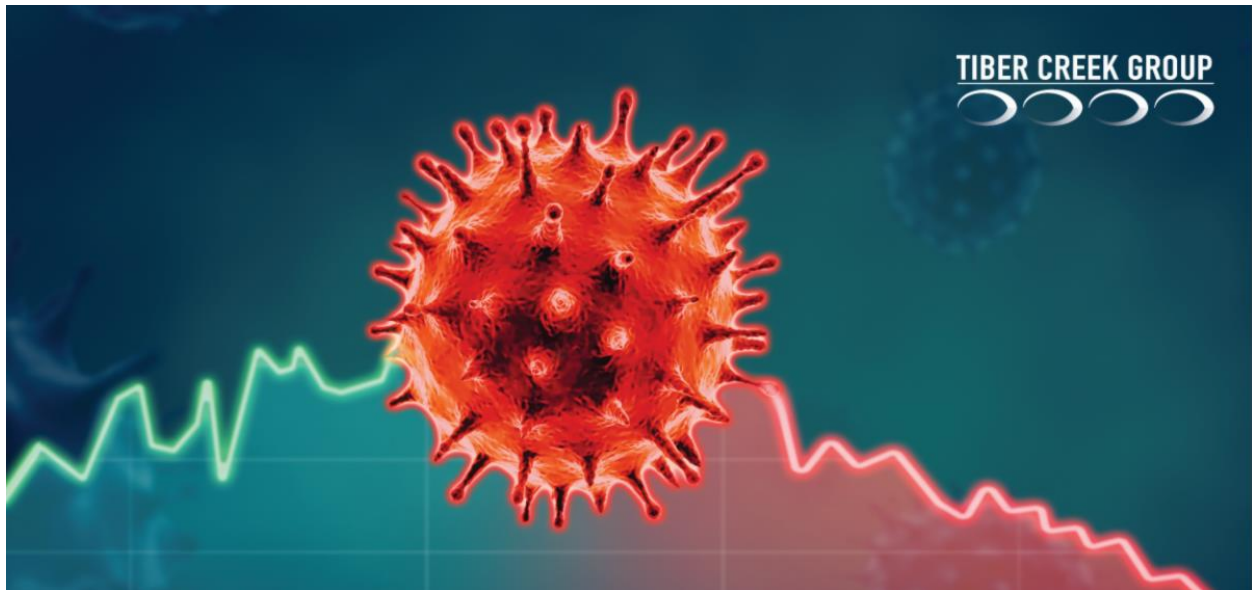




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 14, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) held a three-hour emergency [meeting](#) to review clinical [data](#) on the six women who developed a rare blood-clotting disorder after receiving Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. The independent expert group will make a recommendation to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about how, or whether, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should be utilized going forward.

Additionally, Treasury [announced](#) the establishment of the Office of Recovery Programs to lead the department's implementation of economic relief and recovery programs, including the \$420 billion in programs from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Office of Recovery will oversee the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Emergency Rental Assistance, the Homeowner Assistance Fund, the State Small Business Credit Initiative, the Capital Projects fund, the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program, the Payroll Support Program, the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and the Airline and National Security Loan

LATEST STATISTICS

250,998,265 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **123,917,385** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **137,847,272** confirmed cases worldwide, **2,965,374** deaths and **78,550,849** people have recovered.

There are **31,401,920** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **564,173** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

Program. Notably, Jacob Leibenluft has been appointed Chief Recovery Officer.

Yesterday evening, the House voted 384-38 to pass the Senate's amended version of [H.R. 1868](#), which would delay the 2% Medicare sequester payment cuts for the remainder of 2021. The bill now goes to President Joe Biden, who is expected to sign it into law.

Since our last update, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights released new guidance related to the coronavirus pandemic.

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

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) [unveiled their proposal](#) to overhaul the nation's unemployment insurance system.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE

- The Federal Reserve [published its summary](#) of commentary on current economic conditions by Federal Reserve District, commonly known as the Beige Book.

TREASURY

- Readout of Treasury Deputy Secretary Wall Adeyemo's [meeting](#) with the Executive Committee of the American Bankers Association (ABA).
- Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service [announced](#) they are disbursing nearly 2 million payments in the fifth batch of the Economic Impact Payments from the American Rescue Plan.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)

- The Commodity Futures Trading Commission [announced](#) the Market Participants Division (MPD) and the Division of Market Oversight (DMO) are providing a continuation of certain parts of the temporary no-action relief issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that is scheduled to expire on April 15, 2021.

Articles of Interest

- 4/14 Bloomberg published an article titled, ["Powell Says U.S. Entering Faster Growth, Though Virus Spike Remains a Risk."](#)
- 4/14 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["States Were Told They Can't Use U.S. Covid-19 Aid to Cut Taxes. They Sued."](#)
- 4/14 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Central Bank Will Begin Reducing Bond Purchases 'Well Before' Raising Interest Rates, Powell Says."](#)
- 4/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Billions in COVID-19 aid is Slow to Reach Renters and Landlords."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- The White House released a transcript of yesterday's [press briefing](#) by Press Secretary Jen Psaki, NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, and COVID-19 Response Coordinator Jeff Zients.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS published several new [resources](#) to help states, vaccination providers, and others leading COVID-19 response activities improve access to vaccines for people with disabilities and older adults.
- HHS' Office for Civil Rights issued new [guidance](#) prohibiting disability discrimination and providing detailed examples of the application of the legal standards in the context of COVID-19 vaccine programs and how to implement them.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH has begun a [Phase 2 trial](#) to test the safety and efficacy of an investigational monoclonal antibody for treating people who are hospitalized with respiratory disease and low blood oxygen due to infection with SARS-CoV-2.
- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Mapping Severe COVID-19 in the Lungs at Single-Cell Resolution."

Articles of Interest

- 4/14 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["J&J Vaccine and Blood-Clot Cases to be Reviewed by U.S. Health Panel."](#)
- 4/13 CNBC published an article titled, ["Moderna says new data shows its Covid vaccine is more than 90% effective against virus six months after second shot."](#)
- 4/13 The Hill published an article titled, ["State record-keeping on vaccinations leads to patchwork approach."](#)
- 4/13 RollCall published an article titled, ["Broader vaccine eligibility may exacerbate racial inequities."](#)
- 4/13 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Some Children With Covid-Related Syndrome Develop Neurological Symptoms."](#)