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## Blackboard Announcement Update in April for BUA 337:

Hi all. I have intentionally avoided talking too much about Coronavirus in class, as it's a stressful topic. But I also wanted to point out two ways that our class topics are affected by Covid-19.

- 1) The Just-in-Time model, spoken of so highly in Chapter 16, is not working well under Corona conditions. <https://www.marketplace.org/2020/02/27/justintime-manufacturing-model-challenged-coronavirus/> With Coronavirus conditions, it may make more sense to get one big production run or one big delivery instead of lots of small ones. Coronavirus also affects scheduling, suppliers, and other Just-in-Time assumptions.
- 2) The S&P 500 Death Cross I mentioned in class months ago has happened. That is, the 50-Day Average of the S&P 500 stock price (50MA) crossed below the 200-Day Average (200 MA) on April 6th or so. <https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/some-historical-perspective-on-the-sp-500-index-death-cross-2020-04-06> In the past, this has often been a sign that the stock market will drop. However, the market has gone up the last 3 weeks. So there is a natural difficulty in forecasting stocks properly. Which will be more important, the short-term trend increasing, or the death cross?