



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 22, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Speaker Pelosi **continued to express** optimism that a coronavirus stimulus deal could be reached with Secretary Mnuchin, as the pair have reportedly neared an agreement regarding a national coronavirus testing strategy. However, there remains substantial disagreement on state and local aid, school funding, and liability protections.

Additionally, the Speaker **cautioned** that even if a deal is reached "it'll take a while to write" the legislation, casting additional doubt any deal will be passed before the election. She also added the Democrats would not accept "less of a bill to get it sooner."

Last evening, President Trump **tweeted frustration** with stimulus negotiations, and claimed Speaker Pelosi's and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer's (D-NY) "primary focus" is on "bailing out"

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **41,515,744** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,134,599 deaths and 28,197,835 people have recovered.

There are **8,378,377** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 222,663 deaths and 3,323,354 people have recovered.

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cities and states. The White House's most recent proposal includes \$300 billion in aid for state and local governments, while the Democrats have pushed for \$436 billion in their latest \$2.2 trillion package.

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congress

SENATE:

- Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chairman Patrick Leahy's (D-VT) [statement](#) on the need for a comprehensive COVID-19 relief bill.

Administration

TREASURY:

- Treasury released a [joint statement](#) on the UK-U.S. Financial Regulatory Working Group meeting, in which the financial effects of COVID-19 were discussed.

Articles of Interest

- 10/22 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["U.S. Jobless Claims Fell to 787,000 Last Week."](#)

- 10/22 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Coronavirus Stimulus Vote Could Come After Election Day, Negotiators Say.](#)"
- 10/22 Bloomberg published an article titled, "[Pelosi Says 'Just About There' on Stimulus; Senate Hurdle Awaits.](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), [announced](#) the latest Provider Relief Fund (PRF) application period has been expanded to include provider applicants such as residential treatment facilities, chiropractors, and eye and vision providers that have not yet received Provider Relief Fund distributions.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins [published](#) a blog titled, "Study Highlights Need for Continued Care of COVID-19 Survivors."

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC [updated](#) its definition of what it means to be in "close contact" with someone infected with COVID-19. Previously, the agency said that "close contact" meant being within six feet of an infected person for 15 consecutive minutes. Now, it's considered "close contact" if you spend a total of 15 minutes within six feet of an infected person over the course of a 24-hour period, starting two days before the onset of illness.

Articles of Interest

- 10/22 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[FDA advisers meet to to debate agency guidelines for approving a coronavirus vaccine.](#)"
- 10/22 The New York Times published an article titled, "[The Worst Virus Outbreaks in the U.S. Are Now in Rural Areas.](#)"
- 10/22 CNN published an article titled, "[First large-scale US Covid-19 vaccine trial reaches target enrollment of 30,000 participants.](#)"
- 10/20 NPR published an article titled, "[Do Masks on Plane Flights Really Cut Your Risk of Catching COVID-19.](#)"

LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL [released](#) its Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims report for the week ending October 17.