

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

- 11am: Vice President Mike Pence leads video teleconference with governors on coronavirus response and recovery
- 1pm: President Trump has lunch with Pence
- Trump said in a Fox News interview that he will announce new restrictions on various employment-based visas by Monday
 - Move could affect an estimated 240,000 people seeking to work in the U.S. across industries from technology to finance and hospitality

CONGRESS

- House not in session, holds pro forma session at 11am
- Senate meets at 3pm; resumes consideration of nomination of Cory Wilson to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit

Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: Virus & Nursing Homes:** The House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee holds a hearing Thursday on Covid-19's effects on nursing homes.
- **Bloomberg Government: Insurance & Virus:** The House Financial Services Housing, Community Development and Insurance Subcommittee scheduled a hearing Friday on Covid-19's effects on insurers and policyholders.
- **Bloomberg Government: Health-Care Deals in May Relatively Strong:** Economic uncertainty caused by the pandemic continues to impede investors' interest in health-care deals. But transaction activity is comparably strong given overall market conditions, some analysts say. The 104 transactions in May represent the lowest number of deals announced or closed in any month this year, down from 106 in April. Still, the 686 deals year-to-date are "well ahead" of the 456 deals during the same period last year, Larry Kocot, a principal at KPMG, said.
- **The Washington Post: SBA, Treasury Department Reverse Course On Loan Data After Pressure From Congress:** The U.S. Small Business Administration and Treasury Department announced Friday that they would release a data set showing which businesses received many taxpayer-funded Paycheck Protection Program loans, walking back an earlier stance that all of the business names would remain hidden because the Trump administration considered them proprietary. The disclosures will include the

names of recipients who received loans of more than \$150,000 and it will also reveal a dollar range for each loan, such as whether it was between \$1 million and \$2 million. Precise dollar amounts will not be disclosed, the Trump administration said.

- **The Wall Street Journal: White House Preparing For Second Wave Of Coronavirus, Trade Adviser Says:** White House trade adviser Peter Navarro said Sunday that the Trump administration is preparing for a second wave of coronavirus infections. “We are filling the stockpile in anticipation of a possible problem in the fall. We are doing everything we can beneath the surface, working as hard as we possibly can,” Mr. Navarro told CNN. “You prepare – you prepare for what can possibly happen. I’m not saying it’s going to happen, but of course you prepare.”