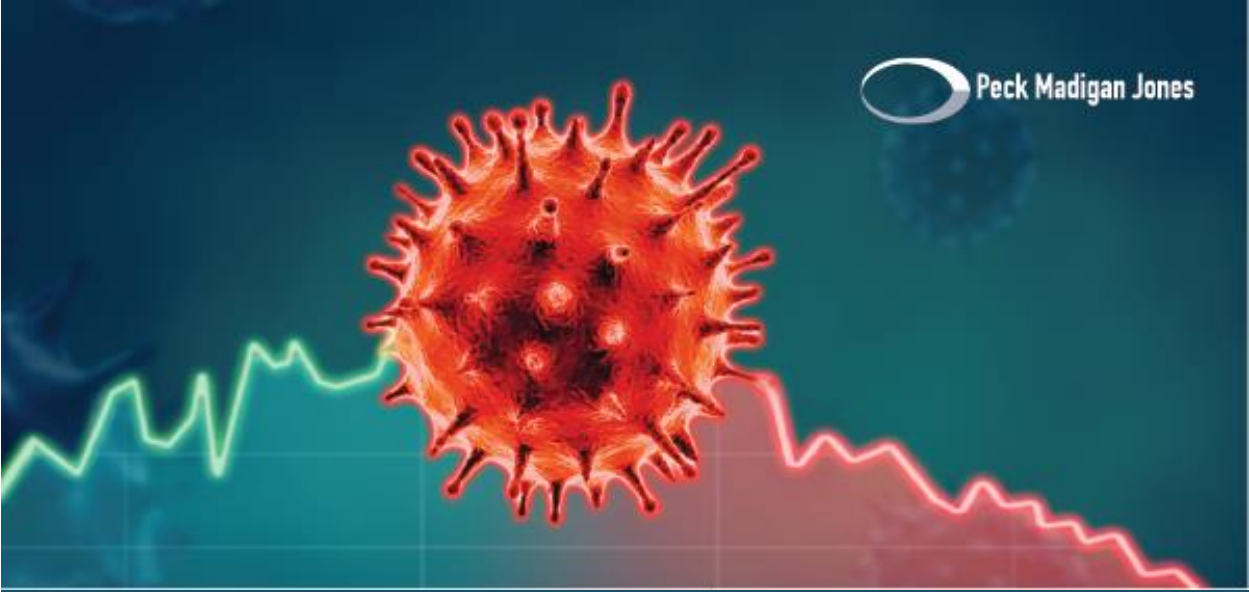




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

September 14, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Uncertainty continues to grow over whether Congress will be able to pass another coronavirus relief package. Over the weekend, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stated, "I wish I could tell you we're going to get another [coronavirus] package but it doesn't look that good right now." However, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) noted she is "optimistic" that a deal can be reached.

As lawmakers turn their attention to a continuing resolution that would extend government funding past September 30, Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin have come to an agreement that discussions on a stopgap bill should be kept separate from talks on COVID relief.

Even though Secretary Mnuchin held to a low number in negotiations with Speaker Pelosi and Leader

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **29,127,436** confirmed cases worldwide, 925,820 deaths and 19,678,810 people have recovered.

There are **6,545,948** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 194,367 deaths and 2,450,184 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

Schumer, he [stated](#) today that, “now is not the time to worry about shrinking the deficit.” He noted the “unprecedented” monetary policy working with fiscal policy “is the reason the economy is doing better.”

We have updated the Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker and the Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker. Both are 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](#)

[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

HOUSE:

- House Ways and Means Ranking Member Kevin Brady (R-TX) [introduced legislation](#) that would create a payroll tax holiday from September 1 through December 31.

Administration

WHITE HOUSE:

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [sent a memo](#) to executive departments and agencies informing them they are to implement the payroll tax deferral to their employees “to the maximum extent feasible.”

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)

- The CFTC [further extends](#) certain no-action relief to market participants in response to COVID-19.

Articles of Interest

- 9/14 The Hill published an article titled, ["COVID-19 hit G-20 economies four times harder than financial crisis: OECD."](#)
- 9/14 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Absence of Coronavirus-Aid Deal Prompts Blame Game in Washington."](#)
- 9/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Why Fed Officials Are Pushing for More Stimulus From Lawmakers."](#)
- 9/11 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Congressional leaders insist coronavirus deal is needed but point fingers on inaction."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Reps. Walden (R-OR), Burgess (R-TX), and Guthrie (R-KY) sent a [letter](#) to CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield, asking how the agency is planning to manage COVID-19 response efforts with the challenge of simultaneously responding to infections of other respiratory diseases, including influenza, during the fall and winter months.

Administration

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- An NIH-funded [study](#) found that people with substance use disorders (SUDs) are more susceptible to COVID-19 and its complications.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC released a [Morbidity and Mortality Report](#) (MMWR) titled, "Transmission Dynamics of COVID-19 Outbreaks Associated with Child Care Facilities — Salt Lake City, Utah, April–July 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 9/11 Morning Consult published an article titled, ["A Trend That Worries Health Experts: As U.S. Gets Closer to COVID-19 Vaccine, Fewer People Say They'd Get One."](#)
- 9/12 NPR published an article titled, ["AstraZeneca Resumes Its COVID-19 Vaccine Trials In The U.K."](#)
- 9/13 Bloomberg published an article titled, ["Pfizer CEO Says Americans Could Get Covid Shot Before Year-End."](#)
- 9/13 Politico published an article titled, ["Trump officials rush to introduce untested vaccine tracking system."](#)
- 9/13 USA Today published an article titled, ["Scientists outraged by White House appointees' meddling with coronavirus information."](#)

LABOR UPDATE

Administration

- As part of its comprehensive response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the U.S. Department of Labor is educating workers with a [public awareness campaign](#) about workplace rights amid the coronavirus pandemic.
 - DOL's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) posted [revisions](#) to regulations that implemented the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).
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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.