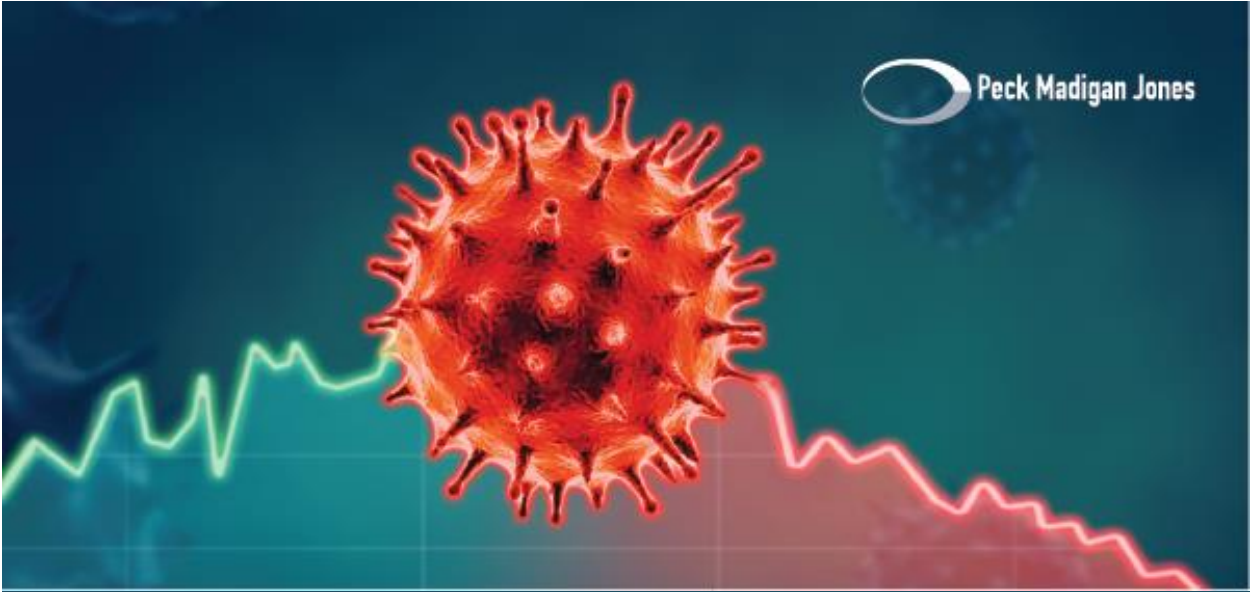




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

June 22, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, during an interview on CNBC, White House economic adviser **Larry Kudlow** indicated that spikes in coronavirus cases in 13 states are a direct result of increased testing and declared there is "**no second wave coming**." He also added that the number of deaths from COVID-19 are decreasing. Kudlow's statement is in contrast to that of White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, who told CNN yesterday that the administration is "**filling the stockpile in anticipation of a possible problem in the fall**."

Notably, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) indicated that Republicans will make a decision in July whether to pursue a new coronavirus relief measure. He stated, the legislation will be "written beginning in my office" and will be "carefully crafted based on conditions in our country in July..."

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **9,015,582** confirmed cases worldwide, 469,378 deaths and 4,468,902 people have recovered.

There are **2,298,696** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 120,271 deaths and 622,133 people have recovered.

The U.S. continues to lag behind nearly every comparable high-income nation in containing COVID-19. There were more than 32,000 new cases in the U.S. on Saturday.

Meanwhile, White House economic adviser Kevin Hassett noted the Trump administration is discussing whether to extend the \$600 "unemployment insurance plus-up" that's set to expire on July 31. GOP lawmakers have voiced opposition to an extension, stating it discourages people to go back to work.

Moreover, in response to Congressional pressure, the Treasury Department and Small Business Administration **announced** the agencies will disclose the names, addresses, classification codes, zip codes, business type, demographic data, non-profit information, jobs supported, and loan amount within a range of each firm that received a coronavirus emergency relief loan of at least \$150,000.

