



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 14, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Secretary Mnuchin spoke with Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) regarding relief negotiations, but after his discussions he **stated** it "would be difficult" to pass any stimulus before Election Day. Secretary Mnuchin **added** if President Trump wins reelection he will be "very focused" on additional aid, so "that's part of the reason to continue to work on this."

Speaker Pelosi's spokesperson, Drew Hammill, **tweeted** the Speaker and Secretary Mnuchin had a "productive" conversation, but the two continue to disagree over a national COVID-19 testing plan. The two are scheduled to speak again tomorrow.

Additionally, in an interview on CNN, Speaker Pelosi **dismissed** concerns by the bipartisan Problem

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Solvers Caucus who have urged the Speaker to accept the Trump Administration's proposal. Speaker Pelosi said "they have no idea of the particulars" of the White House's proposal. She added "nobody is waiting until February" and she "very much" wants a package now.

We have updated our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker. This is linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- Federal Reserve Board Vice Chairman Richard Clarida [said the economy](#) will need continue support to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Articles of Interest

- 10/14 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Mnuchin says new economic relief deal unlikely before election, though talks with Pelosi continue.](#)"
- 10/14 Politico published an article titled, "[Prospects diminish for Covid deal ahead of election.](#)"
- 10/14 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Trump Stresses Economic Record in Virtual Speech.](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Rep. Doggett (D-TX) sent a [letter](#) to FDA and Operation Warp Speed leaders regarding transparency, independent review, and affordable pricing for Regeneron's COVID-19 antibody treatment.

SENATE

- A bipartisan group of senators sent a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Azar expressing concern about changes in reporting requirements for health care providers that received support from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF).

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an [agreement](#) with Massachusetts-based company Cytiva to expand manufacturing capacity for products that are essential in producing COVID-19 vaccines.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC issued an update to its [guidance](#) titled, "Elastomeric Respirators: Strategies During Conventional and Surge Demand Situations."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued and implemented new [guidance](#) to help expand access to certain FDA-cleared molecular tests intended for detection and identification of flu viruses, including molecular influenza tests that also detect and identify respiratory syncytial viruses (RSV).

Articles of Interest

- 10/13 Politico published an article titled, "[FDA pushes back on Trump administration attempt to rebrand 'emergency authorization.'](#)"
- 10/13 The New York Times published an article titled, "[Coronavirus Reinfections Are Real but Very, Very Rare.](#)"
- 10/13 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Coronavirus cases are rising in U.S., sparking worries the next big wave has begun.](#)"
- 10/14 The Hill published an article titled, "[Proposal to let coronavirus spread naturally through US population interests White House and alarms medical establishment.](#)"