



## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

December 2, 2020

### WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced they are hoping for a deal on a COVID-19 relief package by this weekend, followed by votes next week. Leader Hoyer also **announced** he is hoping to send Members home "no later" than December 11th, putting additional pressure on lawmakers to reach a deal within the coming days.

In response to the \$908 billion bipartisan, bicameral **proposal released yesterday**, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said in a **joint statement** that the plan should be "used as the basis" for negotiations moving forward. The Democratic leaders added they will "offer improvements" to the plan, but appeared optimistic the parties will be able to reach an agreement.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced it is updating its guidance on the **quarantine period** following potential exposure to the coronavirus. CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield indicated the new

### LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **64,304,732** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,488,513 deaths and 41,259,703 people have recovered.

There are **13,869,361** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 272,552 deaths and 5,226,581 people have recovered.

### LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

recommendation is "data-driven" and aims to encourage compliance. The guidance reduces the 14 day quarantine period to seven days for those who have no symptoms and received a negative test, and 10 days for individuals who have not received a test.

Yesterday, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted 13 to 1 to [recommend](#) that frontline healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities should be at the front of the line to get vaccinated when the first doses of COVID-19 vaccines become available. CDC Director Dr. Redfield is expected to decide today whether to accept the panel's recommendation as the agency's formal guidance.

Notably, NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci predicted we could achieve [herd immunity](#) against the coronavirus by the end of next summer or fall if an "overwhelming majority" of Americans get vaccinated. He also noted that vaccines for the general public will likely start becoming available in April.

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 Tracker. It is linked below 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](#)

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### HOUSE

- House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters' (D-CA) [opening statement](#) at the committee hearing on oversight of Treasury's and the Federal Reserve's pandemic responses.

#### SENATE

- Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) [urged Senate leadership](#) to include extensions of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) programs in the next COVID-19 relief package.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE

- The Fed [published its summary](#) of commentary on current economic conditions by Federal Reserve District.

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The SBA [published the names of employers](#) that received money under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.

## Articles of Interest

- 12/2 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“States race to craft their own economic relief plans, frustrated with federal inaction.”](#)
- 12/2 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Coronavirus Stimulus Efforts Show Momentum.”](#)
- 12/2 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Biden to Have a Better Economy in 2021 Than in 2009, But Worse Options.”](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

### *Administration*

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC issued [guidance](#) for health departments about COVID-19 testing in the community.
- CDC issued [guidance](#) for expanded screening testing to reduce silent spread of SARS-CoV-2.
- CDC issued [guidance](#) on knowing when to delay your travel to avoid spreading COVID-19.

#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA has reissued the August 23, 2020 emergency use authorization (EUA) for the emergency use of COVID-19 convalescent plasma for the treatment of hospitalized patients with COVID-19. The [Letter of Authorization](#) has been revised to add the Mount Sinai COVID-19 ELISA IgG Antibody Test as an acceptable test to be used for the purpose of qualifying high and low titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma in the manufacture of COVID-19 convalescent plasma.
- The FDA has updated the guidance, [Notifying CDRH of a Permanent Discontinuance or Interruption in Manufacturing of a Device Under Section 506J of the FD&C Act During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). The update is intended to further assist manufacturers in providing the FDA with timely and informative notifications about changes in the production of certain medical devices that could help the FDA prevent or mitigate shortages of such devices during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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- 12/1 Stat published an article titled, [“White House to host Covid-19 vaccine summit, as Trump seeks to burnish record.”](#)

- 12/1 The Washington Post published an article titled, **“Why health officials are terrified of a pandemic Christmas.”**
- 12/1 NPR published an article titled, **“Health Care Workers, Nursing Home Residents To Be Prioritized For COVID-19 Vaccine.”**
- 12/2 The Hill published an article titled, **“CDC says coronavirus quarantines can be shortened from 14 days.”**
- 12/2 The New York Times published an article titled, **“U.K. Approves Pfizer Coronavirus Vaccine, a First in the West.”**