



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

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*In an effort to provide a more comprehensive COVID-19 update, PMJ will be tracking implementation of the CARES Act across various sectors and federal agencies in addition to the public health and economic impact updates below. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. ***

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

After passing a \$2.2 trillion [economic stimulus package](#), which provides direct aid to hospitals, states, families, and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate adjourned until April 20. Meanwhile, the House has not yet set a return date. Currently, the Administration is focused on supply chain management, and Congress has released multiple recess packets for Members to walk through with their constituents. Additionally, over the coming weeks, Members and the Administration are expected to focus on implementation of the CARES Act, and will resume Phase IV discussions.

Since our last update, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Small Business Administration (SBA), the Department of Labor (DOL), and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released implementation guidances. Please see below for more details.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

- [COVID-19 Legislation Tracking Chart](#)
- [Memo - Federal Reserve COVID-19 Announcements](#)
- [Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker](#)
- [COVID-19 Travel Restrictions](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

- **House**
 - Toolkit: Speaker Pelosi – [Families First: COVID-19 Constituent Service Resources Toolkit](#)
 - Committees
 - House Financial Services Committee
 - Press Release: [Committee Democrats At Work: Rep. Gottheimer Introduces Bill to Strengthen National Pandemic Planning](#)
 - Small Business Committee
 - Resource: [CARES Flow Chart](#)
 - Resource: [Women's Business Centers Master Contact List](#)

- Resource: [Lead Small Business Development Centers Contact List](#)
 - Resource: [District Offices Master List](#)
 - Resource: [SBA State/Regional Resource Guides](#)
 - Ways and Means
 - FAQ: [CARES Act: Unemployment Insurance Questions Answered](#)
- **Senate**
 - [Senate GOP Coronavirus Policy Response](#)
 - Committees
 - Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 - FAQ: [Paycheck Protection Program FAQs for Small Businesses](#)
 - [The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act](#)
 - Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
 - Press Release: [Crapo Urges Treasury, Fed to Provide Quick Guidance on Title IV of CARES Act](#)
 - Resource: [CARES Act, Title IV Summary](#) (Prepared by Majority Staff)

Administration

- White House
 - Factsheet – [CARES Act](#)
- Treasury
 - Press Release: [Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Passage of the CARES Act](#)

Regulatory/Implementation Guidance

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
 - Guidance: [Effective Date for Employment Tax Credits Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
 - Guidance: [Update to Notice 2020-18, Relief for Taxpayers Affected by Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic, Related to Gift and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Filing and Payment Deadlines](#)
- Small Business Administration
 - Guidance: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- [St. Louis Fed's Bullard calls for deliberate three-month slowdown of the U.S. economy to combat virus](#) – St. Louis Business Journal, by Greg Edwards
- [Trump Extends Social Distancing Guidelines Through End of April](#) – The New York Times, by Michael D. Shear
- [Mnuchin Vows Transparency in Massive Coronavirus Aid Plan](#) – The Wall Street Journal, by Paul Kiernan
- [After Fed Unleashes Firepower, Washington Rearms Central Bank](#) – The Wall Street Journal, by Nick Timiraos
- [After Three Coronavirus Stimulus Packages, Congress Is Already Prepping Phase Four](#) – The Wall Street Journal, by Jacob M. Schlesinger and Joshua Jamerson

LABOR UPDATE

Congressional

- Ways and Means Republicans [released](#) a question and answer resource for unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Regulatory/Implementation Guidance

- The U.S. Department of Labor issued [guidance](#) in the form of a [question and answer resource](#) to clarify key requirements in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act around the new paid sick leave mandate and expanded family and medical leave. These new provisions take effect on April 1, 2020 and expire on December 31, 2020.

CYBERSECURITY UPDATE

- Please click [here](#) to view a readout of today's CISA COVID-19 call.

Regulatory/Implementation Guidance

- On Sunday, CISA issued updated [guidance](#) on essential critical infrastructure workers during the COVID-19 response. Version 2.0 clarifies and expands upon existing essential worker categories.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

- Democratic leaders of the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, HELP, and Finance Committees issued a [joint statement](#) urging the inclusion of provisions in the Phase IV package that "ensure that all COVID-19 treatment and future vaccines are free of charge for all patients."
- Sen. Feinstein (D-WA) released a [question and answer resource](#) on the CARES Act, with a section focused specifically on hospitals and the health system as well as Medicare.

Administration

- FEMA's Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force issued a [fact sheet](#) outlining their four-pronged strategy to address the limited supply of critical protective and life-saving equipment.
- CMS sent a [letter](#), on behalf of Vice President Pence, to hospitals across the country, requesting they report testing data to HHS as well as daily reporting of information such as bed capacity and supplies to CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module.
- The FDA has [accelerated](#) the review of diagnostic tests to combat the coronavirus.
- The FDA issued an [emergency use authorization](#) for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine for coronavirus treatment.
- The FDA outlined [steps](#) its taking to help ensure Americans have continued access to safe medical products.
- The FDA issued [special emergency use authorization](#) to research, development, and lab management company Battelle to put into use a system it developed to decontaminate used N95 respirator masks using concentrated hydrogen peroxide.
- Through FEMA's Project Airbridge, 130,000 N95 masks, 1.8 million face masks and gowns, 10 million gloves, and thousands of thermometers were brought back from Shanghai and [delivered](#) for distribution to New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. 19 additional flights have been scheduled thus far.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- 3/28 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Coronavirus May Add Billions to the Nation's Health Care Bill."](#)
- 3/29 Former FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb published an article with the American Enterprise Institute titled, ["National coronavirus response: A road map to reopening."](#)
- 3/29 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Manufacturers Seek U.S. Help in Deciding Where to Ship Scarce Medical Goods."](#)
- 3/29 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["After Three Coronavirus Stimulus Packages, Congress Is Already Prepping Phase Four."](#)
- 3/29 The Associated Press published an article titled, ["Trump extends virus guidelines, braces US for big death toll."](#)
- 3/30 The World Health Organization published an article titled, ["WHO releases guidelines to help countries maintain essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic."](#)

***Please note this daily update may not encompass all public guidance documents on implementation; as such, we encourage you to review public agency websites. Please let us know of any questions.*