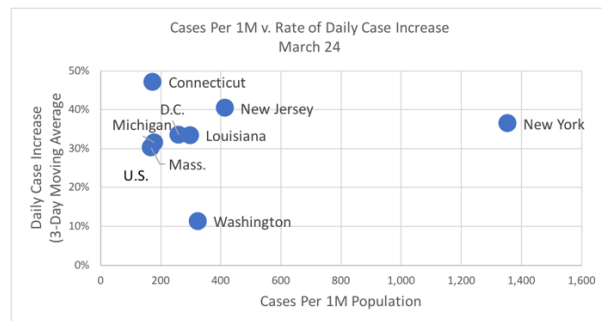
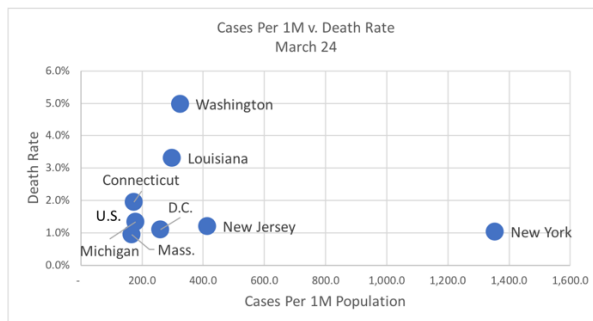
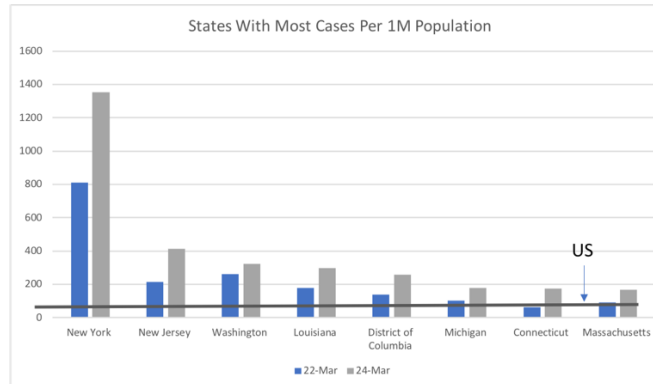
What we need to see, as evidence of progress:

Measure	Desired Direction	What Happened Yesterday
No. of Tests	Increase	Up 21% (Cumulative)
Positive Test Rate	Decline	Steady @ 15.1%
No. of Cases	Plateau	Up 25.5%
% of Deaths Per Case	Decline	Up slightly to 1.4%
No. of Deaths / 1M Pop.	Plateau	Up to 2.36
Recoveries : Deaths	Increase (>1:1)	Unreported

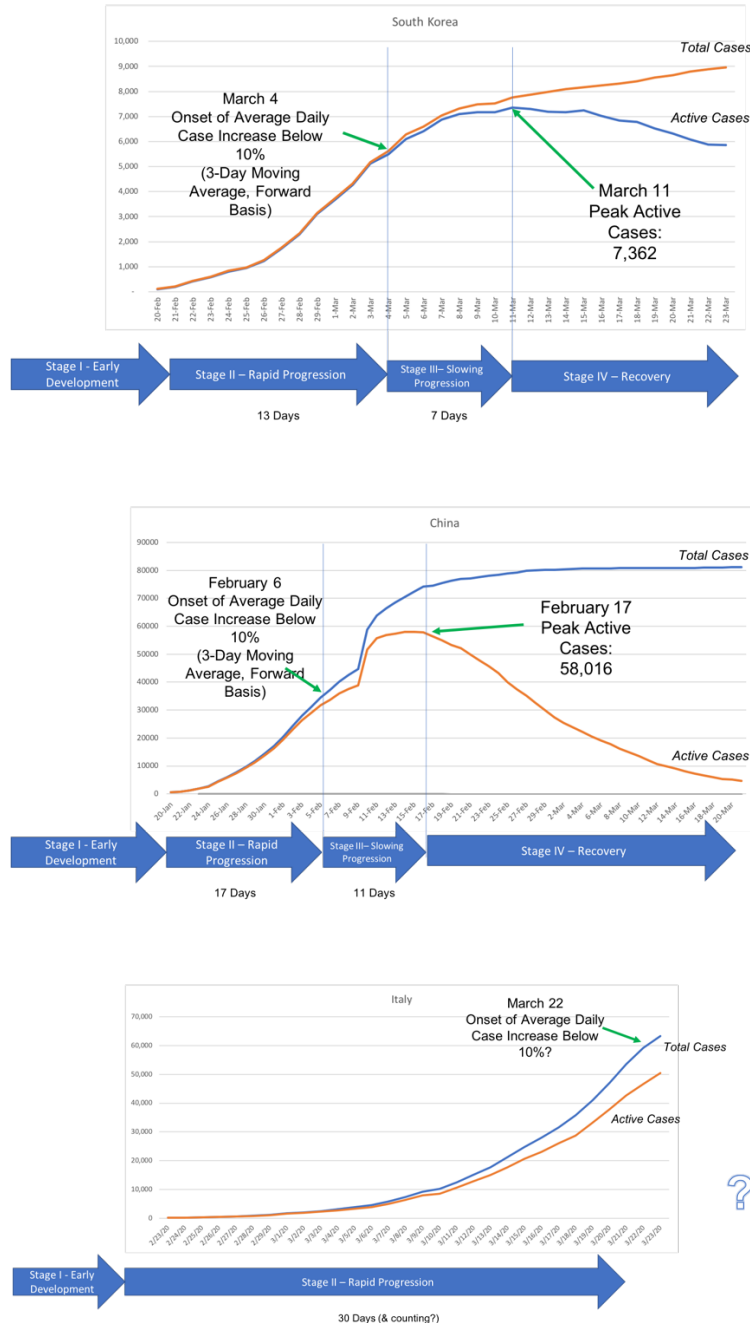
Yesterday's Highlights:

