



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

March 29, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Biden Administration **announced** it will extend the national eviction moratorium for another three months until June 30. The Administration's decision comes just two days before it was set to expire. The moratorium was originally put in place by former President Donald Trump in September 2020.

Additionally, President Joe Biden **announced** that by April 19, 90% of U.S. adults will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and 90% of Americans will have a vaccination site within five miles of their homes. To accomplish this, the Biden Administration will increase the number of pharmacies in the federal pharmacy vaccination program from 17,000 to 40,000; allocate \$100 million in funding to help vaccinate vulnerable and at-risk older adults and people with disabilities; and expand the number of mass vaccination centers across the country.

Furthermore, as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the U.S., President Biden urged governors and mayors to "maintain and reinstate the mask mandate." He also urged state and local leaders to pause reopening efforts.

LATEST STATISTICS

180,646,565 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **95,015,762** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **127,442,926** confirmed cases worldwide, **2,787,915** deaths and **71,296,541** people have recovered.

There are **30,291,863** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **549,664** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky warned of "impending doom" over rising COVID-19 cases, noting she is "scared" that despite vaccine production ramping up, we could have a fourth surge if Americans don't begin to take precautions. According to Dr. Walensky, the seven-day average of new cases is around 60,000 per day, a 10% increase over the past week.

We have updated our Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker and the Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker. Both are linked under Latest PMJ Resources.

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

[Policy Outlook for the Biden Administration and 117th Congress](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sherrod Brown (D-OH), along with other Democratic Senators, [sent a letter](#) to President Biden urging him to permanently expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) included in the American Rescue Plan.
- Senate Judiciary Committee Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) [applauded the passage](#) of the COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act.

Administration

TREASURY

- Joint statement on the U.S.-EU Joint Financial Regulatory Forum, where the U.S. and EU [discussed](#) the next steps in the COVID-19 recovery and mitigating financial stability risks.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB)

- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Acting Director Dave Uejio and Federal Trade Commission Acting Chairwoman Rebecca Slaughter [issued a joint statement](#) regarding their agencies' work to help stop illegal evictions and protecting American consumers facing economic hardship due to COVID-19.

Articles of Interest

- 3/29 CNBC published an article titled, ["Fed's Waller says the central bank isn't keeping rates low to finance government debt."](#)
- 3/29 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["National eviction moratorium extended through June."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS **announced** that through a partnership between the CDC and the Administration for Community Living (ACL), it will provide nearly \$100 million to help increase vaccinations among older adults and people with disabilities.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- A new CDC **study** provides strong evidence that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing SARS-CoV-2 infections in real-world conditions among healthcare providers, first responders, and other essential workers.
- CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky issued a **media statement** on extending the eviction moratorium to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- CDC published a **Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report** (MMWR) titled, "Interim Estimates of Vaccine Effectiveness of BNT162b2 and mRNA-1273 COVID-19 Vaccines in Preventing SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Health Care Personnel, First Responders, and Other Essential and Frontline Workers — Eight U.S. Locations, December 2020–March 2021."

Articles of Interest

- 3/29 Market Watch published an article titled, "**U.S. COVID death toll nears 550,000 as Dr. Birx says most could have been avoided.**"
- 3/29 CNBC published an article titled, "**CDC chief warns U.S. headed for 'impending doom' as Covid cases rise again: 'Right now I'm scared.'**"
- 3/29 Politico published an article titled, "**WHO report says animals likely source of Covid.**"
- 3/29 AP News published an article titled, "**COVID vaccine found highly effective in real-world US study.**"