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Coronavirus COVID-19 – Government Action – May 18, 2020

WHITE HOUSE

- [Remarks by President Trump on Vaccine Development](#), May 15, 2020
- [New Members of White House Coronavirus Task Force Announced](#), May 15, 2020
- [Press Briefing by White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany](#), May 15, 2020

CONGRESS

- House passed [HR 6800](#), the HEROES Act, on May 15, 2020, by a 208-199 vote. The bill contains numerous Democratic priorities for Congress' Phase 4 coronavirus response. That said, House Democratic priorities are not necessarily aligned with those of Senate Republicans or the White House, and further negotiations will be required before a Phase 4 deal can be signed into law. In addition to HEROES, the House also voted to allow remote voting, which will give House Democrats greater flexibility to promote their legislative agenda in the weeks and months ahead.
- COVID-19 Congressional Oversight Commission, which was created by the CARES Act, issued its [first report](#) on May 18, 2020, which details dozens of questions on US Treasury and Federal Reserve measures the commission will seek answers to in future reports.
- Senate Banking Committee to hold its first [CARES Act Quarterly Report to Congress](#) on May 19, 2020, to receive testimony from Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Chairman Powell, marking first public inquiry by Congress into state of economic triage and response efforts.

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
 - [COVIDView Weekly Summary](#), updated May 15, 2020
 - Cases in the US, [May 15, 2020](#)
 - Viral Testing Data in the US, [May 14, 2020](#)National Healthcare Safety Network
 - [Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Module](#) (tracking/reporting infections) and [Enrollment Information](#)
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**
 - [COVID-19 FAQs on Medicare Fee-for-Service Billing](#), updated May 15, 2020
 - [Informational Bulletin - Medicaid Managed Care Options in Responding to COVID-19](#), May 14, 2020
 - [CMS News Alert May 15, 2020](#)
 - [New Medicaid Section 1135 Waivers \(Alaska\)](#), May 15, 2020
- **Environmental Protection Agency**
 - [Distribution of Available Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) to FEMA](#), May 13, 2020
 - [EPA Stresses Importance of Recycling and Proper Disposal of PPE](#), May 12, 2020
- **Federal Trade Commission**
 - [FTC Alerts Consumers About Nursing Homes and Assisted-Living Facilities Taking Stimulus Checks from Medicaid Patients](#), May 15, 2020
- **Food and Drug Administration**
 - [COVID-19 Update: FDA Informs Public About Possible Accuracy Concerns with Abbott ID NOW Point-of-Care Test](#), May 14, 2020
 - [COVID-19 FAQs](#), as of May 14, 2020
 - [Temporary Policy Regarding Non-Standard PPE Practices for Sterile Compounding by Pharmacy Compounding Not Registered as Outsourcing Facilities](#), updated May 14, 2020
 - [COVID-19 Update: Daily Roundup May 14, 2020](#)

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- [EUA Letter - Infusion Pumps and Infusion Pump Accessories](#), May 13, 2020
- **National Institutes of Health**
 - [Press Release - Investigational ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 Vaccine Protects Monkeys Against COVID-19 Pneumonia](#), May 15, 2020
- **US Department of Health and Human Services**
 - [Trump Administration Announces Framework and Leadership for 'Operation Warp Speed'](#), May 15, 2020
 - [Notice of Enforcement Discretion - COVID-19 Community-Based Testing Sites](#), scheduled for Federal Register publication on May 18, 2020
 - [HHS COVID-19 Awards](#) (tracks awards made by HHS using emergency supplemental appropriation funding)

Office of Inspector General

- [FAQs - Application of OIG's Administrative Enforcement Authorities to Arrangements Directly Connected to COVID-19](#), updated May 14, 2020

- **US Department of Treasury**

Small Business Administration

- [Paycheck Protection Program - Loan Forgiveness Application](#), May 15, 2020
- [Summary of Paycheck Protection Program Round 2 Data](#), as of May 14, 2020

STATES

- **Federation of State Medical Boards**

Actions in Response to COVID-19 - Updated May 13, 2020

- [States Modifying Continuing Medical Education Requirements](#)
- [States Modifying Licensure Requirements for Physicians](#)
- [States Modifying Requirements for Telehealth](#)

- **National Governors Association**

- [Summary of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#), May 14, 2020
- [State-by-State Summary of Public Health Criteria in Reopening Plans](#), May 13, 2020

- **Orders**

- New Mexico [Executive Order](#), May 15, 2020 (extends stay-at-home until May 31, 2020)
- New York [Press Release](#), May 15, 2020 (announces five regions will begin reopening)

ASSOCIATIONS

- **America's Health Insurance Plans**

- [Health Insurance Providers Respond to COVID-19](#), updated May 14, 2020

- **American Medical Association**

- [AMA Cautions About Limitations of Antibody Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#) and [Guidance](#), May 14, 2020