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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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Timeline/Process/Politics: While President Biden has indicated he is still open to continuing bipartisan negotiations, **the reconciliation process is in full swing**. It's likely bipartisan conversations do not continue or are rendered irrelevant as Democrats march through reconciliation. After the House and Senate passed budget resolutions and the budget last week, **House committees are marking up their sections of the bill this week**, with the aim of floor votes the first week of March and final passage before unemployment insurance expires on March 14.

Policy: We've started to see some committees release their portions of the bill ahead of markups. See below for committee text and summaries. Initial Biden proposal [here](#). The topline is around \$1.9 trillion.

Ways and Means: press release [here](#) (with links to text and section by section summaries), Joint Committee on Taxation summary [here](#)

- \$1,400 stimulus checks, with same income phase out as the most recent package (\$75 per year for single filers, \$150,000 per year for married couples) ([Subtitle G](#));
- \$400/week federal unemployment insurance through August 29, 2021 ([Subtitle A](#));
- Extends FFCRA unemployment provisions ([Subtitle A](#));
- Expands eligibility and increases credit for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC) to \$3,000 per child, and allows families to claim up to half

- Extension of the employee retention credit ([Subtitle G](#));
- Exempts EIDL grants and Restaurant Revitalization Grants from tax ([Subtitle G](#)); and,
- Increases ACA subsidies and caps premiums at 8.5 percent of income, temporary subsidy of COBRA continuation coverage for those who have lost their job-based insurance ([Subtitle F](#)).

Education and Labor: press release [here](#), fact sheet [here](#), section by section [here](#), text [here](#)

- \$128.5 billion in grants for elementary and secondary school reopening and stabilization;
- \$39.6 billion for higher education emergency relief fund;
- Increases the federal minimum wage to \$15/hr by 2025, phases out the tipped minimum wage by 2027, phases out and eliminated sub-minimum wage;
- \$150 million for worker protection (\$75 million for OSHA);
- \$14.9 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDGB) program;
- Extends the 15 percent increase in monthly SNAP benefits.

Small Business: committee print [here](#), text [here](#)

- Expands eligibility for Paycheck Protection Program loans and second-draw loans,
- \$15 billion for EIDL grants;
- \$25 billion for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, with women- and minority-owned restaurants prioritized.

Transportation and Infrastructure: text [here](#)

- \$50 billion for FEMA;
- Assistance for funeral-related expenses to individuals and households affected;
- \$30 billion for targeted support of public transit agencies;
- \$8 billions for airport assistance;
- \$3 billion for airline payroll support, with certain requirements for airlines to receive funding;

Financial Services: committee print [here](#), text [here](#)

- \$10 billion for the Defense Production Act;
- At least \$19 billion for emergency rental assistance, \$5 billion for emergency assistance to those at risk or experiencing homelessness; and,
- Almost \$10 billion for Homeowner Assistance Fund, which includes emergency utility assistance.

Energy and Commerce: no public text yet, but more details specific to health response funding are [here](#).

Agriculture: no public text yet

Veterans Affairs: no public text yet

Along with the policies listed above, we expect to see the following reflected in committee text that will be released.

- **\$350 billion for state, local, and territorial governments.**
- \$20 billion for **vaccination distribution**, \$50 billion for **testing expansion**.
- \$20 billion for **tribal governments** to help them respond to the pandemic in Indian Country.
- Over **\$10 billion for cybersecurity and information technology** improvements, including \$9 billion for the Technology Modernization Fund.

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 the supplementals that have been passed, 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 in bold. As of January 15, the below list only includes members of the 117th Congress and thus is not cumulative across Congresses.

Tested Positive (2): **Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA)**

Died from COVID-19 (1): **Rep. Ron Wright (R-TX)**

Recovered from COVID-19 (66): Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Rep. Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), 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. Dan Meuser (R-PA), Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-Puerto Rico at large), 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), 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), Rep. Brian Steil (R-WI), Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT), Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-TX), Rep. Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV), Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA), Rep. Ted Budd (R-NC), Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL), Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA), Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA), Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC), Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL), Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI), **Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL), Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX), Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA), Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Rep. Jake LaTurner (R-KS), Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN), Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL), Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA), Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)**

Don Beyer (D-VA), Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS), Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA), Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY), Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Rep. Vincente Gonzalez (D-TX), 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), 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), Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX), Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA), Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA), Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA), 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. Mark Pocan (D-WI), Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA),



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