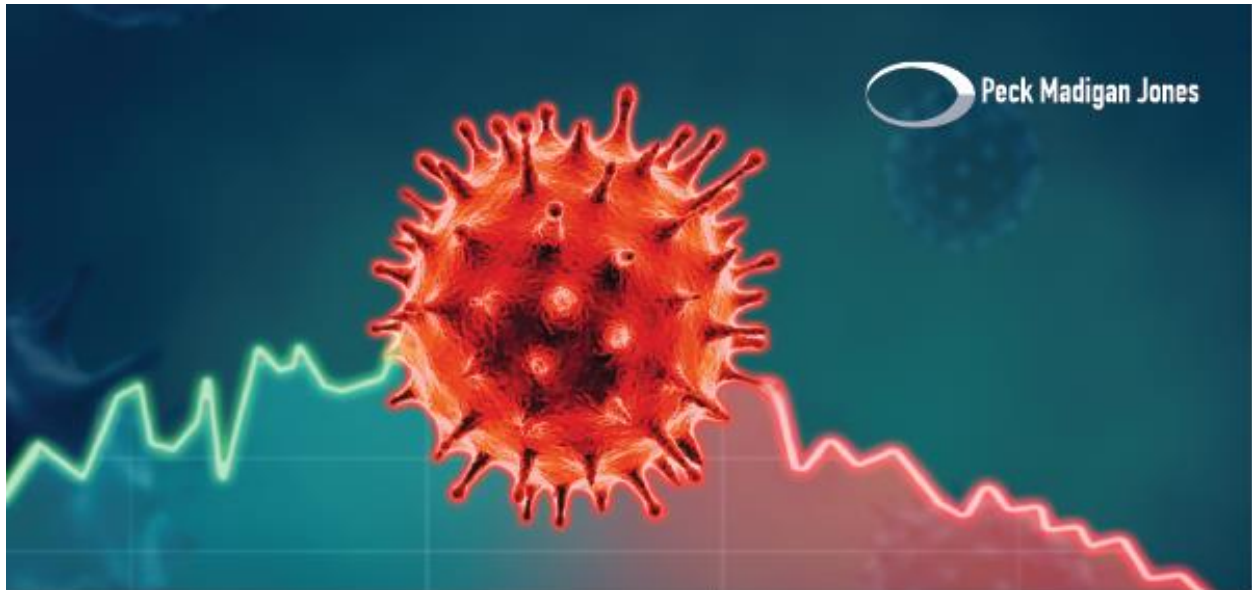




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

February 11, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) told reporters that President Joe Biden will not address a joint session of Congress until coronavirus relief legislation is passed. She stated, "we won't be doing any of that until we pass our COVID bill," as that is the chamber's "first order of business."

By the end of this week, House committees are expected to finish marking up legislation that will comprise President Biden's \$1.9 trillion relief plan. The House Budget Committee will then combine all the pieces of the legislation next week. The chamber is expected to vote on its final version of the American Rescue Plan during the week of February 22.

Notably, the CDC has released [new research](#) encouraging Americans wear two masks -- a cloth mask on top of a disposable surgical mask -- to provide greater protection against the more contagious COVID-19 variants.

Since our last update, the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and

LATEST STATISTICS

68,285,575 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **34,723,964** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **107,648,109** confirmed cases worldwide, 2,363,449 deaths and 60,203,811 people have recovered.

There are **27,366,838** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and 474,544 deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

Prevention, and the Small Business Administration have released guidance related to the coronavirus pandemic.

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

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HOUSE

- House Coronavirus Subcommittee Chair Jim Clyburn (D-SC) and House Small Business Committee Chairwoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) [sent a letter](#) to three companies requesting they provide documents on the \$750 million contract they have with the Small Business Administration to manage its Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.
- House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal's (D-MA) [opening statement](#) at the committee's markup of COVID-19 relief legislation.
- House Ways and means Committee Ranking Member Kevin Brady's (R-TX) [opening statement](#) at the committee's markup of COVID-19 relief legislation.

SENATE

- Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden's (D-OR) [statement](#) following Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's economic assessment.

Administration

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The Small Business Administration and lenders are [taking more strides](#) to improve the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) so that small businesses can access much needed PPP funds.

Articles of Interest

- 2/11 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[U.S. federal debt to exceed size of economy even before Biden stimulus is approved, CBO says.](#)"
- 2/11 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, "[Cash-in-pockets emerges as new Democratic approach to federal aid in coronavirus bill.](#)"

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) sent a [letter](#) to White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Jeffrey Zients, commending the

Biden Administration's swift action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and requesting a briefing and written response on its efforts to increase the number of Americans vaccinated across the country.

SENATE

- Sens. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Todd Young (R-IN) reintroduced bipartisan [legislation](#) directing the HHS Secretary to award grants to establish a Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Network. These grants would go to eligible entities offering appropriate mental health and addiction services, including qualified nonprofit organizations, health care providers, and Indian tribes.
- Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Reps. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Katie Porter (D-CA) sent a [letter](#) to Senate and House leadership urging them to improve data reporting requirements for assisted living facilities, residential behavioral health facilities, and other congregate care settings in future COVID-19 relief efforts.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House [released](#) a transcript of yesterday's press briefing by the COVID-19 Response Team.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH is [calling for](#) greater inclusion of pregnant and lactating women in COVID-19 research.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA [issued](#) guidance to communicate its policy for the temporary compounding of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products by pharmacists in state-licensed pharmacies or federal facilities and registered outsourcing facilities for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC [released](#) interim infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare personnel during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.
- CDC [released](#) interim clinical considerations for use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the U.S., with updated quarantine recommendations for individuals who have been vaccinated.
- CDC [posted](#) a webpage titled, "COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory Management Best Practices."
- CDC [posted](#) a webpage outlining strategies for optimizing the supply of N95 respirators.
- CDC [posted](#) a new webpage titled, "Your Guide to Masks."
- CDC [posted](#) a new webpage titled, "Improve How Your Mask Protects You."
- CDC [published](#) a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report titled, "Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Exposure, 2021."

Articles of Interest

- 2/9 CNBC published an article titled, "Long-haul symptoms should be a 'wake-up call' for young people when it comes to avoiding Covid, Texas Children's doctor says."
 - 2/9 CNBC published an article titled, "J&J CEO says people may need annual Covid vaccine shots for the next several years."
 - 2/10 The Washington Post published an article titled, "Masks should fit better or be doubled up to protect against coronavirus variants, CDC says."
 - 2/11 USA Today published an article titled, "Roughly 40% of the USA's coronavirus deaths could have been prevented, new study says."
 - 2/11 Stat published an article titled, "Covid-19 vaccination rates follow the money in states with the biggest wealth gaps, analysis shows."
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL released its Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report for the week ending February 6.