

American Nephrology Nurses Association

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The following information comes from directly from news sources including Bloomberg Government, Kaiser Health News, and other news sources.

Schedules: White House and Congress

WHITE HOUSE

- 3pm: President Trump participates in Sinclair Town Hall event
- 5:25pm: Trump departs White House for Erie, Pa., for campaign rally at 7pm
 - First Lady Melania Trump set to join rally
- Trump arrives back at White House at 9:55pm

CONGRESS

- House out; Senate meets at noon to consider judicial nominees

Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: Biden, Trump May Be Muted at Final Debate:** Trump and Biden will have their microphones turned off during parts of the final presidential debate on Thursday, the Commission on Presidential Debates said last night. Each candidate will have an uninterrupted two minutes to speak at the beginning of each of the six 15-minute segments of the debate at Belmont University in Nashville. Both candidates' mics will then be turned on for "a period of open discussion" in the segment's remaining time, the commission said in a statement.
 - Bill Stepien, Trump's campaign manager, said in a statement that the president had agreed to the conditions, but he repeated an unfounded claim that the nonpartisan commission is biased in Biden's favor.
- **Bloomberg Government: Pelosi, Mnuchin Seen Narrowing Aid Gap:** Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin "continued to narrow their differences" on a coronavirus stimulus package, an aide to the speaker said yesterday, as time draws short to strike a deal on a bill that can pass by Election Day. "The Speaker continues to hope that, by the end of the day Tuesday, we will have clarity on whether we will be able to pass a bill" by Nov. 3, Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill said on Twitter.
- **Bloomberg Government: Justices Weigh Fight Over Medicaid Work Rules:** The U.S. Supreme Court has to decide whether to give the federal government another shot at greenlighting Medicaid work rules that opponents say will be disastrous for low-income people already struggling during the pandemic. A federal appeals court struck down an Arkansas law that forced people to work, volunteer, or go to school to get Medicaid a month before Covid-19 shuttered businesses across the country. The high court is being asked to step into the dispute at a time when millions of people are flocking to Medicaid after losing their jobs and their employer-sponsored health-care coverage.