



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 13, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, during a briefing at the Capitol, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) called on Republicans to "come to the table" and resume stimulus negotiations but stopped short of offering any new proposals. She stated the focus of the House during the lame-duck session "continues to be on COVID-19 relief" as cases continue to surge across the country.

Speaker Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) continue to push for their \$2.4 trillion HEROES Act as the starting point for negotiations. However, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has reiterated his objection to a multi-trillion-dollar stimulus and offered the Senate GOP's \$500 billion package as a solution instead.

Additionally, President-elect Joe Biden's Chief of Staff Ron Klain **announced** that Biden will appoint a White House coronavirus response coordinator to lead his administration's pandemic strategy. The coordinator will also have a COVID-19 response team that will help manage vaccine distribution, oversee supply chain logistics, and work to improve access to testing.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **53,166,374** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,312,857 deaths and 34,284,344 people have recovered.

There are **10,675,820** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 243,387 deaths and 4,051,256 people have recovered.

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

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SENATE

- Senate Small Business Committee Chairman Marco Rubio (R-FL) [sent a letter](#) to Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza requesting information from the agency regarding potential fraud in the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for COVID-19.
- Chairman Rubio also [sent a letter](#) to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Administrator Carranza asking for information related to the loan review and forgiveness procedures that will be used to audit Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans.

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FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED")

- [Statement](#) from the Federal Reserve Vice Chair for Supervision Randal Quarles before the House Financial Services Committee.

Articles of Interest

- 11/12 The New York Time published an article titled, [“Economic Risks Are High as Chances for Quick Stimulus Narrow.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- To maximize access to COVID-19 vaccines for all Americans, HHS **announced** the U.S. government’s partnerships with large chain pharmacies and networks that represent independent pharmacies and regional chains. Through the partnership with pharmacy chains, this program covers approximately 60% of pharmacies throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Through the partnerships with network administrators, independent pharmacies and regional chains will also be part of the federal pharmacy program, further increasing access to vaccine across the country—particularly in traditionally underserved areas.

Articles of Interest

- 11/11 Los Angeles Times published an article titled, [“Now you can see the COVID-19 risk anywhere in the country, in real time.”](#)
 - 11/12 Politico published an article titled, [“Labs sound alarm on coronavirus testing capacity, supplies.”](#)
 - 11/12 The Hill published an article titled, [“Fauci urges American public to double down on COVID-19 safety measures amid surge.”](#)
 - 11/13 Business Insider published an article titled, [“A key Biden COVID-19 advisor says Trump's 'Warp Speed' vaccine scheme should be overhauled to put more emphasis on testing.”](#)
 - 11/13 The New York Times published an article titled, [“What Places Are Hardest Hit by the Coronavirus? It Depends on the Measure.”](#)
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LABOR UPDATE

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Nov. 5, 2020, DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued **204 citations** arising from inspections for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$2,856,533.