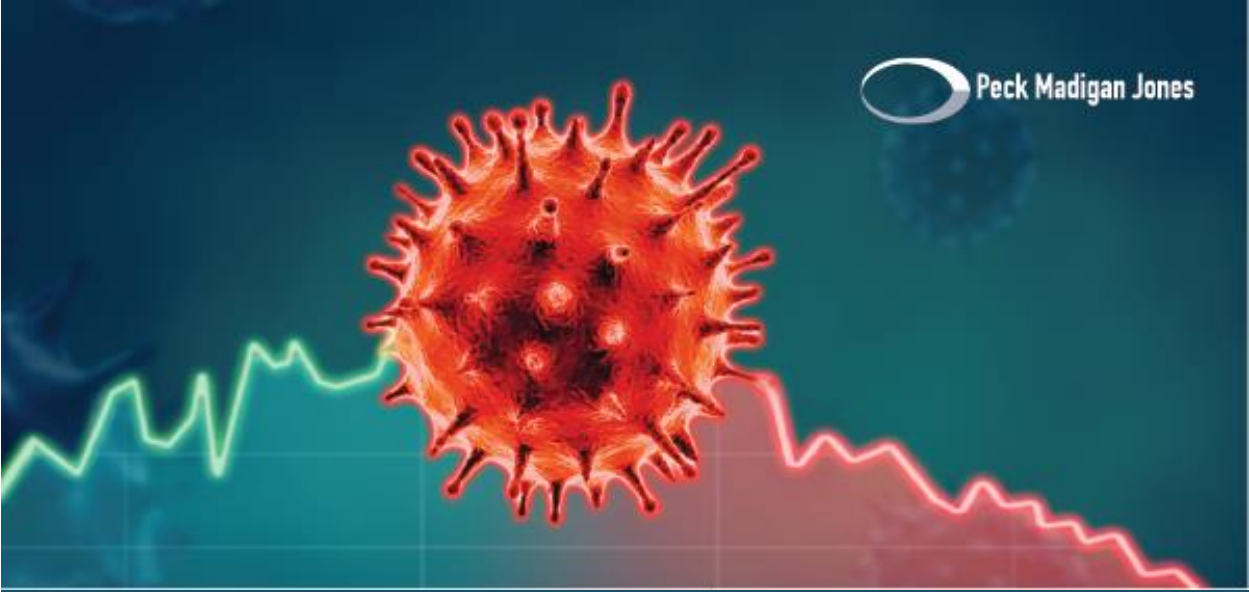




## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

September 10, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Senate held a procedural vote on Republican Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) targeted coronavirus relief package. The nearly \$500 billion stimulus bill failed to advance by a vote of 52-47, with Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) joining Democratic lawmakers in voting against it.

Congressional Democrats hope blocking the bill will bring the White House back to the negotiating table, however, neither side appears to be willing to end the stalemate. Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) told reporters Democrats are willing to lower the price tag of the House-passed HEROES Act from \$3.4 trillion to \$2.2 trillion. She stated, "Let's not have a skinny bill when we have a massive problem."

Additionally, the Trump Administration's [decision to require](#) the deferral of payroll taxes for federal workers and military members marks the first major

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **27,981,242** confirmed cases worldwide, 905,851 deaths and 18,826,974 people have recovered.

There are **6,388,302** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 191,567 deaths and 2,387,479 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

employer to announce its participation in the deferral program. Under the IRS' implementation instructions, employers can choose to stop withholding Social Security tax through the end of the year for workers making less than \$4,000 biweekly.

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

[COVID-19 Legislative Outlook](#)

[State Responses to EO on Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Healthcare Chart on COVID Legislation](#)

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## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE

- Reps. Khanna (D-CA) and Davis (R-IL) led 14 House lawmakers in a [letter](#) to FDA Commissioner Hahn, urging the agency to consider an expedited authorization and lower sensitivity standards for rapid, in-home Covid-19 tests.

### *Administration*

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins published a [blog post](#) titled, "Genome Data Help to Track COVID-19 Superspreading Event."

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the United States Government (USG) is innovating and taking a new approach to help keep international air passengers healthy. The new, more effective [strategy](#) focuses on the continuum of travel and the individual passenger, including pre-departure and post-arrival education, efforts to develop a potential testing framework with international partners, and illness response.

## Articles of Interest

- 9/10 TIME published an article titled, [“COVID-19 Has Killed Nearly 200,000 Americans. How Many More Lives Will Be Lost Before the U.S. Gets It Right?”](#)
  - 9/10 The Commonwealth Fund published an article titled, [“Beyond the Case Count: The Wide-Ranging Disparities of COVID-19 in the United States.”](#)
  - 9/10 Stat published an article titled, [“Public trust in CDC, Fauci, and other top health officials is evaporating, poll finds.”](#)
  - 9/10 KHN published an article titled, [“Hospitals, Nursing Homes Fail to Separate COVID Patients, Putting Others at Risk.”](#)
  - 9/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Several Covid-19 Vaccines Could Join Winner’s Circle.”](#)
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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE:

- House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters’ (D-CA) [opening statement](#) at the committee’s hearing today.
- Rep. Abby Finkenauer’s (D-IA) [statement](#) at the House Small Business Committee hearing today.

#### SENATE:

- Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) [urged](#) Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to pass the House’s HEROES Act.
- Senate Small Business Committee Chairman Marco Rubio (R-FL) [sent a letter](#) to JPMorgan Chase requesting information on alleged PPP and EIDL fraud.
- Chairman Rubio’s [statement](#) on the “Senate Democrats Continued Obstruction on Additional Coronavirus Relief.”
- Senate Small Business Committee Ranking Member Ben Cardin’s (D-MD) [statement](#) on “Senate GOP’s Partisan COVID-19 Relief Package.”

## Articles of Interest

- 9/10 Politico published an article titled [“DOJ investigating ‘several hundred’ small business loan fraud cases.”](#)
  - 9/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Fed Debates How to Implement New Policy Strategy.”](#)
  - 9/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“GOP ‘Skinny’ Bill on Coronavirus Aid Is Blocked by Democrats in Senate.”](#)
  - 9/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“U.S. Says It is Cracking Down on PPP Fraud.”](#)
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## LABOR UPDATE

### *Administration*

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

- DOL released its [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report](#) for the week ending September 5.

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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.*