



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 8, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, in an [interview](#) with Fox Business Network, President Donald Trump declared he is now negotiating a "bigger deal than airlines" that could also include another round of stimulus checks for Americans, among other things. He stated, "I shut down talks two days ago because they weren't working out. Now they're starting to work out...I think we have a really good chance of doing something."

However, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) asserted the House will not back a piecemeal bill to rescue any industry without an agreement with the White House and Senate Republicans on a larger coronavirus relief package.

A [recent analysis](#) found the Department of Justice has brought charges against 82 individuals in 56 cases of fraud in obtaining a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. The individuals charged sought

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **36,353,763** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,058,764 deaths and 25,295,543 people have recovered.

There are **7,589,353** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 211,466 deaths and 2,999,895 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

more than \$250 million in loans and successfully obtained \$113 million since the Small Business Administration (SBA) launched the program at the beginning of the pandemic.

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### SENATE:

- Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), member of the Senate Banking Committee, [sent a letter](#) to 14 large U.S. banks asking them to disclose how they performed under a recent Federal Reserve exam of their finances during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), a member of the Senate Banking and Appropriations Committee, [issued a statement](#) on President Trump's action regarding COVID relief negotiations.

### *Administration*

#### TREASURY:

- Remarks of Deputy Secretary Justin Muzinich at the Atlantic Council Geoeconomics Center in which [he discussed](#) U.S. and EU economic responses.

### Articles of Interest

- 10/8 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Trump says stimulus talks, \\$1,200 checks are back in play."](#)

- 10/8 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Pelosi Ties Airlines Aid to Broader Stimulus Bill.”](#)
- 10/8 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Fed’s Rosengren Says Pre-Pandemic Risk Taking Will Likely Slow Recovery Effort.”](#)
- 10/7 Bloomberg published an article titled, [“PPP Scammers Made Fintech Companies Their Lenders of Choice.”](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE

- Reps. Pallone (D-NJ), Eshoo (D-CA), and DeGette (D-CO) sent a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Azar expressing concerns about the Department allowing marketing of laboratory-developed COVID-19 tests without FDA review.
- Rep. Pallone (D-NJ) sent a [letter](#) to White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows urging him to allow contact tracers to investigate the large outbreak of coronavirus cases surrounding President Trump and White House staff.

#### SENATE

- Sens. Schumer (D-NY) and Klobuchar (D-MN) [unveiled S.Con.Res. 49](#), a resolution that calls for mandatory mask wearing in all public areas of Senate buildings, social distancing per guidance, and calls for the Senate to implement a testing and contact tracing system, among other actions.
- Sens. Tillis (R-NC) and Blackburn (R-TN) [introduced](#) the *Defend COVID Research from Hackers Act*, legislation that would give the President the authority to sanction foreign nations that threaten public health and national security by attempting to steal American research on COVID-19.

### *Administration*

#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn issued a [statement](#) reaffirming the agency's commitment to safety and security of its public health laboratories.
- The FDA issued a [letter](#) to health care providers recommending that health care providers give clear, step-by-step instructions to patients who, in a health care setting, are self-collecting anterior nasal samples for SARS-CoV-2 testing.

#### Articles of Interest

- 10/7 ABC published an article titled, [“34 people connected to White House, more than previously known, infected by coronavirus: Internal FEMA memo.”](#)
- 10/7 Bloomberg published an article titled, [“Lilly Seeks Emergency Authorization for Covid Antibody Drug.”](#)
- 10/8 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Regeneron Asks F.D.A. for Emergency Approval for Drug That Trump Claimed Cured Him.”](#)
- 10/8 NPR published an article titled, [“Coronavirus Maps: How Severe Is Your State’s Outbreak?”](#)
- 10/8 The New England Journal of Medicine published an editorial titled, [“Dying in a Leadership Vacuum.”](#)

- 10/8 USA Today published an article titled, “Magnitude of this failure is astonishing’: Medical journal writes unprecedented editorial against Trump for COVID.”
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## LABOR UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL released its Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims for the week ending October 3.