

Monday mornings and good news all but never go together, and yet with **Moderna** announcing another breakthrough on the vaccine front, perhaps it's time to rethink the *tell-me-why-I-don't-like-Mondays* thing. With a 95% effective rate, this is further evidence that the corner has been turned in our epidemiological fight to defeat Covid-19. Now, the logistical challenge of vaccinating 7.5 billion Homo Sapiens remains daunting, but having a second vaccine doubles the effectiveness of national vaccination programs. The article from the National Review <[here](#)> provides more information on **Moderna's** breakthrough.



Curiously and disappointingly neither Provincial nor the Federal government has said anything about how vaccines will be delivered to Canadians, so that we can get back to life as we knew it at the start of the year. And with all the lip service given to Covid-19 this beggars belief quite frankly. Why haven't we heard from our elected officials and health care professionals? Everyone is hopeful, but clear direction is what we need right now, to offset the grim drudgery of rising Covid cases and the inevitable higher mortality count.

But good news is good news and I commend the scientists at **Moderna** for achieving in just 8 months what normally takes years to do. What is particularly exciting is that it heralds more scientific discoveries in short order, as it shows what we are capable of when capital and ingenuity combine forces. What can't we accomplish when we work together for the betterment of all?! Markets have responded positively, bringing a second smile to everyone's face as they watch their RRSPs and TFSA gain in value!

For entertainment purposes only, I've included a link <[here](#)> to the Boomtown Rats 1979 classic I Don't Like Mondays which generally most people agree with, except when the Monday has some of the best news that's fit to print! Happy listening!

Be safe, be well!

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