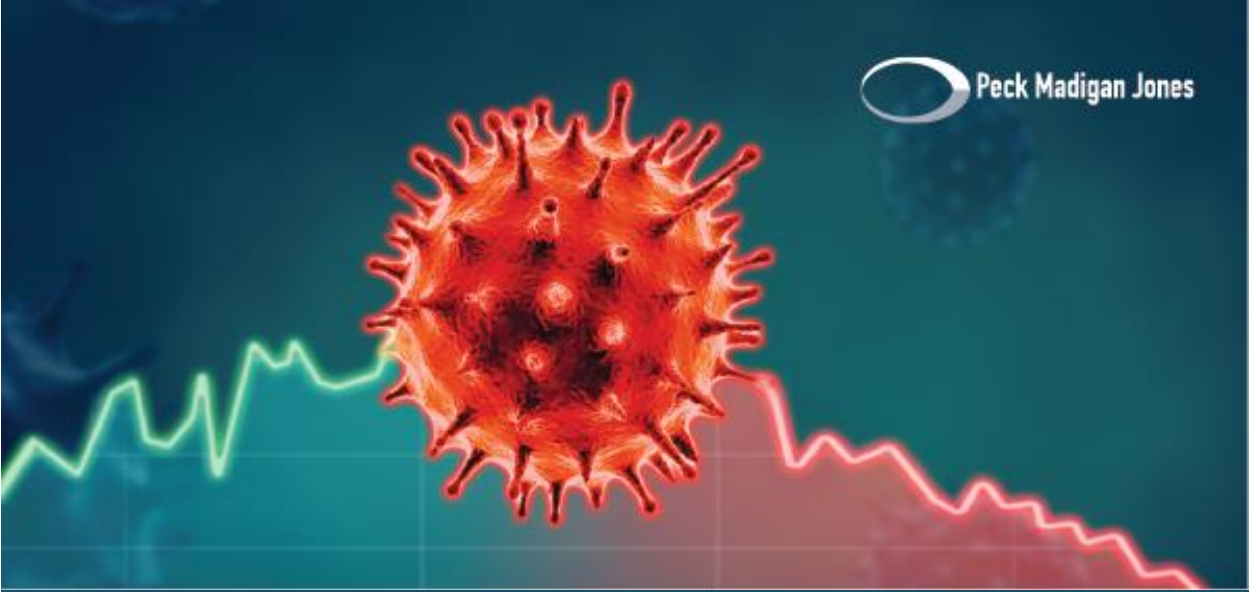




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

September 24, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, during a Senate Banking Committee hearing, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin hinted at the possibility of restarting coronavirus aid negotiations with Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Specifically, Secretary Mnuchin indicated he and Speaker Pelosi have had frequent conversations over the past few days and reached an agreement "to continue to have discussions about the CARES Act."

Additionally, during a meeting this afternoon, Speaker Pelosi directed House Committee leadership to assemble a scaled-back coronavirus relief package. House Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) confirmed the plan, stating "I think it's now about time frame and things like that."

While there is substantial bipartisan support on components of an additional aid package, Democrats and Republicans remain deeply divided over the price

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of 32,059,999 confirmed cases worldwide, 979,701 deaths and 22,028,154 people have recovered.

There are 6,966,639 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 202,558 deaths and 2,670,256 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker

of the legislation. Other factors, such as a contentious November election and battle over the Supreme Court vacancy, make COVID-19 stimulus negotiations even more strained.

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

[COVID-19 Legislative Outlook](#)

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

[Healthcare Chart on COVID Legislation](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

[CARES Act State Funding](#)

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

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- The House Financial Services Committee **passed** two COVID-related bills – the COVID-19 Fraud Prevention Act (**H.R. 6735**) and the Uniform Treatment of NRSROs Act (**H.R. 6934**).

SENATE:

- Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo's (R-ID) **opening statement** and Ranking Member Sherrod Brown's (D-OH) **opening statement** at today's hearing on the, "Quarterly CARES Act Report to Congress."

Administration

TREASURY:

- **Statement** by a Treasury Spokesperson on the funding of the social security trust funds and payroll tax deferral.
- Secretary Mnuchin's **testimony** before the Senate Banking Committee today.

Articles of Interest

- 9/24 Politico published an article titled, ["Pelosi preps new coronavirus relief plan amid stalled talks."](#)
- 9/24 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Lawmakers Offer Support for Fed's New Inflation Strategy."](#)
- 9/24 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Democrats Prepare New Coronavirus Aid Proposal."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Sens. Shaheen, Murray, and King sent a [letter](#) to GAO Comptroller General Dodaro regarding the public relations campaign contract solicited by HHS to "defeat despair and inspire hope" about the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic.

Administration

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS [released](#) preliminary Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) data revealing that, during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), rates for vaccinations, primary, and preventive services among children in Medicaid and CHIP have steeply declined.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued an [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for the first serology (antibody) point-of-care (POC) test for COVID-19.
- FDA [posted](#) a document summarizing updated evidence to support the emergency use of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma. The agency will continue to review the circumstances and appropriateness of the authorization for emergency use.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC [published](#) a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled, "Changing Age Distribution of the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, May–August 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 9/23 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Massive genetic study shows coronavirus mutating and potentially evolving amid rapid U.S. spread."](#)
- 9/23 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Trump May Reject Tougher F.D.A. Vaccine Standards, Calling Them 'Political.'"](#)
- 9/23 FiveThirtyEight published an article titled, ["How To Know When You Can Trust A COVID-19 Vaccine."](#)

- 9/23 Fox News published an article titled, [“When will coronavirus vaccine trials begin in children? Top companies weigh in.”](#)
 - 9/24 NPR published an article titled, [“Trump Administration Plans Crackdown On Hospitals Failing To Report COVID-19 Data.”](#)
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL [released](#) the Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report for the week ending September 19.
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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.