



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

July 14, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, during an interview on CNN, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi indicated "we absolutely have to" **delay or cancel the August recess** for the chamber in order to complete negotiations and reach an agreement with the Senate on the next coronavirus relief package.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced a GOP coronavirus aid proposal will be released soon. He noted the Senate will "begin to debate and discuss next week." Any future stimulus will have to resolve disagreements over unemployment benefits, state and local government aid, and changes to the Paycheck Protection Program.

Additionally, a House Financial Services Subcommittee held a hearing today on capital markets and worker protections during the COVID-19

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **13,177,855** confirmed cases worldwide, 574,793 deaths and 7,303,490 people have recovered.

There are **3,397,069** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 136,117 deaths and 1,031,939 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Legislative Update](#)

pandemic. Members and witnesses discussed access to capital for small businesses and how Congress can best target aid to the hardest-hit businesses and individuals.

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

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

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[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

WHITE HOUSE:

- The White House **appointed** Tyler Goodspeed as acting chair of its Council of Economic Advisers, a policy committee that plays a leading role in the economic response to the coronavirus.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA):

- Summary of **[Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Lending](#)** as of July 10.
- The SBA issued a **[procedural notice](#)** which informs PPP lenders of the reporting process and collection of processing fees.

Articles of Interest

- 7/14 The Hill published an article titled, **[“Pelosi ‘absolutely’ willing to push August recess to work on coronavirus relief.”](#)**
- 7/14 The Hill published an article titled, **[“Goldman Sachs: More than 80 percent of small firms that got PPP loans say they will run out of money by August.”](#)**
- 7/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **[“Coronavirus Spending Pushes U.S. Budget Deficit to \\$3 Trillion for 12 Months Through June.”](#)**
- 7/13 Bloomberg published an article titled, **[“The Coronavirus Surge is Officially Slowing the U.S. Recovery.”](#)**

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Speaker Pelosi participated in an [interview](#) with CNN to discuss the urgent need for the Senate to take up the House-passed Heroes Act, the Trump Administration's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

SENATE:

- Sen. Warren and Rep. Pressley sent a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Azar requesting a report detailing the Trump administration's response to racial health disparities exacerbated by the Covid-19 outbreak.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- Yesterday, President Trump signed into law S. 4091, the [Emergency Aid for Returning Americans Affected by Coronavirus Act](#), which increases from \$1 million to \$10 million the amount that the HHS may spend for the provision of assistance to repatriated U.S. citizens in FY 2020.
- The White House provided a [readout](#) from Vice President Pence's Governors briefing on COVID-19 response and best practices.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Drs. Hahn, Cavazzoni, and Marks published an FDA Voices [blog post](#) titled, "An Update and Behind the Scenes: FDA's Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program."
- FDA scientists have identified specific areas of the so-called spike proteins on the surface of the COVID-19-causing virus that appear to be key to triggering strong protective antibody responses in rabbits exposed to the virus. The virus uses one part of the spike protein to attach to a cell and another to fuse with the cell membrane, enabling the virus to infect the cell. The scientists [studied antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins](#), which could help inform vaccine design by increasing our understanding of the various triggered antibody responses.
- The FDA has issued an [emergency use authorization](#) to electroCore, Inc., for its GammaCore Sapphire Non-invasive Vagus Nerve Stimulator. This stimulator is intended for use at home or in health care settings to treat adult patients with known or suspected COVID-19 who are experiencing worsened asthma-related shortness of breath and reduced airflow, and for whom approved drug therapies are not tolerated or provide insufficient symptom relief.
- The FDA has issued an [emergency use authorization](#) for Circadiance, under the umbrella EUA for ventilators, for its SleepWeaver Prevent CPAP Mask. The product is a CPAP mask that was modified by combining it with an N95.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Collins published a [blog post](#) titled, "Study in Primates Finds Acquired Immunity Prevents COVID-19 Reinfections."
- In a [study](#), NIH researchers found that there is little evidence showing that infected macrophages could spread the SARS-CoV-2 virus to the placenta, membranes and fetus in normal pregnancy.

Articles of Interest

- 7/13 Reuters published an article titled, "**U.S. COVID-19 vaccine program to start manufacturing by late summer, says U.S. official.**"
 - 7/13 The New York Times published an article titled, "**Bottleneck for U.S. Coronavirus Response: The Fax Machine.**"
 - 7/13 Families USA published an article titled, "**The COVID-19 Pandemic and Resulting Economic Crash Have Caused the Greatest Health Insurance Losses in American History.**"
 - 7/13 Reuters published an article titled, "**WHO sounds alarm as coronavirus cases rise by one million in five days.**"
 - 7/14 The Washington Post published an article titled, "**Trump administration recommends National Guard as option to help hospitals report coronavirus data.**"
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