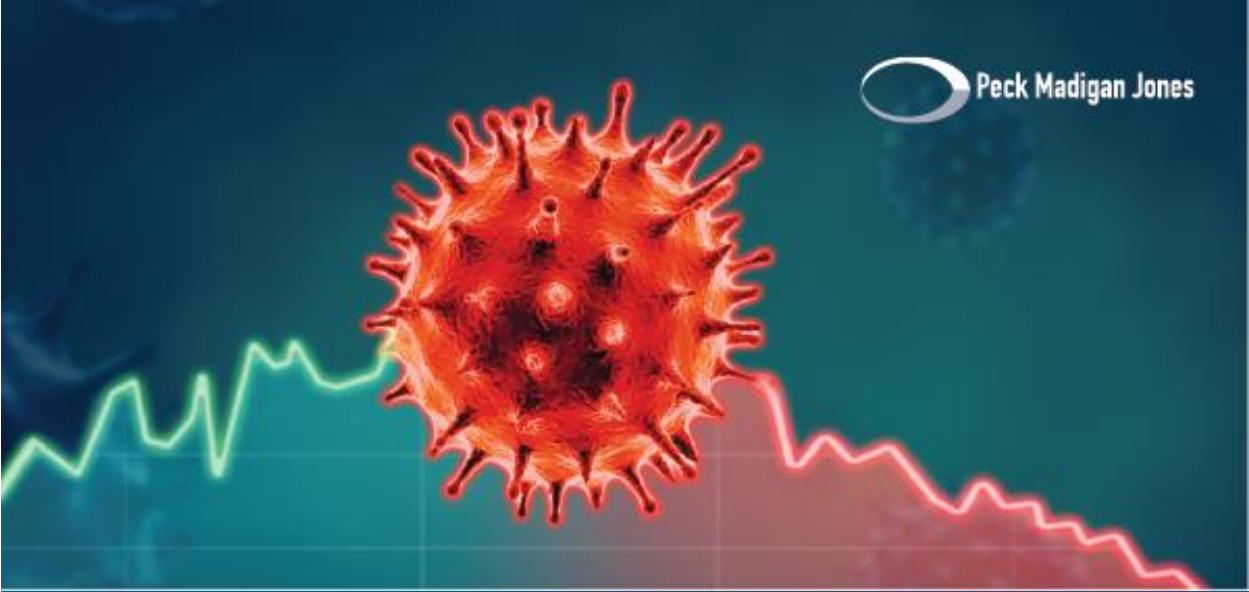




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

July 10, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas President Robert Kaplan asserted that a faster economic recovery is predicated on widespread mask usage. Kaplan **stated**, "While monetary and fiscal policy have a key role to play, the primary economic policy from here is broad mask-wearing and good execution of health care protocols."

Yesterday, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) pushed back on the Trump Administration's request for a \$1 trillion stimulus cap for additional coronavirus aid. Speaker Pelosi **stated**, "We need a trillion dollars for state and local. We need another trillion dollars for unemployment insurance, and direct payments." The House passed its \$3 trillion stimulus package in mid-May, but it has gained very little support in the Senate.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **12,376,147** confirmed cases worldwide, 556,895 deaths and 6,794,982 people have recovered.

There are **3,158,183** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 133,777 deaths and 969,111 people have recovered.

The U.S. reported more than 60,500 cases yesterday, setting a single-day record for the sixth time in 10 days.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

Notably, CDC Director Robert Redfield stated that keeping schools closed "is a **greater public health threat** to the children than having the schools reopen." At the same time, HHS Secretary Azar called on Americans to take **individual responsibility** to curb the coronavirus outbreak by practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings.

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

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

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- House Ways and Means Ranking Member Kevin Brady (R-TX) **released a statement** on the passage of the *Protecting Nonprofits from Catastrophic Cash Flow Strain Act of 2020 (S.4209)*.

Administration

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB):

- The CFPB **released** a report examining recent trends in debt settlement and credit counseling.

