

American Nephrology Nurses Association

Daily Capitol Hill Update - Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

- President Trump has no public events scheduled
 - 1:15pm: Trump has lunch with Sec. of State Mike Pompeo
- 1:30pm: Vice President Mike Pence holds video teleconference with governors on Covid-19 response
- 2pm: Press Sec. Kayleigh McEnany holds briefing

CONGRESS

- Senate meets at 10am; resumes consideration of James Anderson to be a deputy undersec. of Defense
- 10am: Senate Judiciary Committee hears from former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in a hearing on the Russia investigation

Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: Hospitals, Health Providers Get \$250 Million to Combat Virus:** Hospitals and other health-care providers will use a \$250 million grant from the CARES Act to provide workforce training, expand telemedicine offerings, and purchase protective gear and equipment to help fight Covid-19.
- **Bloomberg Government: NIH Bringing Back Non-Covid-19 Research:** The National Institutes of Health is in the early stage of physically bringing back staff who work on matters that are not related to Covid-19 research, NIH Office of AIDS Research Director Maureen Goodenow said yesterday at a meeting on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.
- **The Associated Press: Protests In Top 25 Virus Hot Spots Ignite Fears Of Contagion:** As demonstrators flooded streets across America to decry the killing of George Floyd, public health experts watched in alarm — the close proximity of protesters and their failures in many cases to wear masks, along with the police using tear gas, could fuel new transmissions of the coronavirus. Many of the protests broke out in places where the virus is still circulating widely in the population. In fact, an Associated Press review found that demonstrations have taken place in every one of the 25 U.S. communities with the highest concentrations of new cases. Some have seen major protests over multiple days, including Minneapolis-St. Paul, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

- **Bloomberg Government: Relief Funds Drive 'Cornucopia' of Fraud, Top IRS Official Says:** Criminal investigators at the IRS are seeing a “cornucopia of fraud” as the pandemic drags on and trillions of dollars in aid flows out of the federal government, a top official said.
- **The New York Times: Government's Coronavirus Relief Plan Leaves Out Major Employers:** One of the biggest questions surrounding the government’s efforts to help businesses struggling amid the coronavirus pandemic is whether the programs are constructed in a way that will prevent a wave of bankruptcies, keeping a short-term shock from turning into drawn-out economic pain. A new analysis from a group of Harvard University researchers suggests that the answer, should markets turn ugly again, might be no.