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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](#).

6.22.2020. COVID-19 Legislative Update

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 negotiations have yet to begin, lawmakers have continued introducing various bills that may be included in the final package. See below for recent bills:

- Sen. Wicker (R-MS) and Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced a bill last week that would create a \$120 billion **restaurant stabilization fund** to be administered by Treasury. Press release [here](#).
- Sen. Portman (R-OH) has floated a proposal where workers returning to work would receive \$450 a week, meaning they'd receive their wages plus a \$450 bonus. Rep. Brady (R-TX) has offered a similar proposal, where workers returning to work would receive two weeks of a \$600 boost.
 - Note: Chairman Grassley (R-IA) and Senate Finance Committee staff are continuing to work on finding way to incentivize workers to return to jobs.
- Sens. Cruz (R-TX), Scott (R-SC), and Rubio (R-FL) introduced a bill that would **expand eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program** to chambers of commerce and designated marketing organizations (DMOs) that employ 300 or fewer employees. Bill text [here](#). Press release [here](#).

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

- 6/19 – The SBA and Treasury [announced](#) that they will be releasing **additional data on small businesses** that have received loans from the Paycheck Protection Program. Data will include businesses' names, addresses, NAICS codes, zip codes, business types, demographics, non-profit information, jobs supported and loan amount range. For loans below \$150,000, aggregates will be released. PPP data for round 2 funding [here](#). Press release [here](#).
- 6/17 – The Department of Education [issued](#) an **interim final rule for higher education institutions** to determine students' eligibility for emergency financial aid grants under the CARES Act. Interim Final Rule [here](#).
- 6/22 – Hospitals originally expected the second round of funding for hotspot hospitals to be distributed last Friday. However, we've been hearing that **distribution will be delayed** by a week and likely go out this coming Friday. It is unclear if the formula will hold, as many more hospitals will qualify for this round of funding than the last hotspot round.
- 6/22 – Treasury is circulated a document that outlines a new Municipal Lending Program for non-profits, called the **Nonprofit Organization Expanded Loan Facility** (NOELF). See here for [document](#).

Congress

Hearings/Floor Activity

The House will be in session this week, with votes on Thursday and Friday. The House will have votes on the Democratic police reform bill ([Justice in Policing Act](#)) and a DC statehood bill. The Senate plans to vote on the Republican police reform bill ([the JUSTICE Act](#)) later this week.

Appropriations

The House plans to hold all the subcommittee **markups on July 6 and 7, with full committee markups beginning July 9**. Order will likely be SFOPS, Ag-FDA, and MilCon on July 6; Homeland, Interior, Leg Branch, E&W, and Labor-HHS on July 7; and, CJS, THUD, FSGG, and Defense on July 8. Full Committee markups will then begin the following day, hoping to finish full committee markups by Thursday, July 16.

The plan also remains to **move bills on the floor the last two weeks of July in the form of two minibuses**. It'll be a relatively closed floor process with a limited number of votes per package, as voting takes so long. The Rules Committee may package amendments en bloc as a part of a rule.

Agencies like the CDC and others may be designated as **emergency spending** — i.e.

The Senate markups have slipped, possibly slipping to early July. The delay has been caused by disagreement over various amendments proposed by Democrats. 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.

NDA

The House Armed Services Committee is **scheduled to markup this week**, with full committee amendments due on Friday. It will likely take two days for the FY21 NDAA to get through full committee. The aim is to have the bill move on the House floor before August recess.

While the Senate Armed Services Committee approved the FY21 NDAA earlier in June, the Committee has yet to file the bill. It is unclear when the bill will move on the floor – the hope is to move it before July 4 recess.

House Protocols

The Chief Attending Officer and Attending Physician of the House sent out new guidance for offices last week. The guidance states that offices can receive Plexi-glass and PPE for no cost.

The House Attending Physician Brian Monahan also [sent](#) out updated guidance in a Dear Colleague last week. The **guidance requires face coverings for those meeting in “enclosed space[s]” for longer than 15 minutes**. Speaker Pelosi has asked committee chairs to invoke rules on decorum to prevent members without masks from taking part in hearings.

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. Vicente 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

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