

# Daily Updates

## Trump halts COVID relief bill talks

With many across the country struggling with the virus, unemployment, or both, President Donald Trump returned from a weekend at Walter Reed Medical Center and immediately went back to his rhetoric of not wearing masks and down playing the pandemic.

The president even took it a step further and said that he would be halting the economic stimulus bill that was previously being worked on in Congress, ending the additional funding to those receiving the extra \$600 in unemployment.

Trump immediately appeared to change course on ending talks when he tweeted.

“If I am sent a Stand Alone Bill for Stimulus Checks (\$1,200), they will go out to our great people IMMEDIATELY. I am ready to sign right now. Are you listening Nancy? @MarkMeadows @senatemajldr @kevinomccarthy @SpeakerPelosi @SenSchumer”

His tweet, directed at Mark Meadows, White House Chief of Staff, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, House Minority leader Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, would be very helpful to the American people, but fails to address those most impacted during this pandemic by job loss.

An American family of four

would receive an additional \$3400 dollars, the same amount as was sent out earlier in the year. The \$6800 would most certainly be the only amount American families of four would receive in the eight month span, which seems less helpful to families dealing with job loss than a stimulus plan that would also continue those unemployment benefits.

Presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden, issued a strong statement about Trump killing the stimulus negotiations.

“Make no mistake: if you are out of work, if your business is closed, if your child’s school is shut down, if you are seeing lay-

offs in your community, Donald Trump decided today that none of that — none of it — matters to him,” Biden said in a statement released by his campaign and reported by the Associated Press (AP).

The GOP has been hoping to get a stimulus bill done before the election, but balked at Pelosi’s request of a stimulus bill in the range of \$2 trillion. As the AP points out, both sides were unwilling to find a middle ground before the president announced he was going to halt the talks until after the election Nov. 3.

Last week, the White House said it was backing a \$400 per week pandemic jobless benefit

and dangled the possibility of a COVID-19 relief bill of \$1.6 trillion. But that offer was rejected by Pelosi, who continued to take a hard line in the talks, including insisting on repeal of a \$254 billion GOP business tax break passed in the March package as a way to finance additional relief.

Millions of Americans are hurting from this pandemic and need stimulus money to survive. Unfortunately, it seems unlikely that a bill will be passed before the election.

Source: <https://apnews.com/article/virus-outbreak-donald-trump-amy-coney-barrett-courts-mitch-mcconnell-ed5453fa2078982dba31919b-8c1e274f>

## Three participants have serious side effects in vaccine trial

Tens of thousands of participants have already been administered a COVID-19 vaccine from multiple drug makers, and yesterday it was reported that five of them have had serious side effects.

Moderna (3 participants) and Pfizer (2) had a combined five participants who experienced intense side effects including high fever, pounding headaches, intense chills, and exhaustion. The Motely Fool, who reported the story based on a CNBC study also

pointed out that the participants symptoms didn’t last very long.

On a more positive note, all three Moderna trial participants and one in the Pfizer trial reported that their side effects, while intense, melted away after at most one day. All five, meanwhile, expressed the belief that the discomfort they experienced will be worth it for the value of the research being undertaken. Both of the trials in question are phase 3 studies that have tens of thousands of participants. And because they are

double-blind, neither the patients nor the medical workers inoculating them know whether any given individual is getting the vaccine or a placebo.

Nonetheless, these two companies as well as BioNTech (who has partnered with Pfizer in making a vaccine) are still considered the front runners for a vaccine.

Source: <https://www.fool.com/investing/2020/10/05/report-moderna-and-pfizer-vaccine-trial-participant/>

## Fond du Lac COVID-19 testing results

Fond du Lac Human Services COVID-19 situational update as of Sept. 30, 2020:

Of the 1464 patients tested at Min No Aya Win (MNAW) and Center for American Indian Resources (CAIR):

- 1435 negative tests
- 9 Pending tests (sent to external lab)
- 20 positive tests
- Total tests: 1464
- Total sendout: 549
- Total in-house: 915

MNAW total: 1145  
CAIR total: 319  
Total negative: 1435  
Total positive: 20  
Sendout pending: 9

\*10 of 20 are on-Reservation

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## Get Tested for COVID-19





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- Open to everyone
- Symptoms or no symptoms
- Free, no insurance needed

Tuesday October 6, 2020  
Wednesday October 7, 2020  
Thursday October 8, 2020  
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Cloquet, MN 55720  
(in the gym)

Sign up for an appointment time now.

This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

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<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/>

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