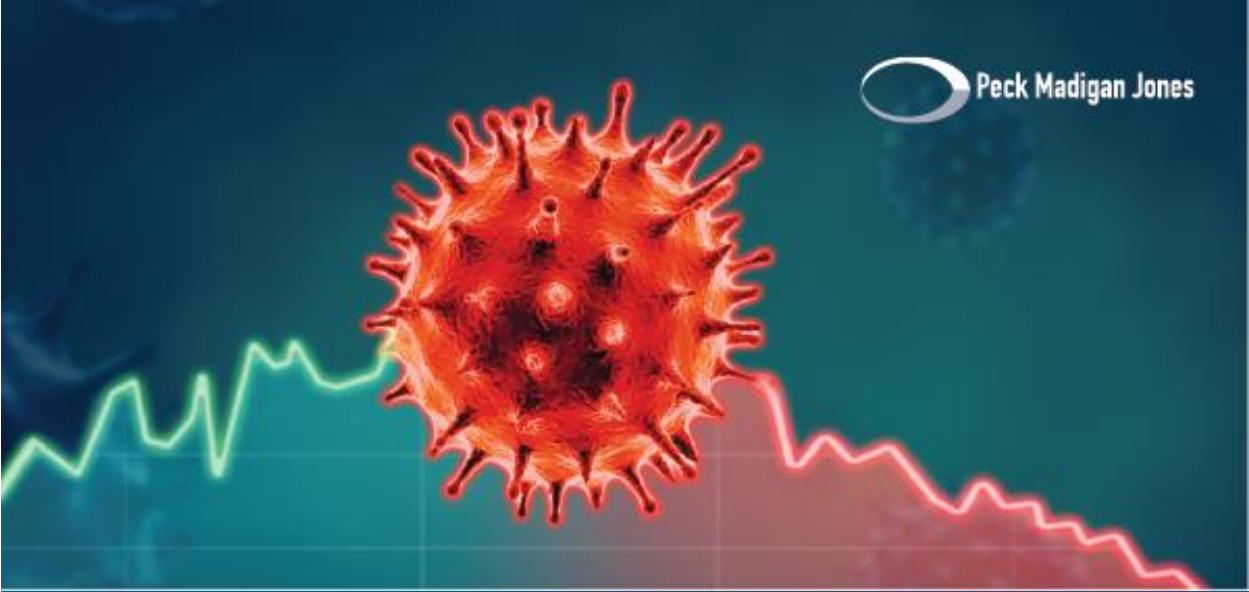




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

July 7, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, President Trump **formally withdrew** the U.S. from the World Health Organization amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Notably, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell **expressed support** for another round of stimulus checks for Americans, saying "it could well be a part of" the next coronavirus relief package. He added that the Senate GOP legislative proposal should be released "in a few weeks" and will likely focus on "liability reform, kids in school, jobs, and healthcare" and could also include aid for local and state governments.

Meanwhile, Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia stated the boosted unemployment benefit of \$600 per week, which is set to expire on July 31, is **no longer needed** "going forward."

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **11,694,766** confirmed cases worldwide, 540,157 deaths and 6,353,451 people have recovered.

There are **2,966,409** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 130,902 deaths and 924,148 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Legislative Update](#)

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

Additionally, NIAID Director Dr. Fauci indicated that a vaccine for the coronavirus will offer "**finite** **protection**" rather than lifetime protection like the measles vaccine. He added, "We may need a boost to continue the protection, but right now we don't know how long it lasts."

Since our last update, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau issued additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

[Coronavirus 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

SENATE:

- Senate Banking Committee Ranking Member Sherrod Brown (D-OH) **issued** a statement on the borrowers of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan data.

Administration

TREASURY:

- Secretary Mnuchin **issued** a statement on loans to passenger air carriers.
- Secretary Mnuchin **issued** a statement on the Main Street Lending Program.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB):

- The CFPB **issued** a final rule concerning small dollar lending in order to maintain consumer access to credit and competition in the marketplace.

Articles of Interest

- 7/7 Politico published an article titled, "[Congress pressed to rescue struggling Black-owned businesses.](#)"
- 7/6 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Small Business Loans Helped the Well-Heeled and Connected, Too.](#)"
- 7/6 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Treasury, SBA data show small-business loans went to private-equity backed chains, members of Congress.](#)"
- 7/6 The Hill published an article titled, "[McConnell opens door to direct payments in next coronavirus bill.](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Rep. Gonzalez and Johnson led 89 of their colleagues in a [letter](#) to Secretary Azar, urging HHS to direct additional funds for children's hospitals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Rep. Griffith introduced the [Granny Pods Study Act of 2020](#), legislation that would require CMS to study the possibility of reimbursing for expenses related to care provided in "granny pods" for loved ones with long-term mental and physical impairments.

SENATE:

- Democratic Health Committee leaders Sens. Murray and Wyden as well as Reps. Pallone, Scott, and Neal sent a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Azar, Labor Secretary Scalia, and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin expressing serious concerns with guidance recently issued by the Trump Administration allowing insurance plans and group health plans to deny coverage claims for COVID-19 tests and other related services.
- Sen. Peters released a [report](#) on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on residents and workers in nursing homes.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- Second Lady Karen Pence [participated](#) in the launch of the PREVENTS National Health Campaign called REACH at the National Press Club. She emphasized the need to address suicide and measures we can take to prevent it as well as the need to focus on one's mental health and emotional well-being.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS and the Department of Defense (DoD) jointly [announced](#) a \$1.6 billion agreement with Novavax, Inc. of Gaithersburg, Maryland, to demonstrate commercial-scale manufacturing of the company's COVID-19 investigational vaccine.
- HHS and the Department of Defense (DoD) [announced](#) an agreement with Regeneron, Inc. of Tarrytown, New York, to demonstrate commercial-scale manufacturing of the company's COVID-19 investigational anti-viral antibody treatment, REGN-COV2.
- HHS [announced](#) free COVID-19 testing in Jacksonville, Florida; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Edinburg, Texas. Surge testing efforts will temporarily increase federal support to communities where there has been a recent and intense level of new cases and hospitalizations related to the ongoing outbreak.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued an [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) for a COVID-19 antigen diagnostic test, the BD (Becton Dickinson) Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2. This is the second antigen test the FDA has authorized for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigens.
- The FDA added content to the question-and-answer appendix in its guidance titled "[Conduct of Clinical Trials of Medical Products during COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)."

Articles of Interest

- 7/6 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Months Into Virus Crisis, U.S. Cities Still Lack Testing Capacity.”](#)
 - 7/6 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Bipartisan group of former government officials demand science-based approach to pandemic.”](#)
 - 7/7 The Hill published an article titled, [“Fauci warns against 'false complacency' on COVID-19.”](#)
 - 7/7 CNN published an article titled, [“Contact tracing is no longer possible across the US South due to rapid coronavirus surges, health expert says.”](#)
 - 7/7 The New York Times published an article titled, [“A New Generation of Fast Coronavirus Tests Is Coming.”](#)
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SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

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