COVID-19 Related News Resources:

**Senate State of Play:**

Conversations are ongoing regarding funding the Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses, as well as addressing other covid health care and testing priorities. The hope is for bill text to be sent around as soon as a deal can come together. As you may recall, Leader McConnell asked consent to fund the PPP a week and half ago (April 9), but was blocked by Senate Democrats -- a move later praised by the Speaker. Instead, we have watched as SBA and lenders around the country are forced to stop processing loans mid-crisis. This was completely unnecessary, had we passed the PPP funding over a week ago. Now small businesses are being forced to wait to see if they will even be able to get a loan. Hopefully we’ll have an update later tonight on the state of play.

**Federal Action on Coronavirus:**

Additionally, SBA and Treasury have posted new documents to their respective PPP websites, including the latest update to the PPP FAQ document:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Updated)
- The [Interim Final Rule](#) announcing Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans for the Paycheck Protection Program. This information is being posted in advance of publication in the Federal Register. The official version will appear in the Federal Register.

SBA also released a slide deck yesterday summarizing PPP loan activity to date – note that the construction and professional services sectors have been heavy users of the program. Through April 13, 2020, the SBA has guaranteed 1,035,086 loans under the Paycheck Protection Program. For more information on loan activity, click here.

We’re hearing of possible progress on a deal that includes an additional $250 billion for the PPP program. I’ll keep you posted as we get further information and details.

- March 27 – President signs [Memorandum](#) on Order Under the Defense Production Act Regarding General Motors Company.
- March 27 – President signs [Executive Order](#) Delegating Additional Authority Under the DPA with Respect to Health and Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19.
- March 27 – President signs [Executive Order](#) to Order the Select Reserve and Certain Members of the Individual Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty
- March 27, 2020 — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act was signed by President Trump.
March 27, 2020 — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act was approved the U.S. House.

March 26 – Department of Health and Human Services issues designation of scarce COVID-19 resources subject to hoarding prevention measures.


March 22 – President Trump authorized the use of National Guard under Title 32, 502(f) for California, New York and Washington

March 22 – President Trump approved Major Disaster Declarations for Washington and California

March 20 – President Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for New York.

March 19 – USDA and DOL Announce Information Sharing to Assist H-2A Employers.

March 18, 2020 – President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

March 18, 2020 – The U.S. Senate passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

March 18 – HUD Provides Immediate Relief For Homeowners Amid Nationwide Coronavirus Response. HUD announces a suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for the next 60 days.

Global Snapshot from the World Health Organization:

Useful link: COVID-19 Situation Dashboard

Globally:

- Cases: 2,314,621+
- Deaths: 157,847+

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT: Global Level Very High

U.S. COVID-19 Statistics:

COVID-19 at a Glance in the U.S.:

- Total cases: 770,138+
- Total deaths: 37,186+


Regional COVID-19 Statistics:

COVID-19 Cases in DC:

- Number of people tested overall: 14,113

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1 All data is drawn from the WHO’s COVID-19 daily Situation Reports.
2 https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/
Current DC Health Advisory (as of March 20th)

March 30th Stay at Home Order

COVID-19 Cases in Maryland: 5
- Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 13,684
- Number of Deaths: 516
- Hospitalizations: 3,014
- Negative Tests: 57,713
- Released from Isolation: 917

COVID-19 Cases in Virginia: 6
- Total tests conducted: 56,735
- Cases of COVID-19: 8,990
- Hospitalized: 1,500
- Deaths: 300

*Data include both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

Conventions and Event Status for Groups and Associations:

For an updated list of events visit:

5 https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx