



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

December 9, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, a group of House and Senate lawmakers released a [summary](#) of their bipartisan, bicameral \$908 billion coronavirus relief package. According to the summary, the proposal would extend unemployment insurance programs for 16 weeks, provide \$300 per week in boosted unemployment benefits through April, allocate \$35 billion to the Provider Relief Fund, \$7 billion for testing and contact tracing, and \$6 billion for vaccine development and distribution, among other things. However, the summary fails to include details about two key roadblocks -- state and local aid and liability protection for businesses.

Yesterday evening, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin offered Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) a [\\$916 billion COVID-19 aid package](#) that includes funding for state and local governments, liability protections for businesses, and a round of \$600 stimulus checks for Americans. However, the White House proposal does not include \$300 per week in enhanced unemployment benefits.

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **68,674,375** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,564,824 deaths and 44,181,611 people have recovered.

There are **15,312,981** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 287,985 deaths and 5,786,915 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

In response, Speaker Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) issued the following [joint statement](#): "The president's proposal must not be allowed to obstruct the bipartisan congressional talks that are underway." They also called the cuts to unemployment insurance "unacceptable."

Notably, during a vaccine summit at the White House yesterday, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) aimed at prioritizing the shipment of coronavirus vaccines to Americans before other nations. He also vowed to invoke the Defense Production Act if the U.S. "has any problems" obtaining the vaccine for its citizens.

Since our last update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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

Congressional

SENATE

- Senate Majority Whip John Thune (R-SD) [pushed to include](#) tax relief to remote and mobile workers in any additional COVID-19 stimulus package.

Articles of Interest

- 12/9 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Bipartisan Group Fleshes Out Details of COVID-19 Aid Proposal."](#)
- 12/9 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["House prepares to vote on one-week spending bill as stimulus talks drag on."](#)
- 12/8 Politico published an article titled, ["Trump backs new stimulus checks amid Hawley push."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) [delivered](#) remarks on the Senate floor regarding COVID-19 relief.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- President Trump [signed](#) an Executive Order on Ensuring Access to United States Government COVID-19 Vaccines.
- The White House [published](#) remarks by President Trump at the Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA issued a safety communication, [Wear Face Masks with No Metal During MRI Exams](#) to inform patients and health care providers that patients may be injured if they wear face masks (such as surgical or non-surgical masks and respirators) with metal parts and coatings during a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) exam.
- As of Dec. 8, 297 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by FDA under EUAs; these include 228 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 61 antibody tests, and 8 antigen tests.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC [released](#) a guidance document titled, "Know When to Delay Your Travel to Avoid Spreading COVID-19."
- CDC [released](#) a guidance document outlining drugs approved or authorized for treatment of COVID-19 as well as treatments inside and outside of the hospital that a healthcare provider may recommend if you're diagnosed with coronavirus.

Articles of Interest

- 12/7 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Countdown to America's first coronavirus vaccine: What to watch this critical week."](#)
- 12/8 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Here's Why Vaccinated People Still Need to Wear a Mask."](#)
- 12/8 Politico published an article titled, ["U.S. could face months of vaccine shortages amid global competition."](#)
- 12/8 The Hill published an article titled, ["AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine safe and effective, studies suggest."](#)
- 12/8 USA Today published an article titled, ["Trump touts COVID-19 vaccines at 'summit' amid growing questions over timeline, number of doses."](#)

SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

- Please click [here](#) to view a readout of yesterday's CISA-led COVID-19 call.