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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### Latest News

- The House and Senate met this week, and approved a COVID response package to provide additional funding for small business loans, and additional funding for hospitals and testing. Additionally, the House established a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, which will be tasked to investigate, study, and report on the response to COVID-19. Both chambers are tentatively set to reconvene on May 4, unless emergency consideration of legislation is required. Discussions are currently underway in Congress to determine further needs and response to COVID-19.
- **4th Annual AG Award for Distinguished Service in Policing** - The Department of Justice has extended the nomination deadline for the Fourth Annual Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing. The nomination period is now open until **Monday, June 1 at 8 p.m. EDT**. Nominations may be submitted by the potential recipient's supervisors, professional peers, or members of their local community. Detailed information regarding the nomination process for this award is available at [www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award](http://www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award).
- **COSSAP Tribal Response Deadline Extended** - The Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program: Tribal Responses to Drug Overdoses deadline has been extended. Under this solicitation, up to five tribal communities will be selected for an award of up to \$500,000 each for a 14-month time period. Applications are due by May 14. You can read the solicitation [here](#).
- **Letter to LE from FBI Director Wray** - FBI Director Chris Wray recently released a letter to law enforcement partners to express encouragement to the law enforcement community during these difficult times. The letter also addresses what the Bureau is doing during the COVID response, including the hoarding of medical supplies. You can view the letter [here](#).
- **DEA Secure Your Meds Campaign** - The Drug Enforcement Administration recently announced the launch of the "Secure Your Meds" awareness campaign to remind Americans to keep prescription medications safe and secure until they can properly dispose of them once the COVID pandemic recedes. More information on the Secure Your Meds campaign as well as year round disposal sites and DEA's Take Back program is available at [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com).
- **+RISS Equals Results** - The latest edition of +RISS Equals Results is now available, and features the MOCIC RISS center's work to assist in a murder investigation by providing research and analytical products. You can view the recent +RISS Equals Results [here](#).
- **NIST Contest to Leverage Augmented Reality in Emergency Responses** - The National Institute of Standards and Technology recently announced two national innovation contests that aim to strategically leverage augmented reality and internet of things



technologies to transform public safety officials' abilities to respond to emergencies. The IoT contest focuses on the production of smart city data streams to simulate disaster scenarios, and its AR counterpart seeks to create AR interfaces for first responders. You can read more about the contest [here](#). You can view more on this contest on its website [here](#).

- **Further Information on COVID-19** - You can find further links to updates for law enforcement on COVID-19 at the Major County Sheriffs of America website [here](#), IACP website [here](#), at the Police Foundation website [here](#), at the National Sheriffs Association website [here](#), and at the NCCHC website [here](#).

- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

**CDC will boost states' coronavirus contact tracing efforts, Pence says**  
**ABC News | Katherine Faulders & Benjamin Siegel**

During a private call with governors Monday, Vice President Mike Pence said that the Centers for Disease Control will be sending teams to all 50 states and territories on a 12-18 month rotation "dedicated exclusively to coronavirus surveillance." "We're going to deploy specific coronavirus teams on a 12-month, 18-month rotation to each and every state and that information should be reaching your state -- those personnel -- this week," Pence told governors, according to a recording of the call obtained by ABC News. The move, if executed, would be one of the first large-scale federal actions to boost coronavirus contact tracing efforts in the states. **Continue reading [here](#).**

**We Need Better Cybercrime Data**

**Lawfare | Eileen Decker, Mieke Eoyang**

Cybercrime represents one of the fastest growing types of crime in the U.S., resulting in millions of victims and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic damages. This new reality should come as no surprise. As the recently released Cyber Solarium Commission report observes: The digital connectivity that has brought economic growth, technological dominance, and an improved quality of life to nearly every American has also created a strategic dilemma. The more digital connections people make and data they exchange, the more opportunities adversaries have to destroy private lives, disrupt critical infrastructure, and damage our economic and democratic institutions. **Continue reading [here](#).**

**FBI concerned about potential for hate crimes during coronavirus pandemic**

**CNN | Josh Campbell**

Federal investigators are concerned about the potential for hate crimes against minorities in the wake of the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic, according to the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In a letter Monday to law enforcement officials around the country, and obtained by CNN, FBI Director Christopher Wray wrote that his agency remains "concerned about the potential for hate crimes by individuals and groups targeting minority populations in the United States who they believe are responsible for the spread of the virus." Wray's letter also outlined other investigative priorities for the FBI, including countering fraud schemes, cyber criminals attempting to take advantage of innocent victims, and the hoarding and reselling of critical medical supplies. **Continue reading [here](#).**

