



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 16, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris held a virtual meeting with business leaders regarding economic recovery from the pandemic. During the event, Biden **called** on Congress to "come together and pass a COVID relief package" along the lines of the \$3 trillion, House-passed, Heroes Act. Biden expressed support for a robust stimulus package that includes funding for state and local governments, sick leave for workers, and increased access to child care, among other priorities.

Over the weekend, there was a **renewed push** from President Trump to restart negotiations on a stalled coronavirus relief package. On Saturday, Trump tweeted, "Congress must now do a COVID Relief Bill. Needs Democrats support. Make it big and focused. Get it done!"

Additionally, Drs. Vivek Murthy and Atul Gawande, members of President-elect Joe Biden's transition COVID-19 advisory board, stated they are not supportive of a **nationwide lockdown**. Rather, they

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **54,768,726** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,322,134 deaths and 35,105,963 people have recovered.

There are **11,163,990** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 246,953 deaths and 4,185,549 people have recovered.

More than 11 million people have contracted COVID-19 in the U.S. -- an increase of 1 million cases in one week.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

urged the use of localized measures by governors and local leaders to mandate the use of masks, restrict gatherings, and ensure people maintain social distance, among other things.

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

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### SENATE

- Senate Small Business Committee Chairman Marco Rubio (R-FL) **urged Congress to renew** the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

### *Administration*

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The SBA is **seeking public comments** on a proposed rule that would revise the small business size standards for businesses in three North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) sector to increase small business eligibility for SBA's loan and contracting programs.

## Articles of Interest

- 11/16 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Businesses race to battle back new coronavirus restrictions as U.S. faces deadly new surge.”](#)
- 11/15 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Millions of Unemployed Americans Face Loss of Benefits at Year’s End.”](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

- President Trump provided an [update](#) on Operation Warp Speed.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS Secretary Azar issued a [statement](#) on Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine announcement.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH [announced](#) promising interim results from clinical trial of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

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- 11/15 Former FDA Commissioners Scott Gottlieb and Mark McClellan penned an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal titled, [“It’s Now Up to Governors to Slow the Spread.”](#)
- 11/15 Politico published an article titled, [“Health officials sound alarm over impact of Trump’s transition blockade.”](#)
- 11/15 NPR published an article titled, [“Biden COVID Adviser Says Restrictions Should Be More Of A 'Dial,' Less Of A 'Switch.’”](#)
- 11/16 The Hill published an article titled, [“Moderna says coronavirus vaccine is 94.5 percent effective.”](#)