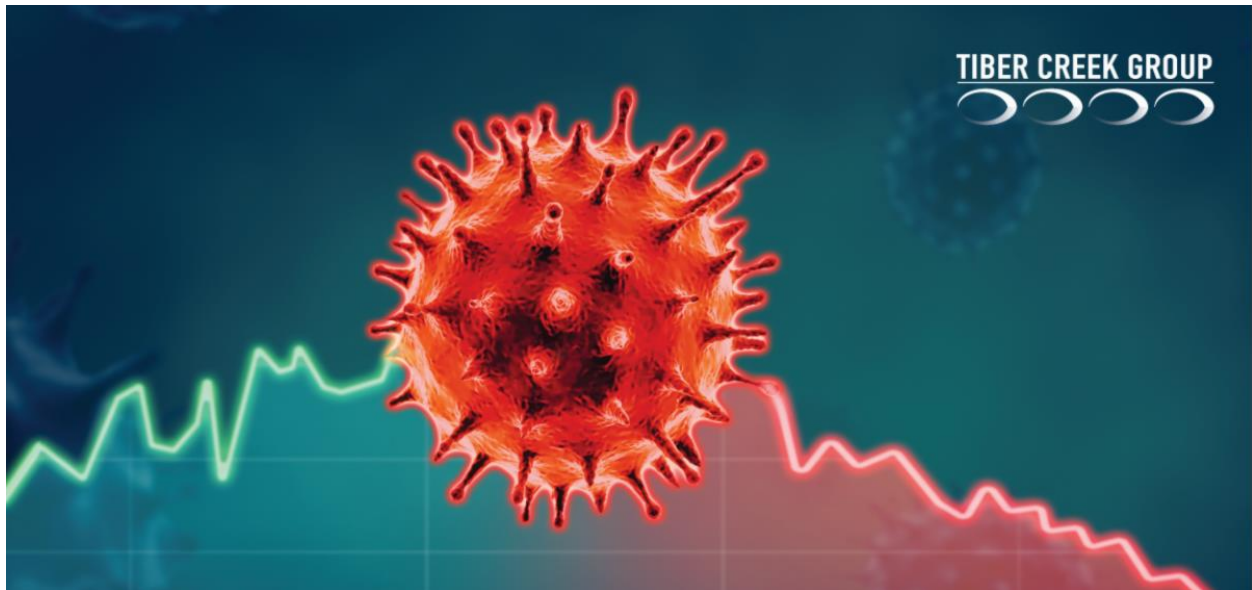




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 15, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Biden Administration **announced** \$39 billion of American Rescue Plan funds will go to states, territories, and tribes to address child care needs caused by COVID-19. The \$39 billion will be distributed through two funds. \$24 billion will be allocated for child care providers to reopen or stay open, provide safe and healthy learning environments, keep workers on payroll, and provide mental health support for educators and children. The remaining \$15 billion will be dispersed to states to make child care more affordable, increase access to care for families receiving subsidies, increase compensation for early childhood workers, and meet other care needs in states.

Yesterday, following a three-hour emergency meeting, the independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) indicated that it needs additional time to gather and assess more data before it makes a decision on the future of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. The pause on the administration of the vaccine will remain in effect until the panel meets again in seven to 10 days.

LATEST STATISTICS

255,400,665 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **125,822,868** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **138,662,915** confirmed cases worldwide, **2,978,697** deaths and **78,987,281** people have recovered.

There are **31,477,366** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **565,067** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

Since our last update, the Food and Drug Administration released new guidance related to the coronavirus pandemic.

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Administration

TREASURY

- Readout of Deputy Secretary Wall Adeyemo's [meeting](#) with the California League of Cities.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [reminded](#) individuals who do not have a permanent address, or a bank account still might qualify for Economic Impact Payments and other tax benefits.

Articles of Interest

- 4/15 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“U.S. Economy Ramps Up on Spending Surge, Hiring Gains.”](#)
- 4/15 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, [“Jobless Claims Fell to a New Pandemic Low Last Week.”](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS released a [readout](#) of the second COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force meeting, which focused on vaccine access and confidence.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIAID [announced](#) that it is closing enrollment in the fourth iteration of the Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial (ACTT-4) comparing two treatment regimens for hospitalized adults with COVID-19 who require supplemental oxygen. An independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) overseeing the trial determined that it is unlikely that the study will show a significant difference between the two treatments even if the trial enrolled the full 1,500 participants. As such, NIAID closed enrollment with 1,000 participants.
- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Learning from History: Fauci Donates Model to Smithsonian's COVID-19 Collection."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued new [guidance](#) on how remote interactive evaluations of drug manufacturing and bioresearch monitoring facilities will be requested by the

agency and conducted for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC published a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) titled, "Laboratory Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Exposure Reduction Through Physically Distanced Seating in Aircraft Cabins Using Bacteriophage Aerosol — November 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 4/15 CNBC published an article titled, ["Pfizer CEO says third Covid vaccine dose likely needed within 12 months."](#)
 - 4/15 CNN published an article titled, ["So far, 5,800 fully vaccinated people have caught Covid anyway in US, CDC says."](#)
 - 4/15 Axios published an article titled, ["Where the world's coronavirus vaccines are coming from and going to."](#)
 - 4/14 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["CDC vaccine advisers seek more data on rare blood clots before deciding whether to resume Johnson & Johnson shots."](#)
 - 4/14 NPR published an article titled, ["A Year In, Here's What We Know About Vitamin D For Preventing COVID."](#)
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LABOR UPDATE

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- DOL published its [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report](#) for the week ending April 10.