

Life comes in circles- from pandemic to Fed to Economy to Supply disruptions to Inflation - back to Pandemic headlines again- There is however a strong reason not to be overly concerned as markets have been down this road before. Many variants turned out to be not as bad as feared

We might hear more about this today as South African officials have sounded alarm and WHO has called a special meeting today - might declare NU as a variant of concern .

It will take "a few weeks" to sort out what's happening with this variant. Markets aren't certainly going to wait that long.

**Merkel concerned over spreading Covid-
Austria in lockdown & Germany in balance.**

France to speak later on what their plans are - further lockdowns ? **ECB accounts - nothing new - sets up December.** At times, price action creates narrative - pressure mounts on EUR to go down. Lagarde to speak at ECB Legal Conference. Weekly close below 1.1220 to signal 1.1000

Brexit concerns - escalation of tension between UK & France - **French fishermen port/tunnel blockades expected.** Šefčovič to visit London for talks. On Economy, 14% of businesses in UK had reported shortage of workers in late Nov. **Bailey appears to be retracting - supply problems led inflation should be temporary.** GBP USD at CY lows - severe pressure builds up - 1.3232 obj

USDJPY - as expected 115.65 turned out to be a tough nut to crack- but uptrend still in tact. Other than the mixed inflation data, chatters Kishida is up for pushing a 3.0% wage hike .114.45 to hold now despite the

yield pull back and the new variant .

USDINR resisted again at 74.60 - higher lows - base formation continues despite the hardening premiums - Upward drift to continue -74.55 74.75