



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 2, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the American economy added 916,000 jobs in March, lowering the unemployment rate to 6 percent. However, over 8 million jobs that existed a year ago have yet to return. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh **stated** the report shows "growth across most sectors of the economy indicating that recovery is building momentum," but "disparities within the workforce continue to be a major concern."

President Biden also lauded the jobs report for March, but he cautioned the "progress we've worked so hard to achieve can be reversed." President Biden touted his recently proposed American Jobs Plan as a way of "building back better -- for good." Secretary Walsh also stated President Biden's plan "offers a bold and necessary path to a sustainable and vibrant economy that is competitive and inclusive."

Notably, today the CDC **announced** fully vaccinated people can travel safely within the United States, and vaccinated travelers can forgo COVID-19 testing and do not have to self-quarantine before and after travel. However, the CDC still recommends fully vaccinated

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travels wear a mask and maintain a six foot distance from others.

We have updated our Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker. It is linked under Latest PMJ Resources.



ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

WHITE HOUSE

- The White House issued a press release titled, ["The Employment Situation in March."](#)

TREASURY

- Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Bureau of Fiscal Service **announced** they are disbursing several million more payments in the third batch of Economic Impact Payments from the American Rescue Plan.
- Treasury **published a readout** of Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo's virtual consultation with Tribal leaders to discuss the \$20 billion in COVID relief funds to tribal governments under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Articles of Interest

- 4/2 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["U.S. Added 916,000 Jobs in March as Hiring Accelerated."](#)
- 4/2 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Treasury Yields Rise After Strong Jobs Report."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA **announced** two revisions regarding the number of doses per vial available for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. The agency's decision allows Moderna to increase its doses per vial from 10 to 15, and allows vaccinators to extract 11 doses from the existing 10-dose vials depending on the availability of certain syringes.

Articles of Interest

- 4/1 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Can Vaccinated People Spread the Virus? We Don't Know, Scientists Say."](#)
- 4/1 The New York Times published an article titled, ["A decline in testing may be masking the spread of the virus in some U.S. states."](#)
- 4/1 KHN published an article titled, ["Backed by Millions in Public and Private Cash, Rapid COVID Tests Are Coming to Stores Near You."](#)

- 4/1 The Washington Post published an article titled, **"Here's why Michigan's COVID spike is so scary."**
- 4/1 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, **"Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine Is Still Highly Effective Six Months After Second Dose."**