Since our last update, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and Treasury issued additional guidance related to the pandemic. Please see below for more details.

We have updated our Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker and our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Tracker. Both are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Legislative Update](#)

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[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 House Small Business Committee Chairman Marco Rubio (R-FL) **statement** on bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan disclosure agreement.

Administration

TREASURY:

- The Treasury and Small Business Administration **agreed** with the bipartisan leaders of the Senate Small Business Committee to make public additional data regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS):

- The IRS released updated **FAQs: Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act** (FAQ #28, 30, 33-35, 46, 58, 88, 90, and 92).

Articles of Interest

- 6/21 The Hill published an article titled, [“Small businesses falling behind in economic recovery.”](#)
- 6/21 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Stimulus Options Create Election Season Quandary for Senate Republicans.”](#)
- 6/19 Politico published an article titled, [“Treasury, SBA cave to demands for bailout transparency.”](#)
- 6/18 Politico published an article titled, [“Debate rages over new lifeline for small business as loan program ends.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE:

- Speaker Pelosi issued a [statement](#) after the President said that he had ordered officials to slow coronavirus testing to keep case numbers low.
- Reps. Maloney, Krishnamoorthi and Clyburn sent a [letter](#) to FDA Commissioner Hahn regarding decisions about the development, review, and deployment of any eventual coronavirus vaccines.
- Reps. Krishnamoorthi, Katko, And Wilson introduced the bipartisan [Coronavirus Health Care Worker Wellness Act](#), which would address the unique mental health challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has created for our nation's health care heroes.

SENATE:

- Sens. Schumer and Murray sent a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Azar, calling for the immediate disbursement of the remainder of the \$25 billion and other funds appropriated by Congress to ramp up testing and contact tracing, with an emphasis on addressing racial disparities.

Administration

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS sent a [memorandum](#) to all Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs), Medicare-Medicaid Plans, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations on diagnostic testing of nursing home residents and patients for COVID-19.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH [stopped](#) a clinical trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of adults hospitalized with COVID-19. A data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) met late Friday and determined that while there was no harm, the study drug was very unlikely to be beneficial to hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC issued [guidance](#) on safety practices for critical infrastructure workers who may have had exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA issued an updated [FDA COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary](#) that provides a quick look at facts, figures, and highlights of the agency's response efforts.

- On Tuesday, June 23, 12:00–1:00 pm ET, the FDA, along CDC, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), will host the [second webinar in the respirator webinar series](#) on the topic of Importing Respirators for Health Care Personnel Use during COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The FDA updated its guidance, titled [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](#), to facilitate notification regarding device manufacturing interruptions or discontinuances.
- FDA issued a [guidance](#) that provides recommendations to pharmaceutical manufacturers on actions to take when an employee who has been directly involved in manufacturing drugs has a confirmed infection of COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or has been exposed to an infected person.
- The FDA issued a [Letter to Clinical Laboratory Staff and Health Care Providers](#) recommending that they stop using COVID-19 antibody tests that are listed on the FDA's ["removed" test list](#).

Articles of Interest

- 6/21 Modern Healthcare published an article titled, ["2nd wave of virus cases? Experts say we're still in the 1st."](#)
- 6/21 Reuters published an article titled, ["WHO reports record daily increase in coronavirus cases."](#)
- 6/22 Morning Consult published an article titled, ["Most Voters Would Support Pandemic-Related Restrictions if COVID-19 Cases Increased Within a Month."](#)
- 6/22 KHN published an article titled, ["As Problems Grow With Abbott's Fast COVID Test, FDA Standards Are Under Fire."](#)
- 6/22 Axios published an article titled, ["The front-line workers most at risk from coronavirus."](#)

SUPPLY CHAIN/CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

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

Please note this daily update may not encompass all public guidance documents on implementation; as such, we encourage you to review public agency websites. Please let us know of any questions.