



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 17, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

In an interview with CNBC, HHS Secretary Azar indicated we could have enough vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna to inoculate **20 million people** by the end of the year, adding that both vaccines require two shots to be effective.

Meanwhile, NIAID Director Dr. Fauci expressed concern about the growing vaccine hesitancy and anti-vaccine movement in the U.S., noting that unless an "overwhelming majority" of Americans get vaccinated, the risk of infection will remain high. Dr. Fauci acknowledged this will be a difficult undertaking that will require transparency and getting "public health issues out of the realm of political divisiveness."

Additionally, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell warned the rise in COVID-19 infection rates poses a threat to the economy. Despite recent positive vaccine advancements, Chairman Powell stated there are still "significant challenges and uncertainties" in the near term. He added a major concern is that people will "lose confidence" in the

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **55,386,704** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,333,479 deaths and 35,615,598 people have recovered.

There are **11,289,297** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 248,001 deaths and 4,244,811 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

ability to control the pandemic, which will negatively impact economic activity.

Since our last update, the Food and Drug Administration published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

We have updated our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker. It is 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

Administration

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- The IRS [reminded](#) individuals the deadline to register online for an Economic Impact Payment is November 21.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

- SEC Chairman Jay Clayton's [testimony](#) before the Senate Banking Committee, which includes an overview of the SEC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Articles of Interest

- 11/17 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Fed’s Powell Says Rising Coronavirus Cases Pose Threat to Economy.”](#)
- 11/17 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Hundreds of Companies That Got Stimulus Aid Have Failed.”](#)
- 11/16 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Biden Calls for Stimulus Ahead of a ‘Dark Winter’ for the Country.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, raised [concerns](#) that continued delays to the Presidential transition could interfere with the incoming Biden Administration's efforts to effectively distribute potential Coronavirus vaccines once authorized or approved.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House provided a [readout](#) from the Trump administration's 41st Governors Briefing on COVID-19 response and best practices.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn issued a [statement](#) on the agency's ongoing commitment to transparency for COVID-19 EUAs.
- The FDA updated its [guidance](#) on investigational COVID-19 convalescent plasma. The updated guidance extends the period of enforcement discretion through the end of February 2021.
- The FDA published a new webpage, [A Closer Look at COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing](#), to provide health care providers and other public health professionals, including those who might purchase COVID-19 tests, more technical information and resources.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Can Autoimmune Antibodies Explain Blood Clots in COVID-19?"

Articles of Interest

- 11/16 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["COVID Is Resurging, and This Time It's Everywhere."](#)
- 11/16 NPR published an article titled, ["Over 1 Million Children Tested Positive For Coronavirus In the United States."](#)
- 11/16 Morning Consult published an article titled, ["COVID-19 Vaccines Are Making Progress. The Public's Willingness to Get One Is Mostly Unchanged."](#)
- 11/17 HealthLeaders Media published an article titled, ["Healthcare Groups Concerned For COVID Response Amid Halted Presidential Transition."](#)
- 11/17 The New York Times published an article titled, ["A Conversation With Dr. Céline Gounder, Adviser to Biden, on the Next COVID Attack Plan."](#)