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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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Timeline/Process/Politics: The current discussions are the farthest we've gotten toward a bipartisan bill, and it seems that there is a significant amount of political will from members from both sides of the aisle to get a COVID relief package passed before Congress leaves town. However, time is running out – **it's unclear if negotiators will be able to reach a deal on liability protection in the time left**. Once a deal is agreed upon, it will take time to draft the bill and finalize the text. As of publishing, the Senate had yet to pass the one-week continuing resolution that would extend funding for the government until December 18.

After a brief interlude on Tuesday, after the White House dropped a \$916 billion package with unemployment insurance numbers Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer called “unacceptable”, the bipartisan group has continued working towards a deal. **While we have yet to see text, the group released an [updated framework](#) on Tuesday with more details on various sections of the bill**. Later that day, the bipartisan group announced a deal on funding for state, local, and tribal governments, leaving liability protections as the last piece to be negotiated. Soon after that announcement, McConnell's staff [notified](#) congressional leaders that the bipartisan group's attempts to find a deal on aid to state, local, and tribal governments and liability protections would likely not be enough to placate Senate Republicans. **Leader McConnell has continued suggesting lawmakers leave out the two most contentious issues areas** – liability protections and funding for state, local, and tribal governments – in favor of including those issues in a later bill. Democratic

Policy: The bipartisan group introduced more details on their framework earlier this week and **should be seen as the primary base for any deal** that surfaces in the next week. The White House and Leader McConnell have both proposed alternative packages to the framework, but both have been rejected by Democratic leadership. It should be noted that the current bipartisan framework is a *framework*, and not bill text. Once a deal is agreed upon, the chairs of the authorizing committees will need time to write the bill and finalize details.

Problem Solvers/Bipartisan Framework: Last Tuesday, a bipartisan, bicameral group released a COVID package framework. December 9 [framework](#). December 1 press release [here](#). December 1 framework [here](#) and below.

- \$160 billion for state, local, and tribal governments
- \$180 billion for Unemployment Insurance (UI), \$300/week for 16 weeks (through April 2021)
- \$300 billion for the SBA, \$288 for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), including support for restaurants, types of 501(c)(6)s, and live events, tax deductibility, and set-asides for small borrowers and CDFIs/MDIs
- \$12 billion for CDFI/MDIs
- \$45 billion for airlines/airports, transit, Amtrak
- \$16 billion for vaccine development/distribution and testing/tracing
- \$35 billion for the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund
- \$82 billion for education
- \$4 billion for student loans
- \$25 billion for rental housing assistance
- \$26 billion for nutrition/agriculture
- \$10 billion for U.S. Postal Service
- \$10 billion for child care
- \$10 billion for broadband
- \$5 billion for opioid and mental health funding
- Short-term liability protection

White House Proposal: On Tuesday, Secretary Mnuchin presented a \$116 billion proposal to Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer. Secretary Mnuchin statement [here](#). Proposal reportedly included \$600 stimulus checks, but significantly lower levels for unemployment insurance compared to the bipartisan group's framework.

Updated McConnell Plan: On December 1, Leader McConnell released an updated version of the \$500 billion COVID package he released earlier this fall. Summary [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

New Implementation Information and Guidance

- 12/9 – CRS released a report on Pandemic-Related Statutory Provisions Expiring in 2020. Report [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 (R-LA), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)



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