



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 2, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

As Congress is set to enter into a lame duck session, the size and scope of coronavirus relief negotiations will depend on the results of the election tomorrow. Any lame duck negotiations regarding COVID-19 relief will coincide with year-end appropriations talks, as the stopgap funding measure expires on December 11. Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) previously indicated that pandemic relief could be included in a House appropriations package absent a separate stimulus deal.

In a recent interview, NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci **warned** that the U.S. "could not possibly be positioned more poorly" to manage the coronavirus and that the country should make an "abrupt change" in public health strategies and behaviors. He added that as infections surge in most states, we're headed for "a whole lot of hurt" this winter.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **46,818,512** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,204,165 deaths and 31,177,747 people have recovered.

There are **9,254,287** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 231,263 deaths and 3,630,627 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

[COVID-19 Legislative Outlook](#)

[State Responses to EO on Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Healthcare Chart on COVID Legislation](#)

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED")

- Federal bank regulatory agencies [released a paper](#) outlining sound practices designed to help large banks increase operational resilience.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

- The SEC's Division of Enforcement [issued its annual report](#) for fiscal year 2020, including details on the Division's COVID-19 related enforcement efforts.

Articles of Interest

- 11/2 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["U.S. economy faces severe strains after election with Washington potentially paralyzed."](#)
- 11/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Fed Turns Attention to Asset Purchases After Spelling Out Low-Rate Pledges."](#)
- 10/30 Politico published an article titled, ["SBA presses big businesses to justify aid, sparking uproar."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- The House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis [released](#) an interim staff report documenting key findings from its first six months investigating the nation's response to the pandemic.

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS [announced](#) that 389,040 state-of-the-art Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 rapid tests have been distributed at no cost to 83 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBU's) in 24 states.
- HHS and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) jointly [announced](#) a \$12.7 million contract with InBios International Inc., of Seattle, to expand domestic production capacity for two rapid point-of-care tests for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
- HHS and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) [awarded](#) Hologic, Inc. a \$119 million contract to establish additional domestic production to increase diagnostic testing capacity for SARS-CoV-2.
- HHS [provided](#) answers to National Governors Association questions on vaccine distribution and planning.
- In support of Operation Warp Speed (OWS), the Trump Administration is [preparing](#) to provide ancillary supply kits to help healthcare workers who will be administering COVID-19 vaccines.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued a [Consumer Update](#), "Pulse Oximeters and Oxygen Concentrators: What to Know About At-Home Oxygen Therapy." COVID-19 is one of many health issues that may cause oxygen levels to drop.

Articles of Interest

- 11/1 The New York Times published an article titled, "[States Undercount Positive Rapid Tests, Masking the Spread of Disease.](#)"
- 11/1 Politico published an article titled, "[Gottlieb predicts Thanksgiving will be 'inflection point' for winter coronavirus surge.](#)"
- 11/2 CNN published an article titled, "[Why this Covid-19 surge is worse than the others.](#)"
- 11/2 KFF published an article titled, "[State Variation in Seasonal Flu Vaccination: Implications for a COVID-19 Vaccine.](#)"
- 11/2 NPR published an article titled, "[Trump Hints He Might Fire Fauci After Election As Coronavirus Cases Rise.](#)"

LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued respiratory protection guidance focused on protecting workers in nursing homes, assisted living and other long-term care facilities (LTCFs) from occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2.