



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

December 3, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) urged lawmakers to pass a targeted coronavirus relief package that includes "[policies that have strong bipartisan support](#)" and argue over areas of disagreement later. Leader McConnell added that "compromise is within reach."

Additionally, Leader McConnell and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) [spoke today](#) about reaching a deal "as soon as possible." Speaker Pelosi stated there will be an agreement on a stimulus package by December 11, the date government funding is set to expire. Meanwhile, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) expressed optimism that an agreement can be reached "with good faith negotiations."

Notably, President Trump indicated that if Congress can pass a COVID-19 stimulus bill, he will [sign it into law](#).

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **64,977,782** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,501,907 deaths and 41,705,009 people have recovered.

There are **14,061,616** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 275,256 deaths and 5,322,128 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), member of the Senate Banking Committee, asked for [unanimous consent to pass his legislation](#) to make the payroll tax deferral optional for federal workers and military members.

Administration

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- The IRS [announced](#) that interest rates will remain the same for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2021.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- Detailed loan [information released](#) by the SBA yesterday showed that one percent of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) borrowers received more than a quarter of the \$523 billion disbursed.

Articles of Interest

- 12/3 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Momentum builds for bipartisan \\$908 billion stimulus package as more GOP senators express support.”](#)
- 12/3 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Coronavirus Stimulus Talks Moving in Right Direction, Party Leaders Say.”](#)
- 12/3 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Covid Shrinks the Labor Market, Pushing Out Women and Baby Boomers.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS [issued](#) a fourth amendment to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to increase access to critical countermeasures against COVID-19. This new use of the PREP Act will help expand access to important services via telehealth, increase availability of authorized PPE, and make it easier to administer eventual COVID-19 vaccines.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC [released](#) a transcript for the agency's telebriefing on the COVID-19 outbreak.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Caught on Camera: Neutralizing Antibodies Interacting with SARS-COV-2."

Articles of Interest

- 12/2 Morning Consult published an article titled, [“Public Puts COVID-19 Coverage Protections at the Top of Health Care To-Do List for Biden, Congress.”](#)
- 12/2 NPR published an article titled, [“U.S. Hits 100,000 COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Breaks Daily Death Record.”](#)
- 12/2 Stat published an article titled, [“The Covid-19 vaccines are a marvel of science. Here’s how we can make the best use of them.”](#)
- 12/2 Modern Healthcare published an article titled, [“HHS estimates 100 million will get COVID-19 vaccine by March.”](#)
- 12/3 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Cyberattacks Discovered on Vaccine Distribution Operations.”](#)

LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL [released](#) its Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report for the week ending November 28.