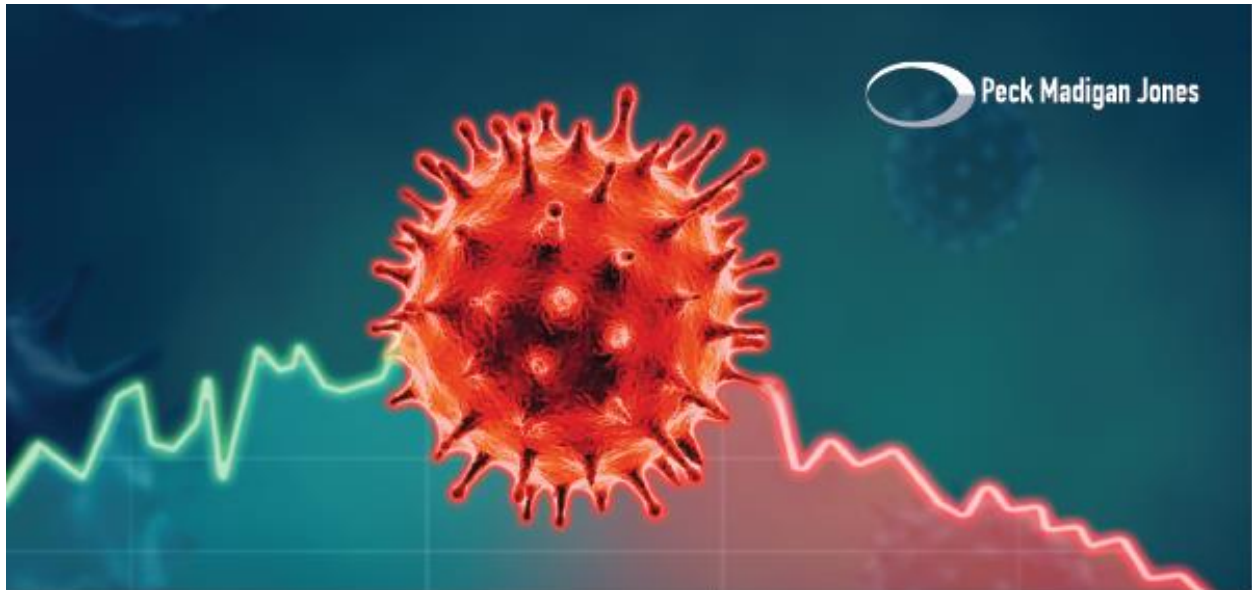




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

February 10, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, two House committees advanced key portions of President Biden's COVID-19 relief package. The House Ways and Means Committee advanced an extension of expanded unemployment benefits at \$400/week through August 29. The panel will continue marking up other proposals for the remainder of the week. Also, the House Education and Labor Committee **passed a measure** that would gradually increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025. The provision still faces a Senate procedural challenge and opposition from Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV). However, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) asserted today that Democrats would not drop the provision from the budget resolution. He stated the minimum wage increase "is going to be in reconciliation if I have anything to say about it."

Yesterday evening, House Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) released a **legislative proposal** comprising portions of President Biden's American Rescue Plan. Among other things, the measure includes \$5.2 billion in HHS funding for manufacturing and distribution of vaccines and therapeutics; \$7.5 billion in CDC funding to

LATEST STATISTICS

65,972,575 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **33,783,384** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **107,199,635** confirmed cases worldwide, 2,349,577 deaths and 59,956,386 people have recovered.

There are **27,263,914** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and 470,600 deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

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

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

identify and track emerging variations of COVID-19; Medicaid and CHIP coverage of COVID-19 vaccines at no cost; and provides an enhanced FMAP to incentivize states to expand Medicaid. The committee plans to mark up the proposals tomorrow.

Additionally, the House Oversight and Reform Committee [unveiled additional components](#) to its portion of the COVID-19 relief package. The proposal includes \$350 billion to help states, localities, and tribal governments replenish lost revenue from the pandemic. The \$350 billion would be split accordingly: \$195 billion to states, including D.C.; \$130 billion to local governments; \$20 billion to tribal governments; and \$4.5 billion to U.S. territories. Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) said the additional aid to states and local governments will "save the jobs of essential public servants like teachers, firefighters, and other first responders."

Notably, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization (EUA) to Eli Lilly's two antibody combination treatment for COVID-19.

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

[Lame Duck Preview Memo](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Congressional

HOUSE

- House Financial Services Committee Chairwoman Maxine Waters' (D-CA) [opening statement](#) at the committee's markup to consider legislation to pass President Biden's American Rescue Plan.
- House Financial Services Committee Ranking Member Patrick McHenry's (R-NC) [opening statement](#) at the committee's markup of a portion of President Biden's \$1.9 trillion stimulus package.

Administration

FEDERAL RESERVE ("FED")

- The Federal Reserve Board [announced](#) the second extension of a rule to bolster the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
- The Fed [released an update](#) on outstanding lending facilities created under the CARES Act.

TREASURY

- Treasury released its [Monthly Treasury Statement](#) that showed the federal deficit rose \$736 billion in the first four months of fiscal year 2021.

Articles of Interest

- 2/10 Politico published an article titled, ["Small business rescue slowed by fight against fraud, drawing protests."](#)
- 2/10 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Fed's Powell signals easy money policies to remain in place for a while."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Congressional

SENATE

- Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) led a group of 12 senators in a [letter](#) to Senate HELP Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) and Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone (D-NJ), calling on Congress to fix discrepancies that have caused small and rural states to receive significantly less funding for vaccine and testing than originally estimated.

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- President Biden [announced](#) members of the Biden-Harris Administration COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force.
- The White House [released](#) a transcript of yesterday's press briefing by the COVID-19 Response Team.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins penned a [blog post](#) titled, "Mapping Which Coronavirus Variants Will Resist Antibody Treatments."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- FDA issued an [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for bamlanivimab and etesevimab administered together for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age or older) who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 and who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19. The authorized use includes treatment for those who are 65 years of age or older or who have certain chronic medical conditions.
- FDA issued a [letter](#) to healthcare providers on using ventilator splitters during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide up-to-date information concerning multiplexing ventilator tubing connectors, also known as ventilator splitters, in situations in which no alternatives for invasive ventilatory support are available.
- As of today, 323 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by the FDA under EUAs. These include 240 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 69 antibody tests and 14 antigen tests. There are 35 molecular authorizations that can be used with home-collected samples. There is one molecular prescription at-home test, one antigen prescription at-home test and one over-the-counter (OTC) at-home antigen test.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC [posted](#) a webpage titled, "Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories."

- CDC [posted](#) a webpage titled, "Healthcare Professional Preparedness Checklist For Transport and Arrival of Patients With Confirmed or Possible COVID-19."
- CDC [published](#) a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report titled, "COVID-19 Vaccination Intent, Perceptions, and Reasons for Not Vaccinating Among Groups Prioritized for Early Vaccination — United States, September and December 2020."

Articles of Interest

- 2/9 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Biden Administration Plans Covid-19 Safety Campaign Focused on Social Distancing, Mask Wearing."](#)
- 2/9 Bloomberg published an article titled, ["Lilly Covid Antibody Combo Gets U.S. Emergency Authorization."](#)
- 2/9 The New York Times published an article titled, ["Could a Single Vaccine Work Against All Coronaviruses?"](#)
- 2/10 Stat published an article titled, ["Covid-19 cases are falling in the U.S. It could be a calm before a variant-driven storm."](#)