



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

**June 3, 2020**

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

The Senate has not yet started the process to put together another COVID-19 relief package and individual Members such as Sen. Thune (R-SD) have indicated it likely won't happen until July. The big ticket items - aid to states and business liability protection - will likely take considerable time to negotiate once the process begins in earnest.

Yesterday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a **hearing** to examine how governors are battling the COVID-19 pandemic. Governors noted they're still struggling to acquire necessary supplies and urged Members to support additional flexible funding that states may allocate as necessary. Notably, Democratic members of the panel repeatedly questioned governors on whether states would benefit from a national strategy on testing and vaccinations.

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **6,445,457** confirmed cases worldwide, 382,451 deaths and 2,764,915 people have recovered.

There are **1,841,629** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 106,696 deaths and 463,868 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Legislative Update](#)

[Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker](#)

Additionally, the Senate Finance Committee held a [hearing](#) on the FDA's foreign drug manufacturing inspection process. FDA officials warned the coronavirus won't be the last time the U.S. grapples with a pandemic, so we should be working to shore up our domestic drug manufacturing capacity now. They added that we need to find ways to incentivize a supply chain that's robust and reliable.

Notably, the Senate confirmed Brian Miller to be Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery (SIGPR) by a vote of 51-40.

Since our last update, the Food and Drug Administration and Federal Reserve published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

[COVID State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

[CARES Act State Funding](#)

[State and Local Funding Bills](#)

[2020 Political Outlook](#)

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[COVID-19 Travel Restrictions](#)  
[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

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[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE:

- The Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR) [released](#) the text of the *Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act*, [which includes](#) additional funding for COVID-19 response and recovery.

#### SENATE:

- Senate Banking Committee Ranking Member Sherrod Brown (D-OH) [released a statement](#) on the Brian Miller's Conformation to be Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery (SIGPR).
- The Senate Small Business Committee [will hold a hearing](#) with Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza next week.

### *Administration*

#### FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Federal Reserve [announced an expansion](#) in the number and type of entities eligible to directly use its Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF).

#### TREASURY:

- The Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [announced](#) that 159 million Economic Impact Payments have been distributed to Americans in two months.

- Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin **issued** A statement following a call with his G7 counterparts, the European Commission for Economy, Eurogroup President, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, and President of the World Bank.

#### CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB):

- The CFPB **takes action** to help consumers receive relief from credit card issuers.

#### OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY (OCC):

- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Acting Director Brian Brooks **outlined** bank regulators agenda.

#### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS):

- The IRS **provided** temporary administrative relief by allowing for remote signatures for retirement plan participant or beneficiaries.

#### Articles of Interest

- 6/3 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[\*\*Fed Expands Municipal-Lending Facility to More Localities.\*\*](#)"
- 6/3 The Hill published an article titled, "[\*\*Deepening state budget holes threaten to weigh down recovery.\*\*](#)"
- 6/3 The Hill published an article titled, "[\*\*Republicans turning against new round of \\$1,200 rebate checks.\*\*](#)"
- 6/2 Politico published an article titled, "[\*\*Divided Senate confirms former Trump counsel as relief watchdog.\*\*](#)"
- 6/2 Politico published an article titled, "[\*\*Fed's massive 'Main Street' business rescue in danger of fizzling.\*\*](#)"

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE:

- Reps. Clyburn and Maloney sent a **letter** to HHS Secretary Azar asking to make public contracts the government has signed with pharmaceutical companies to develop and manufacture COVID-19 treatments and vaccines. Specifically, they asked to make contract terms, including intellectual property information, available to Congress and the public.
- Ways and Means Republicans published a **coronavirus bulletin** titled, "New Online Tools for Seniors Who Have Lost Health Coverage at Work."

### *Administration*

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) provided an **additional \$250 million** to aid U.S. health care systems treating patients and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. As authorized by the CARES Act, HHS has now provided a total of \$350 million to health care systems for pandemic response, including **\$100 million** released in April 2020.

#### CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS announced new [flexibilities and adjustments](#) to current and future Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) models to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIAID Director Dr. Fauci published a blog post titled, "[Will Warm Weather Slow Spread of Novel Coronavirus?](#)"

#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued a new FDA Voices titled, "[Pandemic Challenges Highlight the Importance of the New Era of Smarter Food Safety.](#)"
- The FDA published [guidance](#), titled Institutional Review Board (IRB) Review of Individual Patient Expanded Access Requests for Investigational Drugs and Biological Products During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Guidance for IRBs and Clinical Investigators, which includes recommendations regarding procedures for single IRB member review.
- The FDA added a second ventilator developed by NASA to the [list of authorized ventilators, ventilator tubing connectors and ventilator accessories](#) under the [ventilator emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#) that was issued in response to concerns relating to insufficient supply and availability of FDA-cleared ventilators for use in health care settings to treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The FDA added an emergency resuscitator for the Fitbit Flow to the [list of authorized ventilators, ventilator tubing connectors and ventilator accessories](#) under the [ventilator emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#). This design is intended for use in treating patients with COVID-19.
- The FDA, in collaboration with the European Medicines Agency (EMA), provided [procedural assistance](#) to sponsors and applicants who anticipate submission of pediatric product development plans for the treatment and prevention of COVID-19.
- The FDA created a new web page, titled [Coronavirus Disease 2019 Resources for Health Professionals](#), to help health professionals quickly and easily access FDA resources.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- Army Brig. Gen. Michael Talley, commander of the Army Medical Research and Development Command, stated that if all goes as planned, human testing on a COVID-19 vaccine [will begin late this summer](#). He added that he anticipates widespread distribution of a vaccine next year.

#### Articles of Interest

- 6/2 Politico published an article titled, "[The Trump administration has yet to pay out billions in emergency health aid.](#)"
  - 6/2 The Hill published an article titled, "[Medical journal says concerns raised over massive hydroxychloroquine study.](#)"
  - 6/2 Fierce Healthcare published an article titled, "[Fauci says he's 'cautiously optimistic' about Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.](#)"
  - 6/2 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[7 in 10 Americans would be likely to get a coronavirus vaccine, Post-ABC poll finds.](#)"
  - 6/2 NBC News published an article titled, "[White House coronavirus task force fades further as fear of second wave emerges.](#)"
  - 6/3 Axios published an article titled, "[Coronavirus hospitalizations keep falling.](#)"
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*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.*