

## Navigating 2020: An Update on COVID-19 and the State of the World

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As a nation, we are navigating a global pandemic, historic levels of unemployment, civil unrest and mass protests, and natural disasters wreaking havoc throughout the country. In this presentation, Global Guardian Chief Executive Officer, Dale Buckner, provides an update on the current state of the world, focusing in on three particular areas of concern:

### 1. An Update on COVID-19

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With 32 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and almost 1 million deaths worldwide, many of us are asking ourselves the same thing: When will COVID-19 go away? Since the first confirmed COVID case, key lessons have been learned when it comes to understanding how the virus spreads, how to limit the spread through the use of PPE and social distancing, and how to safely return to work and school amid the pandemic. However, with a vaccine most likely still months away, what else should we be doing now to protect the future health and safety of ourselves, our families, and our businesses.

### 2. U.S. Economy – Reckoning Coming

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The U.S. economy **shrank by an annualized 32.9%** in the second quarter of 2020. With historic levels of unemployment throughout the nation, a decrease in consumer spending and an increase in federal government spending, what hurdles do we face when it comes to recovery? Does it depend on the capacity of the country to control the pandemic? And what might happen if there is a second wave of infection?

### 3. U.S. Security Situation – What’s Next?

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The COVID-19 pandemic has thus far killed over 200,000 Americans. On top of that, the nation is still facing historic levels of high unemployment, a looming recession, and a rise in social unrest. Law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians are overwhelmed by the current state of events and lack the capacity to support every threat occurrence. As murder and crime rates increase in pockets of the U.S and the election nears, many of us are asking ourselves, “How do I protect my family and my business?” and “What’s Next for America?”