



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

**July 13, 2020**

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

During CNN's State of the Union, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced that an extension of the boosted \$600 in unemployment benefits must be included in the next coronavirus relief package. The expanded unemployment insurance is set to expire at the end of July and has received major criticisms from congressional Republicans.

Yesterday, HHS Assistant Secretary Brett Giroir stated during an [interview](#) that wearing masks is "absolutely essential" in order to gain "control of the virus." Moreover, Surgeon General Jerome Adams indicated the U.S. can [reverse the surge](#) in COVID-19 cases "in just two or three weeks if we can get a critical mass of people wearing face coverings, practicing at least six feet of social distancing..."

Notably, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **12,988,624** confirmed cases worldwide, 570,435 deaths and 7,157,634 people have recovered.

There are **3,341,838** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 135,425 deaths and 1,006,326 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Legislative Update](#)

Ghebreyesus **warned** "there will be no return to the 'old normal' for the foreseeable future." He also provided a "roadmap" for countries struggling to get the outbreak under control.

We have updated our Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker and the Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Tracker. Both are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

[CARES Act State Funding](#)

[State and Local Funding Bills](#)

[COVID Legislative Tracker](#)

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[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE:

- The House Small Business Committee will hold three **virtual hearings** related to economic recovery and the COVID-19 response.
- The House Financial Services Committee will hold two **virtual hearings** related to economic recovery and implementation of the CARES Act.

### *Administration*

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA):

- The SBA **announced** the conclusion and success of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance program, which provided U.S. small businesses, non-profits, and agricultural businesses a total of \$20 billion in emergency funding.

#### Articles of Interest

- 7/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"U.S. budget deficit shattered one-month record in June, as spending outpaced revenue by \$864 billion."**
- 7/13 The Washington Post published an article titled, **"State, local governments wrestle over quickly dwindling coronavirus aid, complicating talks on next federal bill."**
- 7/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"Fed's Williams: SOFR Rate System Has Performed Well During Coronavirus Crisis."**

- 7/12 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [\*\*“Fed, Treasury Disagreements Slowed Start of Main Street Lending Program.”\*\*](#)

## **PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

### ***Congressional***

#### **HOUSE:**

- 80 Representatives sent a [\*\*letter\*\*](#) to NIH Directors Collins and Bianchi regarding research on the impact of COVID-19 on children.
- Rep. Neal sent a [\*\*letter\*\*](#) to CMS Administrator regarding nursing home oversight during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **SENATE:**

- Sens. Schumer and Murray released a [\*\*white paper\*\*](#) outlining a number of proposals to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, high quality, produced at scale, allocated in a manner that optimizes public health and reduces health disparities, free and accessible to everyone, and widely embraced by the public in order to end the pandemic and set the country on a path for economic recovery.

### ***Administration***

#### **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

- CDC released a [\*\*Morbidity and Mortality Report\*\*](#) titled, "Characteristics of Persons Who Died with COVID-19 — United States, February 12–May 18, 2020."

#### **Articles of Interest**

- 7/12 Reuters published an article titled, [\*\*“Florida sets one-day record with over 15,000 new COVID cases, more than most countries.”\*\*](#)
  - 7/12 The Washington Post published an article titled, [\*\*“Long delays in getting test results hobble coronavirus response.”\*\*](#)
  - 7/12 Politico published an article titled, [\*\*“HHS testing chief: ‘We do expect deaths to go up.’”\*\*](#)
  - 7/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [\*\*“Scientists Hoped Summer Temperatures Would Tamp Down Covid-19 Cases. What Happened?”\*\*](#)
  - 7/13 The Hill published an article titled, [\*\*“Virus immunity in recovered patients may be gone in months, researchers say.”\*\*](#)
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## **LABOR UPDATE**

### ***Congressional***

#### **HOUSE:**

- Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) introduced H.R. 7538, the [\*\*Essential Workforce Parity Act\*\*](#), which would extend paid leave required by the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) to health care workers and offer liability protections to hospitals and other medical providers from certain lawsuits during the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

## ***Administration***

### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:**

- DOL announced the launch of a **public awareness campaign** to remind workers that the Department's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is committed to ensuring their workplace rights during the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure that employers know their responsibilities.
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## **SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE**

- Please click [here](#) to view a readout of today's FEMA-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.*