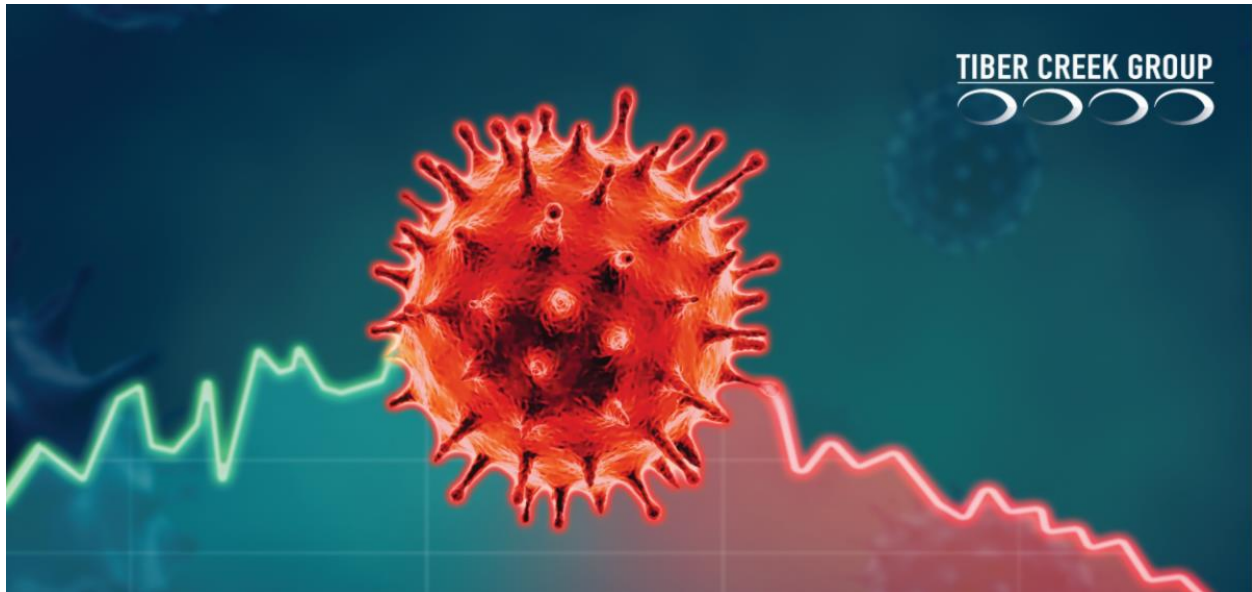




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 23, 2021

Since Congress and the White House have shifted focus to a broader set of policy issues, we will be pausing distribution of the Daily COVID-19 Update starting today. However, we will continue to include COVID related health and economic updates in our Daily Dose and the Financial Services Week Ahead.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reconvened to continue discussions regarding the safety of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine and review new data. The independent vaccine advisory board is expected to issue a recommendation to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about how, or whether, the vaccine should be utilized going forward.

Top federal health officials indicated in [interviews](#) this week that Johnson & Johnson could resume distribution of their COVID-19 vaccine, as soon as this weekend, with a warning label about the rare blood clots. This action would mirror that of European regulators who concluded that the vaccine's benefits outweigh the risks.

LATEST STATISTICS

282,183,915 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **135,791,031** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **144,948,730** confirmed cases worldwide, **3,076,076** deaths and **83,331,131** people have recovered.

There are **31,939,830** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **570,463** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

According to an analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation, within the next two to four weeks, the U.S. will reach a point where its COVID-19 vaccination [supply will exceed demand](#). In order to achieve herd immunity and stop the spread of the virus, states will need to utilize new tactics to inoculate vaccine hesitant and indifferent individuals.

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

Senate

- Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Joint Economic Committee Chair Don Beyer (D-VA), along with 36 of their colleagues [urged](#) President Biden to prioritize unemployment insurance reform in the upcoming American Family Plan.

Articles of Interest

- 4/23 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Some Democrats Push for Permanent Expansion of Unemployment Benefits."](#)
- 4/23 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["U.S., Global Economy See Pickup as Services Revive and Factories Ramp Up."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC published a web page titled, ["Considerations for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools and Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)."](#)
- CDC published a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled, ["Airport Traveler Testing Program for SARS-CoV-2 — Alaska, June–November 2020."](#)
- CDC published a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled, ["Laboratory Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Exposure Reduction Through Physically Distanced Seating in Aircraft Cabins Using Bacteriophage Aerosol — November 2020."](#)

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA [announced](#) the issuance of Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for certain medical devices related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Articles of Interest

- 4/23 The Hill published an article titled, ["US prepares for vaccine tipping point."](#)
- 4/23 CNN published an article titled, ["New study shows why vaccinating everybody against Covid-19 is essential."](#)
- 4/22 Axios published an article titled, ["Coronavirus cases aren't budging — even after vaccinations doubled."](#)
- 4/22 The Washington Post published an article titled, ["Health officials lean toward resuming Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine — but with a warning."](#)
- 4/22 Bloomberg published an article titled, ["'Long Hauler' Study Shows Covid Can Kill Months After Infection."](#)