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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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Timeline/Process/Politics: While negotiations continue to stall, there's been quite a bit of positioning in the past 24 hours. On Sunday evening, Speaker Pelosi announced that **the House will be called back from August recess** to vote on Oversight Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney's U.S. Postal Service (USPS) bill. The [bill](#) would appropriate \$25 billion for USPS, freeze recent changes in delivery, and include vote by mail provisions. Votes will be on Saturday in between the Democratic and Republican conventions.

This afternoon, Senate Republicans indicated that they would be **releasing a "skinny" bill – with a top line of less than \$1 trillion – within 24 hours**. Both Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer have maintained that passing a "skinny bill" or dividing issues into smaller packages are nonstarters. It's unclear if the release of the bill will jump start negotiations or if we will continue to wait until September for talks to resume. As the bill's price tag is lower than HEALS, it will likely gain more Republican votes than HEALS would have.

Policy: The bill Republicans plan to release [includes](#) an additional **\$10 billion for USPS**, which was the number that had been agreed to during negotiations between the White House and Democrats earlier this month. It also includes **\$300 a week for unemployment insurance** through December 27, 2020 (the HEALS Act included \$200/week until October, where it would transition to 70% of a person's previous income). The bill also [includes](#) funding for the **Paycheck Protection Program, education, and \$29 billion for health**

HEALS: Senate Republicans released the eight-bill package the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools (HEALS) Act on July 27. See the following for the individual bills. *American Workers, Families, and Employers Assistance Act* (Senate Finance Committee provisions) text [here](#), section by section [here](#). *Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act* (Small Business provisions) press release [here](#), text [here](#), section by section [here](#), one pager [here](#). *Coronavirus Response Additional Supplemental Appropriations Act* (Appropriations provisions) text [here](#), summary [here](#). *Restoring Critical Supply Chains and Intellectual Property Act* (Supply Chain and Research provisions) text [here](#), section by section [here](#). *SAFE TO WORK Act* (Liability Relief) text [here](#), section by section [here](#). *Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act* (Health, Education, and Labor Provisions) text [here](#), section by section [here](#). *Supporting America's Restaurant Workers Act* text [here](#). *TRUST Act* text [here](#), section by section [here](#), one pager [here](#).

HEROES: The House passed the Democrats' opening bid for the next bill, the Heroes Act, on May 15. While it's been over two months since House passage of the bill and the contours of the debate and which issues are most pressing have shifted slightly, it can still serve as a marker of what Senate Republicans will be responding to in their bill. Heroes Act text (as of 5/12/2020) [here](#). Section by section [here](#). One pager [here](#). State and Local one pager [here](#). NCAI's summary on tribal provisions [here](#). Manager's amendment [here](#). House Rules Committee report [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](#). For a summary of all supplementals, please see [here](#).

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 and changes in bold)

Tested Positive (2): Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)

Currently Self-Quarantined (0):

Recovered (10): 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)

Completed Quarantine (45): 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.

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), Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX), Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA), Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA), **Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)**

*Mark Meadows quarantined March 9 – 12 after coming in contact with a CPAC attendee who tested positive. On March 20, he resigned from his position in the House to become the White House Chief of Staff.



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