



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 7, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, in an [interview](#) on FOX News, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) noted that Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) "never made a reasonable offer" on a COVID-19 relief package. McConnell added that while he does believe another stimulus bill is needed, there wasn't time to "get [one] together" due to the upcoming election so they "will reengage" after November 3.

A few hours after President Trump abruptly called off coronavirus aid negotiations yesterday, he [tweeted](#) that "the House and Senate should immediately approve" aid for airlines and a second round of Paycheck Protection loans for small businesses. Trump also [added](#) that if he is sent a standalone bill for a \$1200 stimulus check for Americans, he is "ready to sign now."

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of [35,980,287](#) confirmed cases worldwide, 1,052,193 deaths and 25,031,622 people have recovered.

There are [7,533,976](#) confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 211,492 deaths and 2,952,390 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

Accordingly, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin attempted to broker a deal with Speaker Pelosi to save the airline industry. However, Pelosi **told** Mnuchin he should "go read" an airline rescue bill that House Democrats tried to advance last week "so that they could have an informed conversation" on providing additional support.

Since our last update, the Department of Health and Human Services published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

We have updated our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker and President Trump's Executive Order Tracker. Both are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Fed and the Federal Open Market Committee **released the minutes** of the Committee meetings held in September.

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC):

- The SEC **voted to propose** a new limited, conditional exemption for finders assisting small businesses with capital raising.

#### Articles of Interest

- 10/7 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"Fed Ramped Up Deliberations Over Low-Rate Promises."**
- 10/7 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"Trump Pushes for Some Covid Relief After Shutting Down Stimulus Talks."**
- 10/7 The Washington Post published an article titled, **"White House lurches in new direction on stimulus talks, pushing for airline aid."**

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE

- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) **penned** a Dear Colleague letter following President Trump calling off bipartisan coronavirus negotiations.
- House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), and Reps. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and Don Beyer (D-VA) issued a **statement** demanding that the White House assist with local contact tracing efforts in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak within the White House.

#### SENATE

- Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Chuck Schumer (D-NY) sent a **letter** to White House chief of staff Mark Meadows regarding the COVID-19 super-spreader event that occurred at the White House complex.

### *Administration*

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House **released** a memorandum from the president's physician.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS released **guidance** for COVID-19 hospital reporting and FAQs for hospitals, hospital laboratories, and acute care facility data reporting.

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC **published** a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled, "Trends in COVID-19 Incidence After Implementation of Mitigation Measures- Arizona, January 22 - August 7, 2020."

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH, working in collaboration with the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), **announced** a third round of contract awards for scale-up and manufacturing of new COVID-19 testing technologies. The six new **Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative** contracts total \$98.35 million for point-of-care and other novel test approaches that provide new modes of sample collection, processing and return of results.

#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA launched a new webpage at **[www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines](http://www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines)** to highlight new information as it becomes available.
- As of today, 271 tests are authorized by FDA under EUAs; these include 214 molecular tests, 52 antibody tests, and 5 antigen tests.

### Articles of Interest

- 10/6 Stat published an article titled, "**[Rick Bright, Trump administration vaccine expert turned whistleblower, resigns NIH post.](#)**"

- 10/6 Politico published an article titled, "Trump's workplace watchdog assailed for lenient penalties on Covid safety violators."
- 10/6 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "Trump Plays Down Coronavirus, Plans to Debate Joe Biden Next Week."
- 10/7 KHN published an article titled, "Distrusting Trump, States Plan to Vet COVID Vaccines Themselves. Bad Idea, Say Experts."
- 10/7 The Hill published an article titled, "Fauci: As many as 400,000 Americans could die from coronavirus."