



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 5, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen cautioned that if wealthier nations do not assist developing countries respond to the COVID-19 pandemic it will lead to a "deeper and longer-lasting crisis" that could harm the U.S. economy. Secretary Yellen stated that without more medical and economic aid, developing countries will experience "mounting problems of indebtedness, more entrenched poverty, and growing inequality."

Over the weekend, more than four million people in the U.S. received a coronavirus vaccine on Saturday -- the nation's highest one-day total. Andy Slavitt, a senior adviser on the White House coronavirus response team, announced that an average of 3.1 million shots have been administered over a seven-day period and almost 1 in 4 adults are now fully vaccinated.

Additionally, 12 more states have opened COVID-19 vaccination registrations to everyone over the age of 16, bringing the nationwide total to 33 states with lowered age restrictions. Delaware, New York, Maine, North Carolina, and Missouri are all expected to make

LATEST STATISTICS

207,891,395 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **107,515,428** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **131,576,415** confirmed cases worldwide, **2,856,593** deaths and **74,673,786** people have recovered.

There are **30,739,818** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **555,243** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

everyone over the age of 16 eligible for a vaccine later this week.

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

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

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TREASURY

- Secretary Janet Yellen's [remarks](#) on international priorities to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- The Internal Revenue Service [issued guidance](#) for employers claiming the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) under the CARES Act modified by the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB)

- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) [proposed](#) a set of rule changes intended to help prevent avoidable foreclosures as the emergency federal foreclosure protections expire.

Articles of Interest

- 4/5 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“Yellen warns that slow vaccine rollout in poor countries poses threat to U.S., global economies.”](#)
- 4/5 The Washington Post published an article titled, [“How the \\$1.9 trillion U.S. stimulus package compares with other countries’ coronavirus spending.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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BIOMEDICAL ADVANCED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- BARDA announced it is supporting Janssen's investigational vaccine with [expansion](#) of a Phase 2a clinical trial for adolescents aged 12-17.
- BARDA [announced](#) it is helping to coordinate the launch of HHS' new \$500,000 innovation contest for the design of new, effective and comfortable masks for general public use.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC updated international and domestic [travel guidance](#) for fully vaccinated people to reflect the latest evidence and science.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA posted a new [web page](#) for clinical laboratory staff and health care providers about the impact of viral mutations on COVID-19 molecular, antigen, and serology tests.

Articles of Interest

- 4/2 Stat published an article titled, [“Former Biden, Trump advisers renew push to delay second COVID vaccine.”](#)
- 4/3 The New York Times published an article titled, [“Virus Variants Threaten to Draw Out the Pandemic, Scientists Say.”](#)
- 4/4 Former FDA Commissioners Scott Gottlieb and Mark McClellan penned an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal titled, [“COVID Arsenal Needs Pills as Well as Shots.”](#)
- 4/4 Washington Post published an article titled, [“Are we entering a ‘fourth wave’ of the pandemic? Experts disagree.”](#)
- 4/5 Bloomberg published an article titled, [“COVID Mutants Multiply as Scientists Race to Decode Variations.”](#)