



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 2, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Last night, the House voted 214-207 to pass the Democrats' sweeping \$2.2 trillion COVID-19 relief package after talks between Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin failed to garner a bipartisan agreement. 18 moderate Democrats opposed the legislation, noting passage would hamper efforts to find a bipartisan solution that stands a chance at becoming law with a Republican-controlled White House and Senate.

Speaker Pelosi and Secretary Mnuchin spoke for an hour today about the stimulus bill and key areas of disagreement: unemployment insurance; schools and state and local funding; children; testing and contact tracing; and appropriations.

While the House is scheduled to leave Washington today, members will be given 24-hour notice to return

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **34,448,691** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,025,315 deaths and 23,914,378 people have recovered.

There are **7,318,110** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 208,485 deaths and 2,860,650 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

to D.C. for a vote if a deal on coronavirus relief legislation is reached with the White House.

Additionally, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump have **tested positive** for the coronavirus and have mild symptoms. White House chief of staff Mark Meadows stated a "mitigation plan" is in place to ensure the government continues to operate while the president is in quarantine.

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- In a **floor statement**, House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) voiced support for the updated HEROES Act.

Articles of Interest

- 10/2 The Washington Post published an article titled, **"Pelosi anticipates reaching economic relief deal with Mnuchin, saying Trump diagnosis 'changes the dynamic.'"**
- 10/2 Politico published an article titled, **"House leaves town without enacting more airline aid, despite promises."**
- 10/2 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"U.S. Job Gains Slow as More Layoffs Become Permanent."**

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) penned a [Dear Colleague letter](#) providing an update on coronavirus relief negotiations following House passage of the updated HEROES Act.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House physician issued a [memorandum](#) indicating that President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump have tested positive for COVID-19.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS and the Rockefeller Foundation have [signed an agreement](#) to identify and share effective approaches for using rapid point-of-care (POC) antigen tests to screen for COVID-19 in communities, with a focus on safely reopening K-12 schools.
- HHS [announced](#) that American hospitals can now purchase Veklury (remdesivir) directly from the drug's distributor. Veklury is an antiviral drug currently authorized for emergency use by healthcare providers to treat hospitalized adult and pediatric patients with suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA [revised](#) its Emergency Use Authorization to reflect changes in the distribution and allocation of the antiviral drug Veklury (remdesivir).
- As of today, 265 tests are authorized by FDA under EUAs; these include 210 molecular tests, 51 antibody tests, and 4 antigen tests.

Articles of Interest

- 9/30 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Study Finds 'Single Largest Driver' of Coronavirus Misinformation: Trump."](#)
 - 10/1 Bloomberg published an article titled, ["CDC Money for Covid Tracking, Tests Has Been Stalled for Months."](#)
 - 10/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["All Remdesivir Supplies to Be Distributed in U.S. by Maker Gilead Sciences."](#)
 - 10/1 Science Magazine published an article titled, ["FDA's own documents reveal agency's lax, slow, and secretive oversight of clinical research."](#)
 - 10/2 The Atlantic published an article titled, ["Trump Has COVID: Now What?"](#)
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL Secretary Scalia issued a [statement](#) on the September jobs report.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

- BLS released its [September jobs report](#). The final report before the election found that the U.S. added 661,000 jobs last month and the unemployment rate fell from 8.4% to 7.9%