



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 13, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Over the weekend, Secretary Mnuchin and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows sent a letter to Congress urging lawmakers to pass a targeted small business aid bill, as broader stimulus negotiations continue. Secretary Mnuchin and Meadows stated the Senate and House must pass a bill to allow federal agencies to spend the unused Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds "while we continue to work toward a comprehensive package."

Today, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) called the Trump Administration's latest proposal "one step forward, two steps back." Speaker Pelosi cited "inadequacies" with funding for state and local governments, COVID-19 testing, working families, rental assistance, small businesses, elections, and the census. However, she stated she remains "hopeful" a comprehensive aid package can be negotiated.

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of 36,706,213 confirmed cases worldwide, 1,064,420 deaths and 25,510,557 people have recovered.

There are 7,645,302 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 213,360 deaths and 3,021,252 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

Additionally, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) [announced](#) the Senate will vote on a targeted coronavirus relief bill when the chamber returns next week. Leader McConnell stated the "first order of business" upon return will be to vote on "targeted relief for American workers," which includes new funding for the PPP. The targeted legislation [will also include](#) more money for unemployment insurance, schools, and hospitals.

We have updated our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker and State Reopening Tracker. Both are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE:

- House Small Business Committee Chairwoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) [issued a statement](#) on the Trump Administration's latest COVID-19 relief proposal.
- House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) [issued a statement](#) on the Trump Administration's COVID-19 relief proposal.

### *Administration*

#### TREASURY:

- Secretary Mnuchin [sent a letter](#) to Congress regarding coronavirus aid negotiations.

### Articles of Interest

- 10/13 Bloomberg published an article titled, [“Trump, Republicans Divided on Stimulus as Pelosi Demands Revamp.”](#)
- 10/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Senate to Vote on New Funding for Small Businesses Next Week, McConnell Says.”](#)
- 10/13 Politico published an article titled, [“McConnell dares Democrats to block ‘targeted’ Covid relief before election.”](#)
- 10/11 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“White House pivots again on stimulus negotiations after bipartisan backlash.”](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE

- Reps. Walden (R-OR), Burgess (R-TX), and Guthrie (R-KY) [sent](#) a letter to Comptroller General Gene Dodaro requesting a technology assessment of COVID-19 contact tracing apps by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

### *Administration*

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an [agreement](#) with AstraZeneca for late-stage development and large-scale manufacturing of the company's COVID-19 investigational product AZD7442, a cocktail of two monoclonal antibodies.
- On behalf of HHS, DOD awarded an [Other Transaction Agreement](#) to Cue Health Inc. of San Diego, California to expand U.S. production capacity of point-of-care COVID-19 tests.

#### CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS [announced](#) the agency is taking every action to ensure U.S. laboratories are fit to deliver reliable, timely patient test results.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) launched the [ACTIV-5 Big Effect Trial](#), a study to determine whether certain approved therapies or investigational drugs in late-stage clinical development show promise against COVID-19 and merit advancement into larger clinical trials.

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC shared [guidance](#) on staying safe during and immediately after Hurricane Delta during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- CDC [published](#) a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled, "Transmission Dynamics by Age Group in COVID-19 Hotspot Counties — United States, April–September 2020."

### Articles of Interest

- 10/12 Stat published an article titled, "[Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine study paused due to unexplained illness in participant.](#)"
- 10/12 Scientific American published an article titled, "[Eight Persistent COVID-19 Myths and Why People Believe Them.](#)"
- 10/12 NPR published an article titled, "[Scientists Confirm Nevada Man Was Infected Twice With Coronavirus.](#)"
- 10/12 Morning Consult published an article titled, "[48% of U.S. Adults Now Say They'd Get a COVID-19 Vaccine, a New Low.](#)"
- 10/12 USA Today published an article titled, "[About 75,000 more Americans died from COVID-19 pandemic than reported in spring and summer, study finds.](#)"