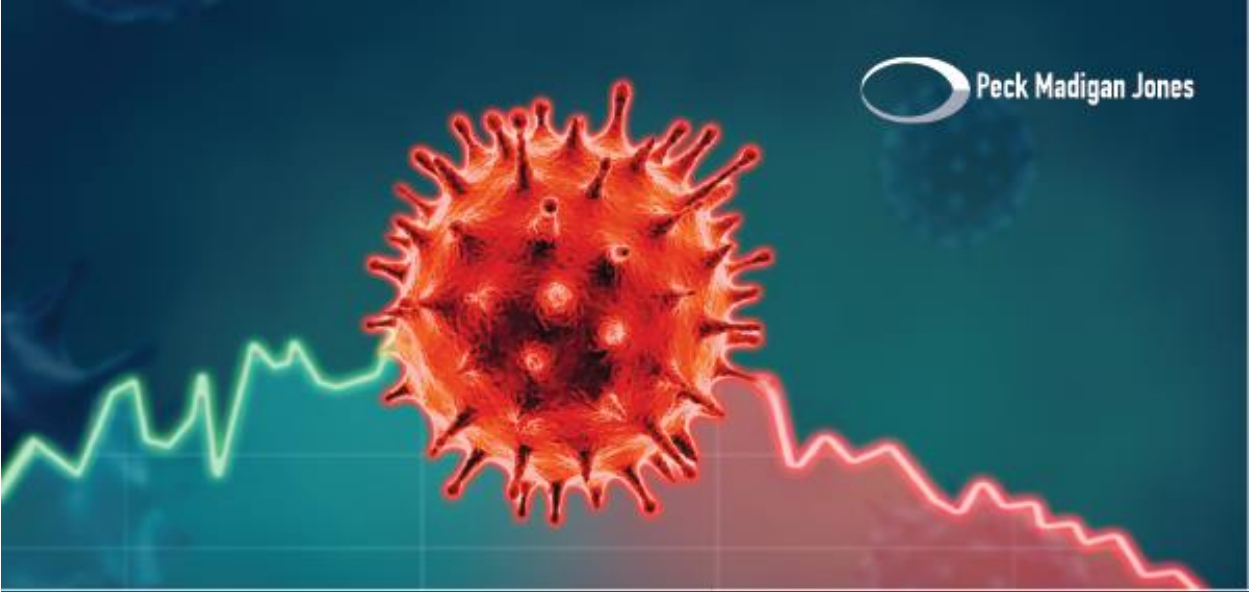




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

June 19, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

During a **roundtable** with governors on the reopening of America's small businesses, President Trump touted actions his administration has taken to help small businesses "survive the shutdown" amid the coronavirus pandemic. He stated that while "22% of small businesses were forced to close earlier this year...[they] are now safely reopening...at levels like nobody's seen before."

Yesterday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on the COVID-19 response. HHS' Director of the Office of Global Affairs, Garrett Grigsby, noted a silver lining of the pandemic is the re-examination of supply chains. He also explained that the U.S. remains a member of the World Health Organization for the time being as a 12 month notice is required prior to termination. Grigsby expressed hope that a withdrawal will ultimately not happen.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **8,559,321** confirmed cases worldwide, 457,190 deaths and 4,204,583 people have recovered.

There are **2,209,983** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 118,894 deaths and 599,115 people have recovered.

The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus could rise to 145,000 by July 11, meaning as many as 26,000 Americans could die in the next three weeks.

Notably, the Congressional Oversight Commission, which was created to monitor the Federal Reserve's lending programs established by the CARES Act, **released** its latest assessment on the over \$500 billion in appropriated relief funds. The report found the federal funds have had a "clear and powerful impact" for "larger companies," but "there is less evidence that the actions of the Treasury and Federal Reserve have been as beneficial for small and mid-sized businesses and state and local governments."

Since our last update, the Small Business Administration issued additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

We have updated our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Tracker. It is linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Legislative Update](#)

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

[COVID State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

[CARES Act State Funding](#)

[State and Local Funding Bills](#)

[COVID Legislative Tracker](#)

[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

[Memo - Federal Reserve COVID-19 Announcements](#)

[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis Chairman James Clyburn (D-SC) **sent a letter** to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin asking the agency to release unemployment and economic projections.
- House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) **announced updates** to the June committee schedule.

SENATE:

- Senate Small Business Committee Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-MD), along with other Democratic members on the committee, **introduced** the Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program (P4) Act.

