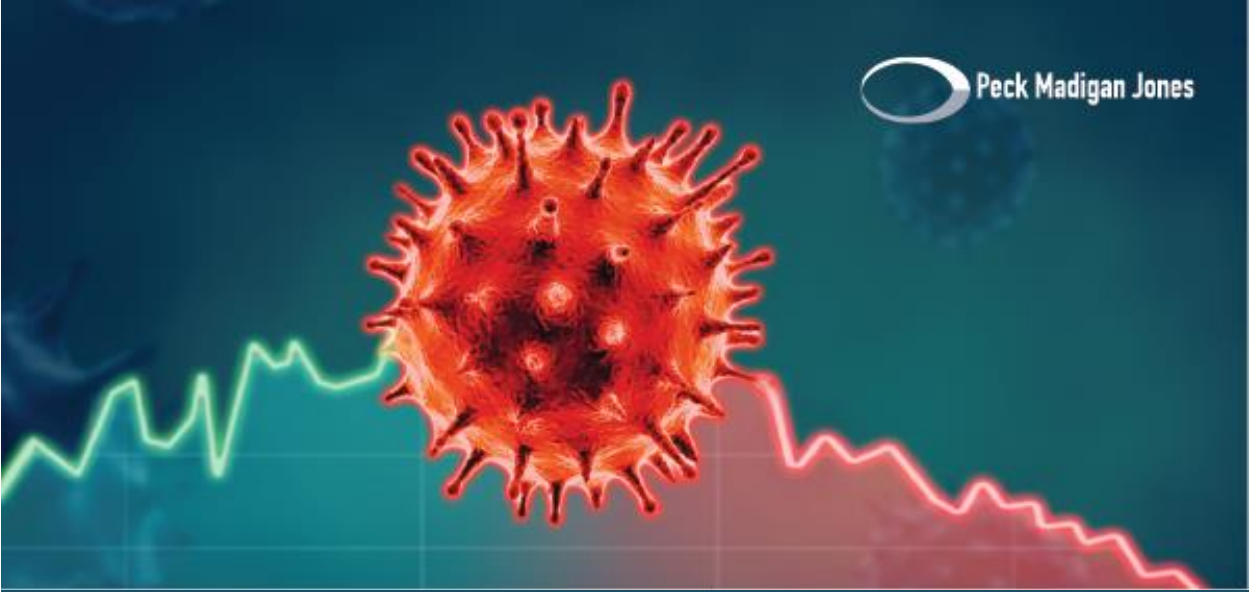




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

July 9, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, NIAID Director Fauci recommended that the hardest-hit states should "**pause their reopening process.**" He urged states such as California, Arizona, Texas, and Florida to close bars and get their residents to wear masks, avoid gathering in large groups, social distance, and wash their hands.

Notably, while COVID-19 case counts surge and more than 208,000 deaths from the virus are projected by November, White House spokesperson Judd Deere indicated, "...the cure cannot be worse than the disease. **The United States will not be shut down again.**"

Additionally, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin **announced** the Trump Administration does not want to extend the enhanced unemployment benefits if it allows jobless workers to earn more than they did while they were employed. He stated the

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **12,128,406** confirmed cases worldwide, 551,522 deaths and 6,650,675 people have recovered.

There are **3,088,913** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 132,934 deaths and 953,420 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

benefits would be capped at "no more than 100%" of what the recipient made before becoming unemployed.

Moreover, the Congressional Budget Office **reported** the federal deficit was \$2.7 trillion in the first nine months of fiscal year 2020, which is \$2 trillion more than the deficit during the same time period last year.

Since our last update, the Internal Revenue Service published 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.

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

[CARES Act State Funding](#)

[State and Local Funding Bills](#)

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[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

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[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD), along with 33 other members, **urged** the Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to issue guidance clarifying that small business owners who returned their Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans are able to reapply for the program.
- In a **letter** signed by 110 Representatives, the members urged President Trump to extend the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) supplement to unemployment benefits.

SENATE:

- In a **letter**, led by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), members urged House and Senate leaders to reject a corporate tax break in the next COVID-19 relief legislation.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE (CBO):

- The CBO **released** its monthly budget review for June 2020.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston **released** a list of lenders that are participating in the Main Street Lending Program.

- Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic, Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren, and Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin **raised doubts** about the durability of the U.S. economic recovery.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS):

- The IRS and Treasury **provided guidance** to employers requiring them to report the amount of qualified sick leave wages paid to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Articles of Interest

- 7/9 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“Mnuchin Expects New Stimulus Deal by End of July.”**
- 7/9 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“U.S. Initial Unemployment Claims Edged Lower in Latest Week.”**
- 7/9 The New York Times published an article titled, **“Big Banks Aren’t Embracing Fed’s Main Street Loan Program.”**
- 7/8 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“Fed’s \$600 Billion Lending Program Will See More Interest if Economy Slumps, Official Says.”**

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Reps. Pallone, DeGette and Eshoo sent a **letter** to OMB Acting Director Vought regarding withdrawal from the World Health Organization.
- Rep. Crist and 12 Florida Members of Congress sent a **letter** to HHS Secretary Azar calling for the expedited resupply of Remdesivir be sent to Florida as the state emerges as the new global epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak.
- Ways and Means Republicans introduced new **legislation** to encourage development of new therapies and cures while strengthening our medical supply chain here in the U.S.

SENATE:

- Sen. Murray released a 30-page **report** detailing the Trump Administration’s failure to quickly scale up COVID-19 testing nationwide. The report warns supply chain issues could make it impossible to expand or even maintain testing capacity if the government continues its refusal to lead. It also offers 26 recommendations to improve COVID-19 testing capacity, apply lessons learned to vaccine development and delivery, and improve the response to future disease outbreaks

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House released the **transcript** from yesterday’s press briefing by Vice President Pence and members of the Coronavirus Task Force.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), [awarded](#) more than \$21 million to support health centers' COVID-19 response efforts. The majority of this investment - \$17 million - supports 78 Health Center Program look-alikes (LALs) with funding to expand capacity for COVID-19 testing.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

- FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau [approved](#) an additional 25 funding applications for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program. Health care providers in both urban and rural areas of the country will use this \$10.73 million in funding to provide telehealth services during the coronavirus pandemic.

Articles of Interest

- 7/8 Politico published an article titled, "[Grim projection: 200,000 dead by Election Day.](#)"
 - 7/8 Reuters published an article titled, "[Worsening U.S. outbreak prompts tough actions as new coronavirus cases hit record.](#)"
 - 7/8 Nature published a report titled, "[OpenSAFELY: factors associated with COVID-19 death in 17 million patients.](#)"
 - 7/8 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[America is running short on masks, gowns and gloves. Again.](#)"
 - 7/9 The New York Times published an article titled, "[Who Gets a Vaccine First? U.S. Considers Race in Coronavirus Plans.](#)"
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LABOR UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Today, the House passed H.R. 7066, [Reopening America by Supporting Workers and Businesses Act of 2020](#), which provide a much-needed fix to help non-profits offset the costs of unemployment benefits for their workers. The Senate passed the measure last week and it is expected to be signed into law.

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:

- DOL released an [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report](#) for the week ending July 4. The report found 1.3 million Americans filed initial unemployment claims last week. At the same time, an additional 42,000 Americans applied for help under the expanded pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program, bringing the total to more than 1 million claims.
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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.