Articles of Interest

- 7/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "**Six Months of Work in a Pandemic.**"
- 7/10 The Hill published an article titled, "**Fed official: Economy would improve 'if we all wore a mask.'**"
- 7/9 Politico published an article titled, "**Pelosi rejects White House's \$1 trillion price tag for pandemic relief.**"

- 7/9 CNBC published an article titled, [“Treasury’s Mnuchin backs narrower coronavirus aid package as talks with Congress resume.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Rep. Maloney introduced the [Made in America: Preparation for a Pandemic Act](#) to secure our nation’s critical stock of PPE and promote a stronger manufacturing base for medical equipment.
- Rep. Keller introduced the [Reviewing Urban and Rural Adjustments to Level Hospital Expenses and Lopsided Payments Act of 2020](#), which would require HHS to conduct an evaluation of Medicare reimbursement rates between urban and rural hospitals and make appropriate adjustments.
- Reps. Pallone, Eshoo, and DeGette sent a [letter](#) to OMB Acting Director Vought, requesting an explanation for President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the World Health Organization during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

SENATE:

- Sens. Van Hollen, Cardin, Warner and Kaine sent a [letter](#) to OPM Acting Director Rigas and OMB Acting Director Vought expressing opposition to guidance on bringing federal workers back into offices.
- 32 senators sent a [letter](#) to Senate leaders McConnell and Schumer regarding funding for international COVID-19 response.
- Sens. Cassidy and Carper sent a [letter](#) to CMS Administrator Verma, calling on the agency to lift regulations that deny insurance coverage for obesity drugs and that limit coverage of Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT) amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sen. Cruz issued a [statement](#) in response to the Trump administration’s decision to withdraw the United States from the World Health Organization.

Administration

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS announced the agency’s targeted approach to provide additional resources to nursing homes in COVID-19 hotspot areas. Specifically, CMS plans to deploy [Quality Improvement Organizations](#) (QIOs) across the country to provide immediate assistance to nursing homes in the hotspot areas as identified by the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), [announced](#) approximately \$3 billion in funding to hospitals serving a large percentage of vulnerable populations on thin margins and approximately \$1 billion to specialty rural hospitals, urban hospitals with certain rural Medicare designations, and hospitals in small metropolitan areas.
- HHS made [May and June COVID-19 Testing Plans](#) from all states, territories, and localities publicly available on HHS.gov. The State Testing Plans serve as a roadmap for each state’s 2019 testing strategy for COVID-19. The plans include details on

response to surge cases and how to reach vulnerable populations including minorities, immunocompromised individuals and older adults.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA is preparing to resume domestic inspections with a new risk assessment system to assist the administration in determining when and where it is safest to conduct prioritized domestic inspections. The [COVID-19 Advisory Rating system](#) uses real-time data to qualitatively assess the number of COVID-19 cases in a local area based on state and national data.
- To date, the FDA has authorized 171 tests under EUAs; these include 142 molecular tests, 27 antibody tests, and 2 antigen tests.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC released a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) titled, "Initial and Repeated Point Prevalence Surveys to Inform SARS-CoV-2 Infection Prevention in 26 Skilled Nursing Facilities — Detroit, Michigan, March–May 2020."
- CDC released a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) titled, "Provision of Pediatric Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic: an Assessment of Capacity Among Pediatric Immunization Providers Participating in the Vaccines for Children Program — United States, May 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 7/9 Health Affairs published an article titled, "[Shelter-In-Place Orders Reduced COVID-19 Mortality And Reduced The Rate Of Growth In Hospitalizations.](#)"
 - 7/9 The New York Times published an article titled, "[The Coronavirus Can Be Airborne Indoors, W.H.O. Says.](#)"
 - 7/9 NPR published an article titled, "[Lack Of Unity Is A Bigger Threat Than Coronavirus, WHO Chief Says In Emotional Speech.](#)"
 - 7/9 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Behind New Covid-19 Outbreaks: America's Patchwork of Policies.](#)"
 - 7/10 ABC News published an article titled, "[13 states now report coronavirus testing issues, in echo of early troubles.](#)"
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:

- DOL, HHS, and the Treasury issued a [proposed rule](#) to amend the requirements for grandfathered group health plans and grandfathered group health insurance coverage to preserve their grandfather status.
 - DOL Secretary Scalia traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to [discuss](#) the continued re-opening of the economy and to highlight the importance of workplace safety during the re-opening.
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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.