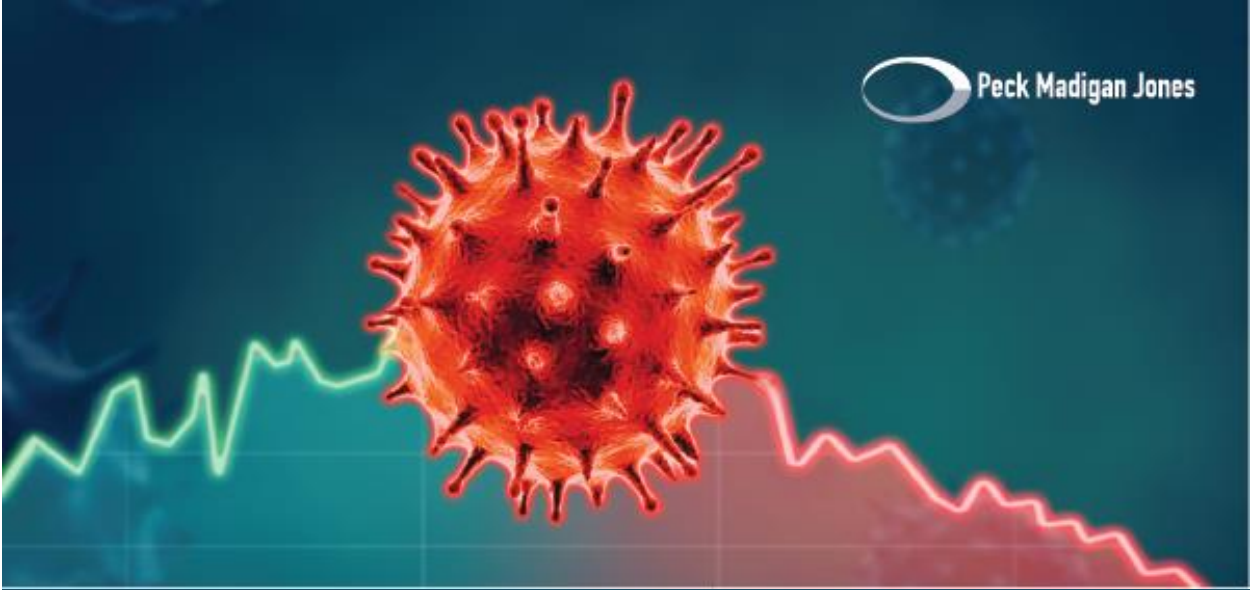




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

September 18, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, during a Bloomberg Television interview, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) indicated she is willing to scale back certain Democratic priorities for the next coronavirus relief package in exchange for the inclusion of assistance for the airline and restaurant industries, which she noted are continuing to struggle during the pandemic. Pelosi added she is not willing to budge from the \$2.2 trillion House plan, saying the "ball is in [Senate Republicans'] court."

Additionally, the Federal Reserve ("Fed"), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) **announced** that federal examiners will provide more flexibility in evaluating loans originating under the Main Street Lending Program (MSLP). So far, the MSLP has extended more than \$1.5 billion in loans.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **30,316,394** confirmed cases worldwide, 948,367 deaths and 20,628,868 people have recovered.

There are **6,710,585** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 198,306 deaths and 2,540,334 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

Since our last update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Federal Reserve published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

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

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

[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](#)

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[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

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

[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE:

- Senators Doug Jones (D-AL) and John Kennedy (R-LA) **introduced** the *Disaster Relief for Southeastern Small Businesses Act of 2020*, which would forgive small business loans made under the CARES Act.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Federal Reserve Board **updated its frequently asked questions** to clarify the Board and Department of Treasury's expectations regarding lender underwriting for the Main Street Lending Program.
- The Federal Reserve Board **issued a report** on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households.

Articles of Interest

- 9/18 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Fed Issues New Bank Guidance to Improve Main Street Loan Access."](#)
- 9/18 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["White House, Congress struggle to complete stop-gap spending bill as October shutdown looks."](#)
- 9/18 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Fed's Bullard Says Inflation Could Start to Pick Up Soon."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Reps. Latta (R-OH) and Dingell (D-MI) [introduced](#) the *Temporary Reciprocity to Ensure Access to Treatment (TREAT) Act*, to provide temporary licensing reciprocity for health care professionals in all states for all types of services during designated public health emergency declarations, like the COVID-19 pandemic.
- E&C Republicans published a [blog post](#) titled, "CDC Implementing E&C Republican's Second Wave Preparedness Project Recommendation."

Administration

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS issued [revised guidance](#) providing detailed recommendations on ways nursing homes can safely facilitate visitation in both indoor and outdoor settings and in compassionate care situations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance also outlines certain core principles and best practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to adhere to during visitations.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC updated its [guidance](#) for COVID-19 testing, clarifying that if an individual has "been in close contact, such as within 6 feet of a person with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection for at least 15 minutes and don't have symptoms you need a test."
- CDC [published](#) a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report titled, "Preventing COVID-19 Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Facilities Through Preemptive Testing of Residents and Staff Members — Fulton County, Georgia, March–May 2020."
- CDC [published](#) a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report titled, "Serial Testing for SARS-CoV-2 and Virus Whole Genome Sequencing Inform Infection Risk at Two Skilled Nursing Facilities with COVID-19 Outbreaks — Minnesota, April–June 2020."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA approved an abbreviated new drug application for [propofol injectable emulsion](#) USP 200 mg/20 mL, 500 mg/50 mL, and 1,000 mg/100 mL, for Single Patient Use Only. Propofol injectable emulsion 10mg/mL is an intravenous general anesthetic and sedation drug listed in the FDA Drug Shortage Database.

- The FDA is warning consumers and health care professionals that the FDA continues to find [hand sanitizer products](#) that are labeled as containing ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but have tested positive for methanol or 1-propanol contamination.
- As of September 17, 248 tests are authorized by FDA under EUAs; these include 198 molecular tests, 46 antibody tests, and 4 antigen tests.

Articles of Interest

- 9/17 Pew Research Center published an article titled, ["U.S. Public Now Divided Over Whether To Get COVID-19 Vaccine."](#)
- 9/17 Roll Call published an article titled, ["Exclusive: States plan to independently vet COVID-19 vaccine data."](#)
- 9/17 Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["State Health Authorities Worry About Slow Planning for Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution."](#)
- 9/17 The Hill published an article titled, ["Controversial CDC guidelines were written by HHS officials, not scientists: report."](#)
- 9/18 Politico published an article titled, ["CDC reverses course on testing for asymptomatic people who had Covid-19 contact."](#)

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.