



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

January 13, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Yesterday, President-elect Joe Biden's transition staff held a [briefing](#) for aides to Democratic lawmakers about his plans to work with congressional Republicans on COVID-19 relief rather than utilizing budget reconciliation. Biden's transition staff indicated that while the coronavirus relief package won't feature any surprises, it could be smaller and include some priorities that are of importance to Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

Additionally, according to press reports, incoming Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has [urged](#) President-elect Biden to seek more than \$1.3 trillion in his first round of COVID-19 relief after taking office.

Notably, there is bipartisan support for boosted stimulus payments. Today, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) [called on](#) President-elect Biden to push for \$2,000 direct payments to Americans on his first day in office. In his letter, Sen. Rubio asked Biden not to let the payments "get caught up in the normal political games by adding a wish list of far left or other unrelated priorities to this legislation."

LATEST STATISTICS

[29,380,125](#) COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and [10,278,462](#) Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of [92,046,711](#) confirmed cases worldwide, 1,971,247 deaths and 50,818,821 people have recovered.

There are [22,959,610](#) confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and 382,624 deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

[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](#)

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[Global COVID-19 Export Controls](#)

[Memo - Federal Reserve COVID-19 Announcements](#)

[Federal Reserve Lending Facilities Deck](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED")

- The Federal Reserve [released the summary](#) of commentary on current economic conditions by Federal Reserve District, commonly known as the Beige Book.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The Small Business Administration [has already forgiven](#) more than 1.1 million Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, totaling over \$100 billion.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- National Taxpayer Advocate Erin Collins [released her 2020 Annual Report to Congress](#), focusing on the unprecedented challenges taxpayers faced in filing their tax returns and receiving refunds and stimulus payments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Articles of Interest

- 1/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“**Democrats Plan Policy Path on Next Round of Stimulus Checks, Other Aid.**”](#)
- 1/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“**U.S. Economy Saw Modest Growth in Late 2020, Fed’s Beige Book Shows.**”](#)
- 1/12 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“**Biden team briefs Congress on emerging stimulus plan, aims for bipartisan deal.**”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Incoming Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) **announced** the upcoming introduction of a bill, the *Direct Support For Communities Act*, to provide local governments with direct federal relief that can be used to pay for essential services, retain vital frontline workers, and offset lost revenues and increased costs from the COVID-19 emergency.

Administration

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC issued an **order** requiring all air passengers arriving to the U.S. from a foreign country to get tested no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to provide proof of the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. This order will go into effect on January 26, 2021.

Articles of Interest

- 1/12 The Hill published an article titled, [“**WHO official warns global herd immunity from COVID-19 won’t happen until 2022.**”](#)
- 1/12 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“**Biden team sees risks in Trump decision to widen vaccine pool.**”](#)
- 1/12 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“**Hospitals to Report Covid-19 Vaccination Data.**”](#)
- 1/12 The New York Times published an article titled, [“**One Mask Is Good. Would Two Be Better?**”](#)
- 1/13 CNN published an article titled, [“**The US just suffered its worst day ever for Covid-19 deaths. But this summer could be 'dramatically better.'**”](#)