



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

December 4, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) **announced** that the tone of the stimulus negotiations have been "indicative of the decision to get the job done," as stalled stimulus talks gained momentum this week after a \$908 billion bipartisan, bicameral proposal was released.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Speaker Pelosi agreed yesterday that a COVID-19 stimulus bill and legislation to fund the government past December 11 should be combined for purposes of expediency.

Meanwhile, Senate Republicans such as Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), and others are **urging** Leader McConnell to agree to a coronavirus relief package that has a price tag greater than \$500 billion.

During an interview with CNN, President-elect Joe Biden indicated that he will ask all Americans to wear masks for the first **100 days** of his administration and also issue an order requiring masks in all federal buildings and on interstate transportation.

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **65,669,150** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,514,034 deaths and 42,156,960 people have recovered.

There are **14,282,494** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 277,693 deaths and 5,404,018 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

Additionally, President-elect Biden [stated](#) the "grim" November jobs report "confirms we remain in the midst of one of the worst economic and job crises" in modern history. He also reiterated that any potential coronavirus aid package passed in the lame duck session would be "just a start," and Congress will need to act again in January to provide additional relief.

[President Trump EO Tracker](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### WHITE HOUSE

- White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow [urged lawmakers to quickly pass](#) additional COVID-related aid, including an extension of the boosted unemployment insurance programs.

#### FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED")

- The Fed will [announce the results](#) from its second round of bank stress tests on Friday, December 18.

#### TREASURY

- The Financial Stability Oversight Council [approved its 2020 annual report](#) that analyzes the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the policy responses to mitigate its impact on the economy and financial system.
- A readout of the Financial Stability Oversight Council meeting can be found [here](#).

#### Articles of Interest

- 12/4 Politico published an article titled, ["Pelosi eyes combining Covid aid with mammoth spending deal."](#)

- 12/4 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Weakening Jobs Numbers Spur Covid Aid Efforts.”](#)
- 12/3 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“What’s in the \\$908 billion economic relief proposal.”](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Congressional*

#### SENATE

- Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) led four dozen lawmakers in a [letter](#) to congressional leaders calling for legislation making permanent a series of pandemic measures expanding coverage of telehealth services.

### *Administration*

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield issued a [statement](#) expressing his support and acceptance of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) interim recommendation for allocating initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccine.

#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA updated the [SARS CoV-2 reference panel](#) comparative data on our website to reflect the latest information. The FDA SARS-CoV-2 reference panel is an independent performance validation step for diagnostic tests of SARS-CoV-2 infection that are being used for clinical purposes.

#### Articles of Interest

- 12/3 The Commonwealth Fund published an article titled, [“How Prepared Are States to Vaccinate the Public Against COVID-19? Learning from Influenza and H1N1 Vaccination Programs.”](#)
- 12/3 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“With hospitals slammed by covid-19, doctors and nurses plead for action by governors.”](#)
- 12/3 NPR published an article titled, [“Biden Asks Fauci To Join His Team, Will Urge 100 Days Of Mask-Wearing.”](#)
- 12/4 The Hill published an article titled, [“Trump largely silent as health officials sound COVID-19 alarm.”](#)
- 12/4 The New York Times published an article titled, [“How 700 Epidemiologists Are Living Now, and What They Think Is Next.”](#)

## LABOR UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

- BLS released its [monthly jobs report](#) for November. Last month, the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs and the unemployment rate fell to 6.7%.

