



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 6, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, President Trump rejected Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-CA) \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package that the House passed last Thursday.

Trump tweeted that Pelosi is not "negotiating in good faith." He also ordered Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to "stop negotiations until after the election when, immediately after [he] win[s], we will pass a major Stimulus Bill that focuses on hardworking Americans and Small Business." Moreover, President Trump urged Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to focus solely on confirming Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett.

Speaker Pelosi asserted that President Trump's criticisms and instructions to stop negotiations demonstrate an "unwilling[ness] to crush the virus."

Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell is urging Congress and the White House to

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of 35,632,890 confirmed cases worldwide, 1,046,325 deaths and 24,809,366 people have recovered.

There are 7,485,331 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 210,616 deaths and 2,935,160 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

provide additional fiscal support. Chairman Powell [stated](#), "Even if policy actions ultimately prove to be greater than needed, they will not go to waste." He added the economic recovery will be "stronger and move faster" if more aid is distributed.

Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published briefing documents [updating safety standards](#) for COVID-19 vaccine developers. Specifically, the FDA states that vaccine developers will be required to track trial participants for a minimum of two months to rule out safety issues prior to seeking emergency use authorization (EUA). This new requirement almost guarantees that no COVID-19 vaccine could be authorized before the election.

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

[COVID-19 Legislative Outlook](#)

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[Healthcare Chart on COVID Legislation](#)

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- The House Financial Services Committee Democrats' legislation was [included in the updated](#) House COVID-19 package.

Administration

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC):

- The SEC published a staff report titled, ["U.S. Credit Markets: Interconnectedness and the Effects of the COVID-19 Economic Shock."](#)

Articles of Interest

- 10/6 Politico published an article titled, ["Powell presses Congress on more relief, warning of 'tragic' scenario for economy."](#)
- 10/6 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Employer Demand for Workers Weakens as Pandemic Passes Half-Year Mark."](#)

- 10/6 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“PPP Money Abounded -- but Some Got It Faster Than Others.”**

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), the Chairman of the Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, sent **letters** to the **CDC** and the **FDA** requesting information about the control over public health messaging and information exercised by non-experts in the White House.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House provided an **update** on the health and safety precautions taken within the executive residence.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Yesterday, the White House **issued** the President’s Executive Order on Saving Lives Through Increased Support For Mental- and Behavioral-Health Needs, which orders the creation of a Coronavirus Mental Health Working Group, the submission of a plan by the working group for addressing mental health impacts of COVID-19, and calls for agencies to maximize support, including safe in-person services, for Americans in need of behavioral health treatment.
- Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett Giror provided an **update** on implementation of Resolution WHA73.1 on the COVID-19 Response.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- The CDC **updated** its "How COVID-19 Spreads" guidance to acknowledge that the coronavirus can spread through the air, particularly in poorly ventilated areas.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a **blog post** titled, "Rogue Antibodies and Gene Mutations Explain Some Cases of Severe COVID-19."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA **awarded** a new research contract to the Stanford University School of Medicine to perform an in-depth analysis of tissue samples to learn more about how SARS-CoV-2 affects different systems in the body, and identify immune correlates.

Articles of Interest

- 10/5 Bloomberg published an article titled, **“Covid-19 Making a Dangerous Comeback in Most Parts of U.S.”**
- 10/5 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“White House Hasn’t Asked CDC Investigators for Covid-19 Case Tracking Help.”**

- 10/5 NBC published an article titled, **“Most hospitalized Covid patients have neurological symptoms, study says.”**
- 10/5 The New York Times published an article titled, **“Charting a Covid-19 Immune Response.”**
- 10/5 The Hill published an article titled, **“Trump health official meets with doctors pushing herd immunity.”**