



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

March 10, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the House voted 220-211 along party lines to pass the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME) joined GOP lawmakers in voting 'no.' The \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package will now go to President Joe Biden, who plans to sign the legislation into law on Friday. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki has indicated the Administration will be "moving full speed ahead on the implementation of the bill..."

House Republican leaders criticized Democrats for passing a partisan bill, as no GOP member voted for the package in either chamber. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) stated he "believe[s] the American public wants something different," and House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) expressed frustration over the size of the package.

Additionally, the White House COVID-19 Response Team announced that the Biden Administration plans to purchase an additional 100 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. While the U.S. is already expected to have sufficient doses to inoculate all U.S. adults by mid-May, these

LATEST STATISTICS

127,869,155 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **62,451,150** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **117,845,876** confirmed cases worldwide, 2,615,190 deaths and 66,784,879 people have recovered.

There are **29,136,600** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and 528,603 deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

additional vaccines could be used in children or as booster shots as new variants emerge.

Since our last update, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has released guidance related to the coronavirus pandemic. Please see below for more details.

We have updated our Biden Administration Transition Tracker as well as President Biden's Executive Order Tracker. Both are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congress

SENATE

- Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's (D-NY) [floor remarks](#) on the passage of the American Rescue Plan.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE (CBO)

- The Senate eliminated \$66 billion from the American Rescue Plan according to a [new estimate](#) released by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Administration

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- The Small Business Administration released a [fact sheet](#) on changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) by the Biden-Harris Administration.

Articles of Interest

- 3/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“House passes \\$1.9 trillion Covid-19 stimulus package; Biden plans to sign Friday.”](#)
- 3/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“U.S. budget deficit widened to \\$1 trillion from October through February.”](#)
- 3/9 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“With congressional approval imminent, Biden prepares to send checks, but big stimulus challenges loom.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY) and John Katko (R-NY) and Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Tim Kaine (D-VA) introduced the COVID-19 Mental Health

Research Act, [legislation](#) that would fund research to study the effects the COVID-19 pandemic has on the mental health of Americans, with an emphasis on its impact on children and healthcare providers.

SENATE

- 6 Republican Senators sent a [letter](#) to CDC Director Rochelle Walensky regarding school reopening data.
- Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT), John Boozman (R-AR), Jerry Moran (R-KS), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) announced the introduction of their bipartisan [legislation](#) to expand COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to veterans and their families under the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Administration

WHITE HOUSE

- President Biden hosted an [event](#) with the CEOs of Johnson & Johnson and Merck.
- The White House released a [transcript](#) of today's press briefing held by the COVID-19 Response Team and public health officials.
- President Joe Biden issued a [statement](#) following House passage of the American Rescue Plan.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

- CMS issued updated [guidance](#) on nursing home visitation during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC published a [web page](#) titled, "Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories."
- CDC published a [web page](#) titled, "Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination."

Articles of Interest

- 3/9 Politico published an article titled, "[CDC under scrutiny after struggling to report Covid race, ethnicity data.](#)"
- 3/9 CNBC published an article titled, "[Fauci warns U.S. Covid cases may 'plateau again at an unacceptably high level.'](#)"
- 3/9 The Washington Post published an article titled, "[A viral tsunami: How the underestimated coronavirus took over the world.](#)"
- 3/9 Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA) contributed to an op-ed in the Washington Post titled, "[Vaccine hesitancy is not the problem among people of color. It's vaccine access.](#)"
- 3/10 The New York Times published an article titled, "[See How the Vaccine Rollout Is Going in Your State.](#)"