Administration

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA):

- The Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza **announced** the launch of a dedicated online tool for small businesses and non-profits to be matched with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Minority Depository Institution (MDIs), Certified Development

Companies (CDCs), Farm Credit System lenders, Microlenders, as well as traditional smaller asset size lenders in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS):

- The IRS [released a notice](#) to help retirement plan participants affected by COVID-19 take advantage of the CARES Act provisions providing enhanced access to plan distributions and plan loans.

Articles of Interest

- 6/19 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Fed’s Rosengren Says U.S. Economy Will Need More Monetary, Fiscal Support.”](#)
- 6/19 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Fed to Assess How Banks React to Possible Covid-19 Scenarios.”](#)
- 6/19 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Powell Says Crisis Exposes Long-Standing Inequalities.”](#)
- 6/18 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“It’s very discouraging’: America’s new \\$600 billion rescue program for small businesses is off to a rocky start.”](#)
- 6/18 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Congressional Watchdog Asks If Fed Should Stop Buying Bonds.”](#)
- 6/18 Politico published an article titled, [“Watchdog: Emergency Fed programs boost big business most.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Today, the House Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a [hearing](#) on repurposing therapeutic drugs for COVID-19.
- Rep. Speier introduced the [Unconscionable Pricing Act](#) to protect against price gouging during national emergencies. This legislation will ensure that state governments and private and non-profit businesses attempting to purchase personal protective equipment and other necessary supplies aren’t subject to the mercy of profiteers by preventing sellers from raising prices of covered items by 10% or more during emergency declarations.
- House Majority Leader Hoyer as well as Reps. Brown, Sewell, Blunt Rochester, and Kelly introduced the [Health Enterprise Zones Act](#) to close the gaps in the healthcare system that have left behind minorities and underserved communities.

SENATE:

- Sen. Warren and Rep. Schakowsky sent a [letter](#) to Vice President Mike Pence requesting information on reports that the Trump Administration rejected an offer to increase domestic manufacturing capacity for N95 respirators just as COVID-19 was first detected.
- Sen. Heinrich sent a [letter](#) to CDC Director Redfield, urging the agency to share coronavirus data with the nation's 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers, warning that its refusal is hampering Native Americans’ ability to respond to the pandemic.
- Sen. Wyden sent a [letter](#) to Sen. Grassley regarding Senate Finance Committee work on racial and ethnic disparities within America's healthcare system, which have been put on display during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Sens. Hyde-Smith and King introduced the [*Improving Telehealth for Underserved Communities*](#), which would protect patients receiving care through telehealth services by shielding certain clinics in underserved communities from impending Medicare clawback payments.
- Sens. Cassidy, Smith, Sullivan, and Jones introduced [legislation](#) that directs HHS to inventory telehealth programs across the country to learn how telehealth can be used more effectively in future health emergencies.

Administration

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

- GAO released a [report](#) finding that HHS failed to ensure that the federal government's reserve workforce of medical emergency responders is prepared for large-scale disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic or the 2017 hurricane season.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- Dr. Francis Collins published a blog post on the NIH Directors Blog titled, "[Genes, Blood Type Tied to Severe Risk of COVID-19](#)."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA participated in the [International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases virtual meeting](#)[External Link Disclaimer](#) to discuss how the [CURE ID](#) app can be used to capture case reports regarding treatments and advance research into neglected tropical disease and COVID-19.
- The FDA has a new web section on [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Emergency Use Authorizations for Medical Devices](#). This resource provides information on the Emergency Use Authorizations for COVID-19 tests and other medical devices that the FDA has issued related to COVID-19 on individual web pages to help make it easier for the public to access this information.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- FEMA [announced](#) it is phasing out Project Airbridge, the initiative to expedite imports of PPE and other critical medical supplies.

Articles of Interest

- 6/17 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Trump pushing officials to speed up already-ambitious coronavirus vaccine timeline](#)."
- 6/18 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Nation's cancer chief warns delays in cancer care are likely to result in thousands of extra deaths in coming years](#)."
- 6/18 The New York Times published an article titled, "[You May Have Antibodies After Coronavirus Infection. But Not for Long](#)."
- 6/18 AP News published an article titled, "[Race for virus vaccine could leave some countries behind](#)."
- 6/18 CNBC published an article titled, "[California, Arizona, Florida and Texas all report record spikes in coronavirus cases](#)."

SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

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

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.