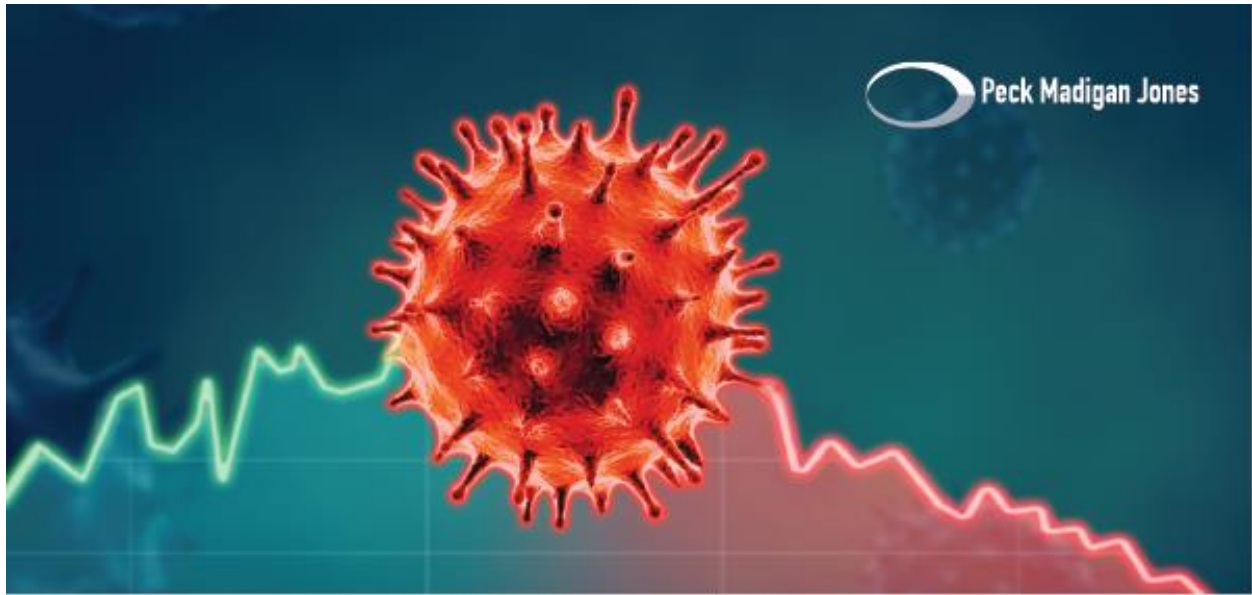




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 9, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the White House released an [outline](#) of the proposed FY 2022 budget, providing insight into President Joe Biden's legislative and spending priorities for the coming year. Among other things, the \$1.5 trillion federal spending plan includes \$8.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to build public health capacity, modernize public health data collection and sharing; and train epidemiologists and public health experts to detect, prepare for, and respond to the next emerging global health threat. The blueprint also proposes \$153 million for the CDC to advance equity and reduce health disparities, which the COVID-19 pandemic brought renewed attention to. A full budget proposal is expected later in the spring.

According to new [data](#) from the CDC, 80,000 new COVID-19 infections were reported yesterday. The British variant, B.1.1.7 now accounts for nearly 20,000 cases per day and is the dominant strain. The number two strain is the P.1 variant that originated in Brazil and has infected at least 434 people in the U.S.

LATEST STATISTICS

233,591,955 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **114,436,039** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **134,322,229** confirmed cases worldwide, **2,908,190** deaths and **76,345,268** people have recovered.

There are **31,067,338** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **560,946** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

In an [interview](#) with The Guardian, NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci noted that shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) contributed to the deaths of more than 3,600 healthcare workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notably, Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine allocation to states is expected to [decrease by 85%](#) next week as a result of uneven manufacturing as well as an error at a Baltimore production facility that ruined 15 million doses. Specifically, only 700,000 doses will be allocated to states next week as compared to the 4.9 million doses that were sent this week.

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

TREASURY

- Deputy Assistance Secretary for Federal Finance Brian Smith's [remarks](#) at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Annual Primary Dealer Meeting.
- Joint IMFC and Development Committee [statement](#) by Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [suspended a requirement](#) to repay excess advance payments of the 2020 Premium Tax Credit (excess APTC) for tax year 2020.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB)

- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) [proposed extending](#) the effective date of two recent debt collection rules to give affected parties more time to comply due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Articles of Interest

- 4/8 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Powell calls for faster global vaccination."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House released a transcript of today's [press briefing](#) by the COVID-19 response team and public health officials.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra issued a [statement](#) on President Joe Biden's discretionary funding request for FY 2022.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC published a new [web page](#) titled, "U.S. COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants."

Articles of Interest

- 4/9 The Hill published an article titled, ["Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses will take major drop next week."](#)
- 4/8 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Online Scammers Have A New Offer For You: Vaccine Cards."](#)
- 4/8 CBS News published an article titled, ["Black women 3 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than White men."](#)
- 4/8 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Rise of coronavirus variants will define the next phase of the pandemic in the U.S."](#)
- 4/8 Axios published an article titled, ["America may be close to hitting a vaccine wall."](#)