



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 19, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Yesterday, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) **set a 48-hour deadline** to reach an agreement with the White House on coronavirus relief legislation prior to the November 3 election. Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin continue to have differences when it comes to language regarding a national COVID-19 testing plan as well as liability provisions.

Earlier today, Chief of Staff Mark Meadows indicated the White House "remains committed to negotiating and...making sure that we get a deal as quickly as possible." President Trump has stated he is ready to match the \$2.2 trillion price tag demanded by Democrats or go even higher. However, Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) has consistently warned that most Republican senators will reject a stimulus package of that magnitude.

### LATEST STATISTICS

More than 40 million coronavirus infections and 1.1 million deaths have been reported worldwide.

The U.S. has recorded the most cases of any country, at 8.1 million, followed by India, Brazil, Russia, and Argentina.

There are a total of **40,256,991** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,116,060 deaths and 27,552,089 people have recovered.

There are 8,189,790 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 219,950 deaths and

Over the weekend, Leader McConnell [teed up](#) a vote on a \$500 billion [targeted COVID-related stimulus](#) package. The Republican package will include expanded unemployment benefits; another round of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); and additional funding for schools, COVID-19 testing and tracing, Operation Warp Speed, and vaccine distribution. The Senate is also set to vote on a [standalone bill](#) to provide additional funding to the Paycheck Protection Program. Democrats are expected to block both measures.

We have updated our Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker. It is linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

3,234,183 people have recovered.

## LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

[COVID-19 Legislative Outlook](#)

[State Responses to EO on Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Healthcare Chart on COVID Legislation](#)

[Liability Reform State of Play](#)

[CARES Act State Funding](#)

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[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### ***Congress***

#### **HOUSE:**

- House Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) [stated](#) the expansion of the earned income tax credit (EITC) and child tax credit (CTC) should be included in the next coronavirus relief package.

### ***Administration***

## TREASURY:

- Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Russell Vought [released](#) the final budget results for fiscal year 2020.

## Articles of Interest

- 10/18 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Pelosi Tells White House It Has Until Tuesday to Reach Relief Deal Before Election.”](#)
- 10/16 Politico published an article titled, [“Stalemate in Washington brings turmoil to banks’ emergency planning.”](#)
- 10/16 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“U.S. budget deficit breached \\$3.1 trillion in 2020 as pandemic slammed economy.”](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### HOUSE

- Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) penned a Dear Colleague [letter](#) to provide an update on the effort to reach an agreement on coronavirus relief legislation prior to the election.

#### SENATE

- Senator Murphy (D-CT) led 13 of his Democratic colleagues in a [letter](#) to Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), calling for access to free COVID-19 tests for all staff around the Capitol complex, including those who work in the Capitol's restaurants, on committees or for the U.S. Capitol Police.

### *Administration*

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- As of last Friday, communities that are part of the federal surge testing effort for COVID-19 have a new option: a test that uses [samples of saliva](#) collected by spitting into a sterile container.
- To meet the Trump Administration's Operation Warp Speed goals, HHS and Department of Defense today [announced](#) agreements with CVS and Walgreens to provide and administer COVID-19 vaccines to residents of long-term care facilities nationwide with no out-of-pocket costs.

#### CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS [released](#) data showing that 21% of Medicare beneficiaries report forgoing COVID-19 care due to the pandemic, and 98% of beneficiaries have taken preventative measures to keep themselves safe from the virus.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH has [launched](#) an adaptive Phase 3 clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of three immune modulator drugs in hospitalized adults with COVID-19.

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Building Resilience During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

## FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Amy Abernethy, M.D., Ph.D., Principal Deputy Commissioner & Acting Chief Information Officer, and Vid Desai, Chief Technology Officer penned a [blog post](#) titled, "FDA's Technology Modernization Action Plan Accelerates the Path to Enhancing and Promoting "People First" Public Health."

## Articles of Interest

- 10/19 The Hill published an article titled, "[The coming weeks will be 'darkest of the entire pandemic,' infectious diseases expert says.](#)"
  - 10/19 The New York Times published an article titled, "[As the coronavirus surges, a new culprit emerges: pandemic fatigue.](#)"
  - 10/19 The Associated Press published an article titled, "[Vaccine storage issues could leave 3B people without access.](#)"
  - 10/19 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Trump's den of dissent: Inside the White House task force as coronavirus surges.](#)"
  - 10/17 The Hill published an article titled, "[COVID-19 surge prompts warnings that anticipated 'third wave' is now here.](#)"
  - 10/16 The Huffington Post published an article titled, "[Paid Sick Leave Significantly Reduces COVID-19 Cases, Study Finds.](#)"
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## LABOR UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published a set of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) on how N95 respirators effectively protect wearers from coronavirus exposure.
- Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Oct. 8, 2020, OSHA has cited 85 establishments for [violations](#) relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$1,222,156.