



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

August 6, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) **announced** that while the Senate will be in session next week, members can head home until a deal is reached on the next coronavirus relief package, at which point they will be given 24 hour notice to return to D.C. for a vote.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters that unless a compromise is reached on major issues by tomorrow, "it's going to be hard to complete a deal." He added that if an agreement remains out of reach by the end of the week, President Trump is prepared to take unilateral action and issue executive orders to restore a moratorium on evictions, extend boosted unemployment benefits, and provide relief to student loan borrowers.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **18,897,857** confirmed cases worldwide, 710,136 deaths and 11,402,427 people have recovered.

There are **4,854,690** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 159,433 deaths and 1,577,851 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Healthcare Chart on COVID Legislation](#)

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

[COVID-19 Legislative Outlook](#)

[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](#)

[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

[Memo - Federal Reserve COVID-19 Announcements](#)

[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE:

- In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), 16 Republican Senators **pushed to extend** the payroll support for passenger air carrier employees under the CARES Act.
- Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID) included more flexibility to take risks in emergency lending in an **amendment** to the economic relief legislation that is pending on the Senate floor.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Fed **announced** details of the FedNow Service, a new interbank settlement service to support instant payments in the United States, stating the need for this service has been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland President Loretta Mester **called** on Congress for additional fiscal aid to support households, small businesses, and state and local governments.

Articles of Interest

- 8/6 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Democrats Say Trump's Powers Are Limited on Coronavirus Stimulus.](#)"
- 8/6 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[U.S. Jobless Claims Fell to 1.2 Million in Latest Week.](#)"
- 8/6 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Acrimony and impasse: Pelosi alleges Republicans don't give 'a damn' about unemployed as Trump readies executive actions.](#)"
- 8/5 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Trump threatens executive actions as coronavirus relief deal remains elusive on Capitol Hill.](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Democratic Leader Schumer (D-NY) held a [media availability](#) after meeting with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows to discuss further coronavirus relief legislation.
- 59 Democratic representatives sent a [letter](#) to Congressional leaders regarding prioritization of substance use disorder treatment, and medical research funding in future COVID-19 packages.

SENATE:

- Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) [joined](#) CNBC's "Squawk On The Street" this morning to discuss COVID-19 relief.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House issued a transcript of [remarks](#) by President Trump in yesterday's meeting on the coronavirus with Governor Ducey of Arizona.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS, through the Health and Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), [awarded](#) over \$101 million to combat substance use disorders (SUD) and opioid use disorders (OUD). The awards support 116 organizations in 42 states and the District of Columbia, with many targeting high-risk rural communities.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH has begun a [randomized, controlled clinical trial](#) evaluating the safety and efficacy of a treatment regimen consisting of the antiviral remdesivir plus the immunomodulator interferon beta-1a in patients with coronavirus. The study, called the Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial 3 (ACTT 3), is anticipated to enroll more than 1,000 hospitalized adults with COVID-19 at as many as 100 sites in the United States and abroad.
- NIH Director Dr. Collins published a [blog post](#) titled, "Charting a Rapid Course Toward Better COVID-19 Tests and Treatment."

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC issued a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) titled, "Serious Adverse Health Events, Including Death, Associated with Ingesting Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizers Containing Methanol — Arizona and New Mexico, May–June 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 8/5 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Covid-19 Vaccine Makers Signal Prices.](#)"
 - 8/5 The Atlantic published an article titled, "[The Winter Will Be Worse.](#)"
 - 8/6 NBC News published an article titled, "[Work on hydroxychloroquine delayed promising studies of convalescent plasma.](#)"
 - 8/6 The New York Times published an article titled, "[Coronavirus Drug and Treatment Tracker.](#)"
 - 8/6 Center for American Progress published an article titled, "[A New Strategy to Contain the Coronavirus: Lessons from the U.S. Northeast and Japan.](#)"
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL released its [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report](#) for the week ending August 1. The report found an additional 1.2 million people applied for jobless benefits last week.
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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.