

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

- Noon: Trump departs White House for Bangor, Maine
 - 2pm: President takes part in roundtable in support of commercial fishermen and signs a proclamation
 - 2:45pm: Trump departs Bangor for Guilford, Maine
 - 3:25pm: Arrives at nasal swab manufacturer Puritan Medical Products; Guilford
 - 3:30pm: Tours Puritan Medical Products
 - 4pm: Trump makes remarks at Puritan
 - 4:40pm: Departs for Washington
 - 7:30pm: Trump arrives back at the White House

CONGRESS

- House not in session
- Senate adjourned until Monday

Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: SBA Allowed to Block Bankrupt Companies From Loans:** The Small Business Administration can block bankrupt borrowers from getting Paycheck Protection Program loans, a Maine bankruptcy judge ruled yesterday. The proposed ruling filed Wednesday by Judge Michael Fagone of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine is a reversal of his prior rulings to grant temporary restraining orders in favor of two bankrupt small hospitals in the state.
- **Politico: States Prod Nursing Homes To Take More Covid-19 Patients:** Programs designed to help elderly people with coronavirus are creating a perverse financial incentive for nursing homes with bad track records to bring in sick patients, raising the risks of spreading infections and substandard care for seriously ill patients, according to advocates for the elderly and industry experts. Coronavirus-positive patients can bring in double or more the funding of other residents. States including California, Massachusetts, Michigan and New Mexico, wanting to relieve pressure on crowded hospitals, are providing extra incentives for nursing homes to accept such patients.
- **Bloomberg Government: Agencies Work With WHO:** Also yesterday, top public health officials said they are still working closely with the World Health Organization even after President Donald Trump said last week he planned to terminate the U.S. relationship with the group for being overly deferential to China. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci and Redfield both suggested they're

maintaining ties with the WHO. "The WHO continues to be a close colleague or ours," Redfield told lawmakers. "We continue to have a close collaboration with the WHO."

- **Bloomberg Government: Trump Team Sees \$1 Trillion in Next Stimulus:** White House officials envision as much as \$1 trillion in the next round of economic stimulus, though they have delayed those discussions scheduled for this week, according to people familiar with the matter. Senior aides had planned to meet this week to discuss the next round of pandemic relief, but it was removed from the calendar and hasn't yet been rescheduled, according to the people. Senate Republicans had no plans to act on a stimulus bill this month.
 - Senator Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has informed White House officials behind closed doors that another round of stimulus by Congress could be just under \$1 trillion, a figure that Trump administration officials have said they're comfortable with, the people said.