



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Top House Democrats are already looking to pass additional COVID-19 aid in the 117th Congress, including increased economic impact payments and more funding for state and local governments.

Yesterday, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, **stated** \$2,000 direct payments should continue to be "part of our effort to provide additional relief" and "supercharge our economy" in the new year. Additionally, Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA), vice chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, expressed the need for more state and local aid as another top priority for any future relief package.

President-elect Joe Biden continues to signal his support for additional coronavirus aid beyond the \$900 billion package Congress passed at the end of December. He most recently indicated that he hopes to pass \$2,000 in direct stimulus payments after he takes office. While campaigning in Georgia, Biden announced that if Democratic Senate candidates Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff are elected, the

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **86,195,556** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,863,653 deaths and 48,409,904 people have recovered.

There are 20,977,966 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and 356,203 deaths.

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proposed \$2,000 direct payments will "go out the door immediately."

However, future COVID-related aid will depend on the outcome of the two runoff elections in Georgia to determine which party controls the Senate.

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

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) [announced the extension](#) of the Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis for the 117th Congress.

Articles of Interest

- 1/5 CNBC published an article titled, [“Scammers have taken \\$36 billion in fraudulent unemployment payments from American workers.”](#)
- 1/4 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“House Democrats vow new effort on economic aid as 117th Congress begins.”](#)
- 1/4 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Jerome Powell’s future as chair of the Fed could be affected by its pandemic response.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) [announced](#) \$22 million in federal funding for Northwell Health. The funding

was allocated through FEMA and will be used to cover the costs of cleaning supplies for facility sanitization, medical supplies and PPE including masks, gloves, gowns, coveralls, face shields, shoe covers and testing supplies.

Administration

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn and Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) Director Peter Marks **issued** a joint statement on following the authorized dosing schedules for COVID-19 vaccines.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- An NIH-sponsored Phase 2/3 **clinical trial**, ACTIV-2, has begun to evaluate a combination investigational monoclonal antibody therapy for its safety and efficacy in people who have mild or moderate COVID-19. The two experimental antibodies, BR11-196 and BR11-198, target SARS-CoV-2.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC **published** updated guidance for businesses and employers responding to COVID-19.
- CDC **published** information about new COVID-19 variants.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- Brooke Army Medical Center **provided** a COVID-19 vaccine program update.
- DOD **provided** a compilation of initiatives, actions and accomplishments across Operation Warp Speed (OWS)'s primary efforts during the last week of December.
- DOD **issued** a statement on their COVID-19 distribution plan.

Articles of Interest

- 12/31 The Atlantic published an article titled, **"The Mutated Virus Is a Ticking Time Bomb."**
- 1/1 NPR published an article titled, **"Federal Data Reveal Which Hospitals Are Dangerously Full This Week. Is Yours?"**
- 1/4 The Washington Post published an article titled, **"U.S. health officials say they plan to stick with two-dose coronavirus regimen."**
- 1/4 The Hill published an article titled, **"Moderna to add 100 million doses to COVID-19 vaccine supply this year."**
- 1/5 Axios published an article titled, **"The vast majority of nursing home residents remain unvaccinated."**