



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

August 26, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows criticized Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) over the inability to come to an agreement on further COVID-related aid. Meadows indicated **he is not optimistic** the parties will be able to reach a deal before September, as the Trump Administration has not "seen a lot of action" from Democratic leaders.

Additionally, Meadows announced the White House is considering further executive actions in lieu of coronavirus relief legislation. Referencing the recent airline layoffs, Meadows **stated** the Administration hopes to "help out the airlines and keep some of those employees from being furloughed."

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

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **24,000,302** confirmed cases worldwide, 821,654 deaths and 15,629,291 people have recovered.

There are **5,807,480** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 179,235 deaths and 2,053,669 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

State Responses to EO on
Unemployment Insurance

Coronavirus State Reopening
Tracker

Healthcare Chart on COVID
Legislation

COVID-19 Legislative Outlook

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

Administration

WHITE HOUSE:

- The White House released a fact sheet titled, [“President Donald J. Trump Is Lifting Up and Driving New Prosperity in Previously Forgotten American Communities.”](#)

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The federal bank regulatory agencies **finalized three rules**, including a final rule that temporarily modifies the community bank leverage ratio in accordance to the CARES Act.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS):

- The IRS **will soon send** Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks to individuals whose portion of the EIP was diverted to pay their spouse's past-due child support.

Articles of Interest

- 8/26 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“White House chief of staff says additional executive actions are in the works as airline furloughs loom.”](#)

- 8/26 Politico published an article titled, [“Mark Meadows predicts no Covid-19 relief bill until after September.”](#)
- 8/26 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Mission Creep at the Fed.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Sens. Warren (D-MA) and Markey (D-MA) sent a [letter](#) to FDA Commissioner Hahn to request copies of all communications between the FDA and Trump administration officials regarding the agency’s announcement this week of an emergency use authorization on convalescent plasma.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House released a [fact sheet](#) titled, "President Donald J. Trump is Taking Strong Action to Further Protect Nursing Homes from the Coronavirus."

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS [announced](#) the release of 1.5 million N95 respirators from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) for distribution to approximately 3,336 nursing home facilities.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Valerie Jensen, the Associate Director of the Drug Shortages staff in FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, joined Dr. Anand Shah for a [discussion](#) on drug shortages and how the COVID-19 pandemic can impact the drug supply chain.
- FDA issued a [Consumer Update](#) titled, "Is Your Hand Sanitizer on FDA’s List of Products You Should Not Use?"

Articles of Interest

- 8/25 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Cities, states fear they may lose critical FEMA dollars for coronavirus response.”](#)
- 8/25 Bloomberg published an article titled, [“FDA’s Hahn Vows to Stick to the Science Amid Vaccine Pressure.”](#)
- 8/26 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“New U.S. Coronavirus Cases Tick Up for Second Straight Day.”](#)
- 8/26 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Tracking Coronavirus Cases at U.S. Colleges and Universities.”](#)
- 8/26 The Hill published an article titled, [“CDC says asymptomatic people don’t need testing, draws criticism from experts.”](#)

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.