



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 1, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

After meeting today, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin failed to reach an agreement on a coronavirus stimulus bill and remain far apart on key issues. As such, the House is expected to vote on the Democrats \$2.2 trillion COVID-19 relief package later this evening.

The House was set to vote on the scaled back HEROES Act yesterday evening. However, Speaker Pelosi postponed the vote to allow additional time for negotiations after Secretary Mnuchin offered a \$1.6 trillion COVID-19 package that includes \$250 billion in funding for state and local governments, \$400 per week in boosted unemployment benefits, and a second round of stimulus checks for Americans, among other things.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **34,120,604** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,016,526 deaths and 23,700,368 people have recovered.

There are **7,266,942** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 207,550 deaths and 2,840,747 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

Notably, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) has called on Republicans to oppose the updated HEROES Act.

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

[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](#)

[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (JEC):

- The Joint Economic Committee Republicans released a report titled, [“Saving and COVID-19.”](#)

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Fed [extended temporary actions](#) aimed at increasing the availability of intraday credit extended by Federal Reserve Banks on both a collateralized and uncollateralized basis.

Articles of Interest

- 10/1 Politico published an article titled, [“Velázquez blasts SBA for ‘obstruction’ in probe of massive aid programs.”](#)
- 10/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Coronavirus-Aid Talks Still Stuck After Counteroffer by Mnuchin.”](#)

- 10/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“Consumer Spending Rose in August, but Incomes Pose Hurdle for U.S. Recovery.”**

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS **announced** \$20 billion in new funding for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic. Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and increased expenses experienced due to the coronavirus.
- HHS **announced** five cooperative agreements to health information exchange organizations (HIEs) to help support state and local public health agencies in their efforts to respond to public health emergencies, including disasters and pandemics such as COVID-19.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS **released** its first monthly Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot. The report shows that overall enrollment sharply increased with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and again with the passage of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) continuity of coverage (maintenance of effort) requirement.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins **published** a blog post titled, "COVID-19 Can Damage Hearts of Some College Athletes."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA updated the **SARS CoV-2 reference panel comparative data** on FDA's website to reflect the latest information. The FDA SARS-CoV-2 reference panel is a standardized performance validation step for authorized SARS-CoV-2 molecular diagnostic tests.
- As of yesterday, 263 tests are authorized by FDA under EUAs; these include 208 molecular tests, 51 antibody tests, and 4 antigen tests.

Articles of Interest

- 9/30 Bloomberg Law published an article titled, **“Reams of Useless Covid Data Drive Reckoning on Clinical Trials.”**
 - 9/30 The Hill published an article titled, **“Ex-FDA employees express worries to Congress over politicization of vaccines.”**
 - 9/30 KHN published an article titled, **“Post-COVID Clinics Get Jump-Start From Patients With Lingering Illness.”**
 - 10/1 NPR published an article titled, **“Can The U.S. Use Its Growing Supply Of Rapid Tests To Stop The Virus?”**
 - 10/1 Axios published an article title, **“Coronavirus cases rise in 25 states.”**
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL **released** its Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report for the week ending September 26.
- DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has **published** additional frequently asked questions and answers (FAQs) regarding the need to report employees' in-patient hospitalizations and fatalities resulting from work-related cases of the coronavirus.

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