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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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Please see below for updates on legislation related to COVID-19. Updates will be sent on Monday evenings, until negotiations ramp up (or dissipate). For past updates, click [here](#). For updates before May 8, click [here](#). If you believe you have been accidentally unsubscribed, you can re-subscribe [here](#).

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Timeline/Process/Politics: If any COVID-specific package comes together, it will be after the Thanksgiving recess. Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi has yet to engage on COVID negotiations, though they did discuss, along with Leader Schumer, add-ons to the end of the year omnibus last Thursday. It's unclear what, if anything, was agreed to be added. The subcommittee spending levels (302bs) have yet to be set. **While there's optimism that Congress could pass a full omnibus before the end of the year, they may need another CR extension before a final deal comes together.** Last week, some were worried of a potential scenario where the President could, last minute, blow up an appropriations deal by demanding a list of final policies before he leaves office. However, last Wednesday, Republicans indicated that the White House had signaled that the administration is willing to sign the approaching omnibus package.

While some have been cautiously optimistic about appropriations finishing before the end of the year, many are pessimistic about the likelihood of passing a comprehensive COVID package in lame duck. **There has yet to be real bipartisan negotiations on COVID relief other than discussions related to the omnibus.** Though there had been rumors last week that the Biden transition had been pushing for Democrats to make a deal on a smaller relief package, the Biden transition denied that assertion. After holding a meeting last Friday to discuss COVID relief, President-Elect Biden, Vice President-Elect Harris, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader Schumer issued a joint [press release](#) emphasizing their

Passed Legislation

This section includes only 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

- 11/18 -- The Treasury Department issued clarifying guidance on the tax deductibility of Paycheck Protection Program loans. If loans are forgiven, the expenses are not deductible. Press release [here](#).

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

Tested Positive (11): **Rep. Don Young (R-AK), Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA), Rep. Brian Steil (R-WI), Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT)**

Currently Self-Quarantined (1): **Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI)**

Recovered (16): 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. 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), 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), Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), 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



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