



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 27, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Yesterday, the Senate adjourned until November 9 with little prospect of passing additional COVID-19 legislation prior to the election. Speaker Pelosi and Secretary Mnuchin spoke for nearly an hour on Monday with little indication of any major progress. Following the call, Speaker Pelosi's spokesperson [tweeted](#) that Democrats are waiting on the Trump Administration to accept language on a national testing strategy, and the success of any stimulus "depends on Leader McConnell agreeing" to the comprehensive legislation. Notably, President Trump [stated](#) today that the "best stimulus package you've ever seen" will be passed after the election. President Trump also [tweeted](#) that Speaker Pelosi is the reason an agreement cannot be reached.

Since our last update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published additional guidance

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **43,814,324** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,163,938 deaths and 29,278,026 people have recovered.

There are **8,759,939** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 226,436 deaths and 3,460,455 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

related to the coronavirus pandemic. Please see below for more details.

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

[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](#)

[State and Local Funding Bills](#)

[COVID Legislative Tracker](#)

[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

[Memo - Federal Reserve COVID-19 Announcements](#)

[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED"):

- The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia has **released the coincident indexes** for the 50 states for September 2020 showing the indexes increased in 48 states and decreased in two states.

TREASURY:

- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) **continues to focus** on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on detecting and countering fraud including attempts to defraud government backed stimulus programs.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS):

- The IRS **extended its timeline** for parents to claim \$500 stimulus payments for each child under the CARES Act.

Articles of Interest

- 10/27 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[Trump predicts massive stimulus deal after election, but negotiations have mostly ended.](#)"
- 10/25 Reuters published an article titled, "[Stocks slide on surging COVID-19 cases, stimulus doubts; dollar rises.](#)"
- 10/25 Politico published an article titled, "[Pelosi: Covid relief deal could still happen before Election Day.](#)"
- 10/23 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Officials Call for Quick Stimulus Deal to Forestall Lackluster U.S. Economic Recovery.](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) provided an [update](#) on coronavirus relief.
- 54 House lawmakers sent a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Azar regarding out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing.

SENATE

- Sen. Booker (D-NJ) [introduced](#) the *Nursing Home Pandemic Protection Act of 2020*, which would require nursing homes to have a crisis plan in place to manage an outbreak, that facilities keep a stockpile of PPE on hand, that nursing homes report communicable diseases, infections, and potential outbreaks, and work to ensure that residents and their families be kept informed of infections inside the facilities.

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Four weeks after the Trump Administration [announced](#) it would deploy 150 million state-of-the-art Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 tests nationally to assist Governors' ongoing reopening efforts, states have begun to [report back](#) where they are choosing to distribute the rapid, point of care tests.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Protein Mapping Study Reveals Valuable Clues for COVID-19 Drug Development."
- NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci penned an [op-ed](#) in JAMA titled, "Preventing the Spread of SARS-CoV-2 With Masks and Other "Low-tech" Interventions."

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC released a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) (MMWR) titled, "COVID-19–Associated Hospitalizations Among Health Care Personnel — COVID-NET, 13 States, March 1–May 31, 2020."
- CDC [released](#) guidance for optimizing the supply of disposable medical gloves.
- CDC [released](#) the transcript of a recently held media telebriefing on Operation Warp Speed.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA updated the [Antigen Template for Test Developers](#). This template provides the FDA's current recommendations concerning data and information that should be submitted to the FDA in support of an EUA request for a SARS-CoV-2 antigen test.
- The FDA issued an updated [FDA COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary](#) which provides a quick look at facts, figures and highlights of the agency's response efforts.
- The FDA [consolidated](#) existing resources for stakeholders to easily access information about drug and biologics development and manufacturing, including for products to diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat or prevent COVID-19 and for other critically needed products to treat symptoms of COVID-19 or to provide supportive care to those with COVID-19.

Articles of Interest

- 10/26 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Hospitals in nearly every region report a flood of covid-19 patients.”](#)
 - 10/26 Stat published an article titled, [“WHO warns giving up on efforts to control Covid-19 would be ‘dangerous.’”](#)
 - 10/26 Politico published an article titled, [“Medicare and Medicaid to cover early Covid vaccine.”](#)
 - 10/26 The Hill published an article titled, [“Pediatricians say nearly 800K children have had coronavirus.”](#)
 - 10/27 Ipsos published an article titled, [“Despite COVID-19 spike, few individual behaviors are changing.”](#)
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SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

- Please click [here](#) to view a readout of today's FEMA-led COVID-19 call.