**Coronavirus: Latin American crime gangs adapt to pandemic**

**BBC | Luis Fajardo**

He told criminal gangs to stop donating food packages during the coronavirus crisis and instead focus on ending the violence which had left more than 100 people dead the previous day. Mexican cartels are not the only ones who are continuing to operate - organised crime across Latin America, from Colombian gangs to Brazilian urban "militias", have continued to display their might throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, as BBC Monitoring's Latin America specialist Luis Fajardo reports. On the afternoon of 7 April, as Colombia experienced its 14th consecutive day under a nationwide quarantine decreed to stem the spread of coronavirus, a large funeral procession made its way through the working-class suburb of Bello in the city of Medellin. **Continue reading [here](#).**

**McConnell slams brakes on next round of coronavirus aid**

**Politico | Burgess Everett**

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is drawing a line: There will be no more attempts at long-distance legislating



on the coronavirus. In a telephone interview Tuesday after passage of a \$484 billion coronavirus relief bill, the Senate majority leader made clear that the full Senate must be in session before Congress begins its fifth installment of responding to the pandemic. And he signaled he is growing weary of quickly shoveling billions of dollars out the door even as the economy continues to crater. **Continue reading [here](#).**

### **Narcos in the Time of COVID-19** **Real Clear Defense | Gareth Rice**

In a break from the usual content of the daily White House press briefings on Covid-19, on 1 April the U.S. defence secretary, Mark Esper, announced an increase in military assets assigned to U.S. Southern Command in an effort to stop illicit-drug traffickers from exploiting the ongoing crisis. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley offered a stark warning to the cartels: 'You will not penetrate this country ... You're not going to come in here and kill additional Americans. And we will marshal whatever assets are required to prevent your entry into this country to kill Americans.' It's unclear what intelligence prompted this response; however, it poses interesting questions about how drug cartels might seek to capitalise on the coronavirus pandemic. **Continue reading [here](#).**

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## Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

There were no hearings held this week.

### [Upcoming scheduled hearings/markups:](#)

There are no scheduled upcoming hearings in the House and Senate.

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## Legislation on the Floor This Week

### **House:**

#### **[H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#)**

**Status:** Sent to President for signature 4/23; Approved by the House on 4/23; Approved by the Senate on 4/21.

**Summary:** This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak by providing additional funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing. This legislation includes:

- \$75 billion for reimbursement to hospitals and healthcare providers to support the need for COVID-19 related expenses and lost revenue.
- \$25 billion for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID-19 tests. Specific funding is provided for:
  - \$11 billion for states, localities, territories, and tribes to develop, purchase, administer, process, and analyze COVID-19 tests, scale-up laboratory capacity, trace contacts, and support employer testing. Funds are also made available to employers for testing.
  - \$2 billion provided to States consistent with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant formula, ensuring every state receives funding;
  - \$4.25 billion provided to areas based on relative number of COVID-19 cases.
  - \$750 million provided to tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian health organizations in coordination with Indian Health Service.
- \$1 billion provided to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity expansion, contact tracing, public health data surveillance and analytics infrastructure modernization.



- \$1.8 billion provided to the National Institutes of Health to develop, validate, improve, and implement testing and associated technologies; to accelerate research, development, and implementation of point-of-care and other rapid testing; and for partnerships with governmental and non-governmental entities to research, develop, and implement the activities.
- \$1 billion for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority for advanced research, development, manufacturing, production, and purchase of diagnostic, serologic, or other COVID-19 tests or related supplies.
- \$22 million for the Food and Drug Administration to support activities associated with diagnostic, serological, antigen, and other tests, and related administrative activities.
- Increases the authorization level for the Paycheck Protection Program from \$349 billion to \$659 billion.
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#### **H.Res. 935 - Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.**

**Status:** Approved by the House on 4/23.

**Summary:** This resolution establishes the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform to investigate, study, and report to the House of Representatives on its findings, including

- the efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and transparency of the use of taxpayer funds and relief programs to address the coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19) crisis;
- reports of abusive practices related to the coronavirus crisis;
- the implementation or effectiveness of any federal law applied, enacted, or under consideration to address the coronavirus crisis and prepare for future pandemics;
- preparedness for and response to the coronavirus crisis;
- the economic impact of the coronavirus crisis on individuals, communities, small businesses, health care providers, states, and local government entities;
- any disparate impacts of the coronavirus crisis on different communities and populations and the measures taken to address the disparate impacts;
- executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus crisis;
- the protection of whistleblowers who provide information about improper activities related to the coronavirus crisis; and
- cooperation by the executive branch and others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the Government Accountability Office, and others in connection with oversight of the preparedness for and response to the coronavirus crisis.

