



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 9, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, President-Elect Joe Biden unveiled his 13-member [COVID-19 Transition Advisory Board](#), composed of doctors and public health experts including former Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, former BARDA Director Dr. Rick Bright, and high-profile surgeon and public health researcher Dr. Atul Gawande, among others.

The group will develop a plan to bring the coronavirus pandemic under control by managing surges in infections, ensuring vaccines are safe and effective, and vulnerable populations are protected. Biden has indicated that the plan will go into effect immediately following his inauguration on January 20, 2021.

Biden's coronavirus [plan's priorities](#) include: access to COVID-19 testing; ensuring access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); vaccine distribution strategy; additional funding for state and local governments, schools, and small business; and a national mask mandate, among others.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **50,766,136** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,260,956 deaths and 33,139,539 people have recovered.

There are **10,042,654** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 237,835 deaths and 3,881,558 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

Additionally, President-Elect Biden released a COVID-19 [economic recovery plan](#). The plan includes relief for families, small businesses, and communities through the following: boosted unemployment insurance, additional funding for Main Street businesses, as well as plans to create health employment opportunities and job security for essential workers.

Since our last update, the Department of Labor published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

We have added a Lame Duck Preview Memo and updated our Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker and Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker. All three are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

[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

Congress SENATE

- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), along with Senators Mark Warner (D-VA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), [sent a letter](#) to Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin urging them to expand emergency lending programs for businesses and states.

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FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED")

- The Fed [released](#) the October 2020 Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on bank lending practices over the past three months.
- The Fed [released](#) its Financial Stability Report that summarizes the resilience of the U.S. financial system and presents the Board's current assessment.

Articles of Interest

- 11/8 The Wall Street Journal published titled, [“Evidence of PPP Fraud Mounts, Officials Say.”](#)

- 11/8 The Washington Post published titled, [“Lame-duck Congress and lame-duck president face huge challenges in coming weeks.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- An NIH clinical trial evaluating the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of adults with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has formally [concluded](#) that the drug provides no clinical benefit to hospitalized patients.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA authorized the [first serology test](#) that detects neutralizing antibodies from recent or prior SARS-CoV-2 infection, which are antibodies that bind to a specific part of a pathogen and have been observed in a laboratory setting to decrease SARS-CoV-2 viral infection of cells. The FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the cPass SARS-CoV-2 Neutralization Antibody Detection Kit, which specifically detects this type of antibody.
- FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn issued a [statement](#) about the agency's guidance to enhance diversity in clinical trials and encourage inclusivity in medical product development.

Articles of Interest

- 11/8 AP News published an article titled, [“Nursing home COVID-19 cases rise four-fold in surge states.”](#)
 - 11/8 CBS published an article titled, [“Inside the Operation Warp Speed effort to get Americans a COVID-19 vaccine.”](#)
 - 11/8 Former FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb penned an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal titled, [“The States Are Laboratories for COVID Control.”](#)
 - 11/8 Reuters published an article titled, [“Global coronavirus cases exceed 50 million after 30-day spike.”](#)
 - 11/9 Stat published an article titled, [“Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer and BioNTech is strongly effective, early data from large trial indicate.”](#)
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LABOR UPDATE

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has [issued guidance](#) and an accompanying [one-pager](#) to help employers understand which standards are most frequently cited during coronavirus-related inspections.
- Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Oct. 29, 2020, the DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has

issued [citations](#) arising from 179 inspections for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$2,496,768.