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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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Please see below for updates on legislation related to COVID-19. Updates are sent every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening. For past updates, click [here](#). For updates before May 8, click [here](#).

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Legislation

Supplemental IV

Timeline/Process/Politics: All signs seem to be pointing to movement on a bill happening in the middle, or more likely, the end of July. No real discussion between parties is happening at this point and there's no set process for moving forward. We are still in wait-and-see mode.

Policy: While Republicans have outlined liability protections as a red line, they've also pushed back on any extension of the federal boost to unemployment insurance. However, there have been talks about ways to gradually decrease it or create different incentives to return back to work.

In other news, a group of 179 House Democrats sent a [letter](#) to House Democratic leadership pushing for support for the clean energy industry in the next bill. The letter advocates for extending tax credits and, for some, converting them to a direct payment.

Legislation to Watch

Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program (P4) Act

Senators Coons (D-DE), Shaheen (D-NH), and Cardin (D-MD) released a PPP bill that would allow some small businesses to get a **second** PPP loan. One-pager [here](#).

The forgivable PPP loans would be available to small businesses and nonprofits who are still suffering from the pandemic/recession. Highlights below:

- Loans would not be available to publicly traded companies.

Passed Legislation

Moving forward, this section will only include new information and guidance. For past information and guidance and passed legislation, please refer to the [archives](#).

New Implementation Information and Guidance

- 6/15 – The Federal Reserve announced that **the lender portal for the Main Street Lending Program had opened**. Press release [here](#). Lender portal [here](#). Information on the Main Street Lending Program [here](#).
- 6/14 – SBA released updated data on the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and Advance Loans. PPP data [here](#). EIDL data [here](#). Advance data [here](#).
 - Note: SBA has said that **it will re-open the application window for EIDL applications** from non-agriculture-related businesses.
- 6/12 – Treasury released the **second round of disbursements to tribes** from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Methodology [here](#).
- 6/12 – Treasury and the SBA released new and revised guidance for the Paycheck Protection Program. The guidance incorporates the changes the recently passed Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act (PPFA) made. New Interim Final Rules [here](#). New Borrower Application [here](#). New Lender Application [here](#).

Congress

Hearings/Floor Activity

The House will meet later this week to pass the [Justice in Policing Act](#). The House Judiciary Committee will markup the bill on Wednesday. Sen. Tim Scott plans to release a police reform bill on Wednesday, which will likely serve as the Republican caucus's response. The Senate is in session this week and will be voting on The Great American Outdoors Act (H.R.1957 will be the legislative vehicle).

Appropriations

SAC plans to markup bills late June, though it may slip to July. The subcommittee markup schedule has been reported as E&W, THUD, and Leg Branch on June 25; Interior, CJS, Ag, DHS on July 2; and the remaining bills to be determined. SAC is unlikely to markup the Homeland Security and MilCon/VA bills. SAC-D will likely not markup prior to August recess and may have to post a Chairman's mark. Subcommittees will poll their member rather than meet in person and save the in-person markups for full committee, to minimize the number of times that committee members have to gather.

The **House Appropriations Committee will be marking up the first week of July**, likely pausing for a day in between subcommittee markups and full committee markups. The plan right now is to approve a couple subcommittee bills per each full committee markup, starting on Thursday, July 9 and aiming to finish full committee markups the following Thursday, July 16. We will likely see a firmer schedule and order of bills next week. The

appropriations bills before the August recess.

NDAA

After completed markup last week, the Senate Armed Services Committee plans to file the bill later this week with the hope that it will be passed before July recess. HASC Chairman Adam Smith and Ranking Member Thornberry [announced](#) that **HASC will be marking up the bill the week of June 22**, with the full markup on June 24.

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

Tested Positive (1): **Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)**

Currently Self-Quarantined (0):

Recovered (7): 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)

Completed Quarantine (38): Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), 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. Drew Ferguson (R-GA), 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. Mike Lee (R-UT), 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)



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