#### **Senate:**

**Note:** Due to Senate scheduling and rules, additional items not listed may be added to the calendar for consideration.

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## Recap of Last Week's Hearings & Markups

**Note:** For more details on any of the following hearings, we can provide access to hearing transcripts upon request.

There were no hearings or markups held last week.

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## Legislation Considered Last Week

### **House:**

The House met in pro forma sessions on April 14 and 17.

### **Senate:**

The Senate met in pro forma sessions on April 13 and 16.



**Legislation Introduced Last Week**

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
4/23/2020	<a href="#">HR 6610</a>	Max Rose (D-NY-11)	To establish the Cabinet-level position of Director of Pandemic and Biodefense Preparedness and Response in the Executive Branch with the responsibility of developing a National Pandemic and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Strategy, to prepare for and coordinate the response to future pandemics, biological attacks, and other major health crises, including coordinating the work of multiple government agencies, and for other purposes.
4/23/2020	<a href="#">HR 6601</a>	Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5)	To require a particular jury instruction in Federal civil actions that include a claim for damages based on negligence arising from the transmission of COVID-19.
4/21/2020	<a href="#">HR 6588</a>	Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-8)	To establish the Homeland Security Higher Education Advisory Council, and for other purposes.
4/21/2020	<a href="#">HR 6587</a>	Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16)	To prohibit the creation and use of fake social media accounts or profiles and the sending of fraudulent emails or other electronic messages.
4/21/2020	<a href="#">HR 6586</a>	Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16)	To prohibit the creation and use of fake social media accounts or profiles and the sending of fraudulent emails or other electronic messages, and to require certain social media companies to remove fake or harmful accounts and profiles from their platforms.
4/17/2020	<a href="#">HR 6548</a>	Adam Schiff (D-CA-28)	National Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States Act - To establish the Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States.
4/17/2020	<a href="#">HR 6541</a>	Tom Malinowski (D-NJ-7)	PPE Act of 2020 - To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for maintaining adequate supplies in Strategic National Stockpile, and for other purposes.
4/17/2020	<a href="#">HR 6537</a>	Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7)	To require the release of most aliens detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement during a national emergency related to a communicable disease.
4/14/2020	<a href="#">HR 6509</a>	Jerry Nadler (D-NY-10)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer death and disability benefits for certain public safety officers who contract COVID-19, and for other purposes.
4/14/2020	<a href="#">HR 6505</a>	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify the role of the National Biosurveillance Integration Center of the Department of Homeland Security regarding an emerging highly communicable infectious disease event of national concern, and for other purposes.
4/14/2020	<a href="#">HR 6504</a>	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop a plan to improve surveillance with respect to diseases that are viral pandemic threats, and for other purposes.
4/14/2020	<a href="#">HR 6500</a>	Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8)	To reduce Federal spending and fund the acquisition of unexpired personal protective equipment (including face masks) for the strategic national stockpile by terminating taxpayer financing of Presidential election campaigns.



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**Upcoming Events/Conferences**

[ASCIA 2020 Spring Conference](#)

April 26-29 — Coeur d'Alene, ID **CANCELED**

[National Police Week](#)

May 10-16 — Washington, DC **CANCELED**

[Major Cities Chiefs Association Summer Meeting](#)

June 2-5 — San Francisco, CA **CANCELED**

[National Sheriffs Association 2020 Annual Education & Technology Expe](#)

June 22-25 — Tampa, FL **CANCELED**

[Major County Sheriffs of America 2020 Summer Conference](#)

June 23-25 — Tampa, FL **CANCELED**

[2020 National Homeland Security Conference](#)

June 29-July 2 — Chicago, IL

**April 2020**

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**May 2020**

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- Senate in Session
- House in Session
- House & Senate in Session

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