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COVID-19 Legislative Update November 16, 2020

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Supplemental IV

<u>Timeline/Process/Politics/Policy</u>: After the Senate returned last week, the House gaveled back in session today. **Dialogue between Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi has yet to occur.** Democrats and Republicans remain far apart on the size of any potential COVID-19 package, which has remained a sticking point for months. It's unclear if they'll be able to bridge the gap before the new year.

If a COVID-19 package doesn't come together in lame duck, it's likely that some noncontroversial COVID-related items are added to an end of the year appropriations bill. There's still a need for funding for vaccine distribution, especially in light of the recent vaccine trials from Pfizer and Moderna.

There's a couple ways appropriations could wrap up in the lame duck. There's a possibility Congress does pass all twelve appropriations bills before the current continuing resolution (CR) runs out on December 11. Congress could also pass another CR to give itself more time to pass all the bills, though it would likely be a short CR, not extending into next year. Another option could be the return of the "cromnibus", where a CR is passed for some appropriations bills and others are part of an omnibus. COVID-related items could be added in any one of these scenarios.

Passed Legislation

Moving forward, this section will only include new information and guidance. For past

New Implementation Information and Guidance

• There has been no new information and guidance since the previous update.

Members of Congress in Quarantine or Treatment (new additions in bold)

Tested Positive (3): Rep. Don Young (R-AK), Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI)

Currently Self-Quarantined (1): Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)

Recovered (23): Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC), Rep. Ben McAdams (D-UT), Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA), Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY), Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL), Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC), Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA), Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL), Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-Puerto Rico at large), Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA), Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT), Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC), Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA), Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL), Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI), Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA) Completed Quarantine (47): Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC), Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA), Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS), Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA), Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO), Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA), Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI), Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY), Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Rep. Vincente Gonzalez (D-TX), Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ), Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D-NY), Rep. David Price (D-NC), Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO), Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA), Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK), Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA), Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL), Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ), Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK), Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT), Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA), Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA), Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX), Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX), Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA), Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA), Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE), Sen. James Lankford (R-OK), Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)



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