

## TODAY IN WASHINGTON - MAY 21, 2020: COVID-19 UPDATES

### THURSDAY, MAY 21 UPDATE

Our Federal Advocacy Team is dedicated to providing frequent COVID-19 updates as they develop. Going forward, these updates will be distributed as developments warrant instead of nightly. These updates along with other resources can be found on the [COVID-19 Resource Center page of Hall Render's website](#).

*Note – we believe this is the most up-to-date information available at this time.*

### CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

- Today, Sen. Marco Rubio, co-author of the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"), released a copy of draft legislation to make program changes found [here](#). The measure would:
  - Extend the period for making PPP loans from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020;
  - Increase the period to spend to funds from 8 weeks to 16 weeks;
  - Add a new category for "covered worker protection expenditures";
  - Add an "8-week safe harbor period" that would be used to calculate the PPP loan reductions.
- Unfortunately, the Senate went into recess until June 1 without taking action on the legislation. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she still plans to hold a vote in the House next week on PPP legislation that has not yet been released.

### FROM THE FDA

- The FDA [posted a list of antibody tests](#) that are being removed from the "notification list" of tests being offered under the [Policy for COVID-19 Tests During the Public Health Emergency](#).
- The FDA issued the guidance: ["Supplements for Approved Premarket Approval or Humanitarian Device Exemption Submissions During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency"](#)

### TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 VACCINE TO BE AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER

- HHS [announced](#) collaboration with AstraZeneca to make available at least 300 million doses of a coronavirus vaccine called AZD1222, with the first doses delivered as early as October 2020.

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