



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 4, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) indicated that Congress should approve "another [coronavirus] rescue package" before the end of the year, adding that it will be a top priority for the chamber once they're back in session next week. He also stated, "It's a possibility that we will do more for state and local governments." This is a notable shift from his comments from just five days ago when he stated a new COVID-19 stimulus bill should be considered at the beginning of 2021 and not during a post-election lame duck session.

Since our last update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **47,706,922** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,218,208 deaths and 31,731,901 people have recovered.

There are **9,420,295** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 233,032 deaths and 3,705,130 people have recovered.

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- The IRS **warned** of a new COVID-related tax scam concerning the Economic Impact Payments.

Articles of Interest

- 11/4 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“U.S. Treasury to Moderate Pace of Borrowing Over Coming Months.”**
- 11/4 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **“McConnell Says Congress Should Pass Economic Relief Bill This Year.”**

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA [alerted](#) clinical laboratory staff and health care providers that false positive results can occur with antigen tests for the rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2.
- As of today, 287 tests are authorized by FDA under EUAs; these include 223 molecular tests, 57 antibody tests, and 7 antigen tests.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC issued [interim guidance](#) for how healthcare providers, laboratories, and public health staff should use antibody tests for COVID-19.
- CDC issued [updated guidance](#) for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in community pharmacies during the COVID-19 response.
- CDC issued [interim clinical guidance](#) for management of patients with confirmed coronavirus disease.
- CDC revised [interim guidelines](#) for collecting, handling, and testing clinical specimens for COVID-19.
- CDC issued [guidance](#) for optimizing the supply of powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs).
- CDC provided an [update](#) on serology testing for COVID-19.

Articles of Interest

- 11/4 CNBC News published an article titled, ["U.S. reports second-highest daily number of COVID cases on Election Day as scientists warn of a dangerous winter."](#)
- 11/4 Fierce Pharma published an article titled, ["Pfizer sidelines U.S. government in COVID-19 vaccine distribution strategy."](#)
- 11/4 Reuters published an article titled, ["Britain prepares for COVID-19 vaccine as Oxford forecasts result this year."](#)
- 11/3 Politico published an article titled, ["Biden plans for Covid task force during transition."](#)
- 11/3 NBC News published an article titled, ["COVID hospitalizations surge as pandemic enters alarming new phase in U.S."](#)