



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

January 7, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released **\$22 billion** -- the first tranche of funding to states for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and testing appropriated by the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act*. \$3 billion will be awarded to facilitate vaccine distribution, while the remaining \$19 billion will be allocated for testing and contact tracing.

Notably, a study conducted by the CDC found that of the 1.9 million people who received a COVID-19 vaccine during the first two weeks of distribution, 21 experienced a severe allergic reaction. In a news briefing yesterday, Nancy Messonnier, the Director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, stated the two authorized vaccines are "very safe" and that severe allergic reactions are "**still a rare outcome**." As such, she urged Americans, especially seniors, to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible to do so.

Additionally, the Small Business Administration and Treasury issued updated guidance late last night regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

LATEST STATISTICS

There are a total of **87,753,382** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,892,856 deaths and 48,997,738 people have recovered.

There are 21,481,788 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and 364,063 deaths.

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One of the biggest changes to the program includes a second PPP loan of up to \$2 million to borrowers who previously received a loan last year. Additional details regarding program changes can be found below.

Since our last update, the CDC and SBA have released guidance related to the coronavirus pandemic. Please see below for more details.

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ECONOMIC UPDATE

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TREASURY

- The Department of Treasury [launched](#) the \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.
- Treasury and the IRS [started to send](#) approximately 8 million Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) by prepaid debit card.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The SBA [issued guidance](#) on accessing capital for minority, underserved, veteran, and women-owned businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The SBA also released two interim final rules regarding PPP changes that includes the [Economic Aid Act](#) and [Second Draw Loans](#).

Articles of Interest

- 1/7 Politico published an article titled, [“Small business loan relaunch will target minority firms after backlash.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS **announced** the extension of the Community Based Testing Site program for COVID-19 testing, through partnership with national pharmacy and retail chains CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Quest (through services at Walmart) and service provider eTrueNorth (through services at Health Mart and Topco locations). The partnership has resulted in establishing more than 3,300 COVID-19 testing locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To date, more than 5.6 million tests have been conducted as a result of this partnership.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- The CDC **announced** it will be providing more than \$22 billion in funding to states, localities and territories in support of the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will provide critical support for testing and vaccination-related activities to jurisdictions before January 19, 2021.
- The CDC **issued** guidance titled, "Establishment and Management of Public Health Rapid Response Teams for Disease Outbreaks: COVID-19 Disease Supplement."
- The CDC **published** a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled, "Allergic Reactions Including Anaphylaxis After Receipt of the First Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 14–23, 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 1/6 Reuters published an article titled, **"More infectious COVID-19 variant in at least five U.S. states - NIH Director."**
- 1/6 The Hill published an article titled, **"Trump administration accelerating launch of COVID-19 vaccinations in pharmacies."**
- 1/6 The Washington Post published an article titled, **"Allergic reactions to the coronavirus vaccine are rare and outweighed by the benefit of protection, CDC finds."**
- 1/6 Politico published an article titled, **"Biden to phase out Operation Warp Speed co-leader."**
- 1/7 CNN published an article titled, **"The US reports highest single-day death toll as CDC offers grim forecast for the end of the month."**

LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL **released** its Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report for the week ending January 2.