



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

July 22, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

GOP lawmakers and the White House remain divided over key priorities such as unemployment benefits, a payroll tax cut, and the overall price of the next coronavirus relief package. These disagreements make it increasingly unlikely a new bill will pass before the \$600 in boosted unemployment benefits expire on July 31.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows had originally hoped to get a stimulus bill out of Congress by the end of next week, but due to the disagreements, Meadows is now stating "I don't want to put any deadlines" on the proposal.

Yesterday, in his first White House press briefing on the pandemic since the end of April, President Trump urged Americans to wear masks, maintain distance, and avoid crowded bars. He also **acknowledged** the

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **15,041,059** confirmed cases worldwide, 619,132 deaths and 8,536,350 people have recovered.

There are **3,940,592** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 142,677 deaths and 1,182,018 people have recovered.

Yesterday, the U.S. reported more than 1000 deaths for the first time since May 29.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

situation will "unfortunately get worse before it gets better."

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

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congress

SENATE:

- Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) **introduced legislation** to incentivize states to reform their unemployment insurance systems.
- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), along with Senators Mark Warner (D-VA), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Kamala Harris (D-CA), **introduced** the *Jobs and Neighborhood Investment Act*, legislation that makes a \$17.9 billion investment in low-income and minority communities that have been hardest-hit by COVID-19.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- Federal Reserve officials **are set to discuss** how to provide more economic stimulus at their July 28 and 29 meetings.

Articles of Interest

- 7/22 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"Small Businesses Brace for Prolonged Crisis, Short on Cash and Customers."**
- 7/22 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"Trump's Payroll-Tax-Cut Plan Proves a Hard Sell."**

- 7/22 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Senate Republicans Discuss Short-Term Extension of Jobless Aid.”](#)
- 7/21 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“White House, GOP in disarray over coronavirus spending plan as deadline nears on expiring emergency aid.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Reps. Curtis (R-UT), Welch (D-VT), Sherrill (D-NJ), and Spanberger (D-VA) introduced bipartisan, bicameral [legislation](#) to study the impacts of telehealth during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- Rep. Schweikert (R-AZ) introduced [legislation](#) to provide financial relief to millions of American families facing the burden of high health care costs. The proposal would reduce the current 7.5 percent income threshold for the medical expense deduction to 5 percent for years 2020 and 2021, and make the 7.5 percent income threshold permanent for all other years.
- Reps. Sewell (D-AL), Walorski (D-IN), Ron Kind (D-WI), Tony Cardenas (D-CA) and Fitzpatrick (D-PA) introduced the *Ensuring Parity in MA for Audio-Only Telehealth Act*, bipartisan [legislation](#) to help ensure Medicare Advantage (MA) enrollees who cannot access the video component during telehealth visits are able to access care through audio visits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SENATE:

- Sens. Leahy (D-Vt.), Durbin (D-IL), Murray (D-WA) and Tester released a [letter](#) calling on President Trump to utilize resources already passed by Congress and signed into law to increase production of personal, protective equipment (PPE) and testing capacity.

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an [agreement](#) with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the United States following the vaccine’s successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- A new FDA Voices, titled [FDA’s Ongoing Work to Support and Advance COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Accuracy and Availability](#), describes how FDA has been proactive and supportive of test development by all comers — including laboratories, and large and small commercial manufacturers — to speed development and to quickly authorize tests that the science supports.
- The FDA delivered [written testimony](#) to the Senate Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection. The statement, titled Protecting Americans from COVID-19 Scams, was by Catherine Hermsen, FDA’s Assistant Commissioner, Office of Criminal Investigations, Office of Regulatory Affairs.

Articles of Interest

- 7/21 Politico published an article titled, **“True number of U.S. coronavirus infections likely 10 times larger than reported, CDC data shows.”**
 - 7/21 Modern Healthcare published an article titled, **“Half of U.S. hospitals in the red by year’s end without more federal support.”**
 - 7/22 Stat published an article titled, **“Confusion spreads over system to determine priority access to Covid-19 vaccines.”**
 - 7/22 Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D-MI) published an op-ed in the New York Times titled, **“What if Trump Made Everyone Wear Masks?”**
 - 7/22 Roll Call published an article titled, **“Experts call for more federal testing oversight as cases surge.”**
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SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

- Please click [here](#) to view a readout of yesterday’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.