- Testing continues to ramp-up quickly, although we performed moderately fewer tests yesterday than on Monday. It is somewhat encouraging that the positive test rate held steady.
- Increases in case volume continues at a high rate, albeit at a lower rate than on Tuesday. The continued high daily increase is likely due to a combination of the true rate of infection and our catch-up in testing.
- The spread of the virus in the US is clearly a significant concern, as the number of cases per 1M population is increasing each day at a rapid rate. Still, our rate remains markedly lower than many other European and Asian countries.
- The US death rate for coronavirus increased slightly, to 1.4%. Still, the US and Canadian rates are on par with South Korea and significantly lower than many other countries
- New York and New Jersey continue to be of major concern: they have the highest number of cases per 1M in the US (1354 and 414, respectively) and they have posted large daily increases in case volume (36.4% and 40.4%, on 3-day moving average basis, respectively). Death rates in these states, however, remain relatively low (1.0% and 1.0%, respectively)
- Will Italy turn the corner soon? China and South Korea each showed declines in active cases within 7-11 days of their average daily change in case volume (3-day moving average) dropping below 10%; Italy's rate dropped below that threshold yesterday!
- Based on China, Italy and South Korea's experience, we are trialing a new classification schema, to reflect the stages of progression in a geography: Stage I – Early Development (fewer than 100 cases); Stage II: Rapid Progression (daily case volume increasing >25%, 3-day moving average); Stage III – Slowing Growth (daily case volume increases falls >10%, 3-day moving average); Stage IV – Recovery (active cases decline). Using this schema:
 - Washington state is nearing, but not yet at Stage III – Recovery
 - 16 states (CT, FL, GA, IL, LA, MA, MI, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX and UT) are in Stage II – Rapid Progression
 - 24 states (AS, AZ, DE, HA, ID, IA, KS, KY, ME, MS, MO, MN, NE, NM, ND, OK, RI, SD, VT, WV and WY) are in Stage I – Early Development
 - The remaining states are between Stage I and II (i.e. more than 100 cases yet daily case growth <25%)





Stage (as of March 24)			
I Early Development	II Rapid Progression	III Slowing Progression	IV Recovery
No. of Cases Per 1M <100	No. of Cases Per 1M >100 Average Daily Case Increase >25%	No. of Cases Per 1M >100 Average Daily Case Increase >10%	Declining Active Case Average Daily Case Increase >10%
Alaska Arizona Arkansas Delaware Hawaii Idaho Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Maine Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska New Hampshire New Mexico North Dakota Oklahoma Rhode Island South Dakota Vermont West Virginia Wyoming	Alabama California Colorado Minnesota Nevada Oregon Virginia West Virginia	Connecticut Florida Georgia Illinois Louisiana Massachusetts Michigan New Jersey New York North Carolina Ohio Pennsylvania South Carolina Tennessee Texas Utah	Washington



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