



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

December 1, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, a bipartisan group of 14 lawmakers **unveiled** a \$908 billion coronavirus relief proposal. Among other things, the bill would provide \$16 billion for vaccine development and distribution, \$288 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, \$160 billion for states and local aid, and \$180 billion for unemployment insurance. Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) rejected the proposal saying he wants to pass a "targeted relief bill" now and that "waiting for next year is not an answer."

This afternoon, Leader McConnell (R-KY) released a **revised version** of his \$500 billion coronavirus stimulus bill in preparation for a floor vote. He also **stated** additional relief will "likely come in one package," referring to the year-end omnibus spending bill.

Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Democratic Leader Schumer (D-NY) released a **new coronavirus relief proposal** last night. Additionally, Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin spoke today about more relief for the first time since October. Secretary Mnuchin indicated he will review

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **63,636,008** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,475,139 deaths and 40,803,156 people have recovered.

There are **13,666,470** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 269,948 deaths and 5,146,319 people have recovered.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

Speaker Pelosi's latest proposal for a stimulus package.

President-elect Joe Biden also announced his Administration will put forward a COVID relief proposal when he assumes the office in January. He [stated](#) any package passed during the lame duck would "be at best just a start," noting his team is already working on a bill for the next Congress to "address the multiple crises we're facing."

Additionally, the CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices held an emergency [meeting](#) today to determine which groups should be prioritized once a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available.

Notably, Lt. Gen. Ostrowski, the head of Operation Warp Speed's supply, production and distribution [predicted](#) that "100% of Americans that want the [COVID-19] vaccine will have had the vaccine by June" 2021. NIAID Director Dr. Fauci is urging Americans to "be part of the solution" and [get vaccinated](#) as soon as it becomes available.

Since our last update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

[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

HOUSE

- House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters' (D-CA) [statement](#) regarding the need for Congress to pass additional COVID-19 relief legislation.

SENATE

- Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo's (R-ID) [opening statement](#) and Ranking Member Sherrod Brown's (D-OH) [opening statement](#) at the committee hearing today.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE

- Chairman Powell's [testimony](#) before the Senate Banking Committee hearing on the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress.

TREASURY

- Secretary Mnuchin's [testimony](#) before the Senate Banking Committee hearing on the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The SBA is [seeking public comments](#) on a proposed rule that would revise the small business size standards for businesses to increase small business eligibility for SBA's loan and contracting programs.

Articles of Interest

- 12/1 Politico published an article titled, "[Lawmakers restart pandemic relief effort but deal remains elusive.](#)"
- 12/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Partisan Fight Over Fed Lending Programs Escalates.](#)"
- 12/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Coronavirus Stimulus Talks Restart as Centrists Unveil Bipartisan Plan.](#)"
- 12/1 The AP published an article titled, "[Unveiling economic team, Biden pledges, 'Help is on the way.'](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) released a [statement](#) following a phone call with Secretary Steven Mnuchin this afternoon on the status of talks on an omnibus appropriations bill and COVID relief.

SENATE

- In opening floor remarks, Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) [urged](#) lawmakers to pass bipartisan coronavirus relief legislation.

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS [announced](#) that all tribal health programs and UIOs have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- The CDC released [guidance](#) for clinicians on investigational therapeutics for patients with COVID-19.
- The CDC [outlined](#) 10 things healthcare professionals need to know about U.S. COVID-19 vaccination plans.
- The CDC updated its [webpage](#) titled, "Assessing Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Illness."

- The CDC updated its [webpage](#) titled, "COVID-19 Hospitalization and Death by Race/Ethnicity."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA has [scheduled](#) a meeting of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) on Dec. 17 to discuss the request for emergency use authorization (EUA) for a COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna Inc.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Vast Majority of Pregnant Women with COVID-19 Won't Have Complications, Study Finds."

Articles of Interest

- 11/29 Stat published an article titled, ["How much did Thanksgiving contribute to Covid-19 spread? It's wait and see for now."](#)
- 11/30 The New York Times published an article titled, ["The Long Darkness Before Dawn."](#)
- 11/30 NPR published an article titled, ["As Hospitals Fill With COVID-19 Patients, Medical Reinforcements Are Hard To Find."](#)
- 11/30 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Two promising vaccines head to FDA review, setting scientific speed records."](#)
- 11/30 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Coming Tuesday: An Idea Who Will Get First Covid-19 Vaccines."](#)