

# American Nephrology Nurses Association

## Daily Capitol Hill Update - Monday, June 8, 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

- 1pm: President Trump has lunch with Vice President Mike Pence
- 3pm: Trump participates in a roundtable with law enforcement
- Pence holds a video teleconference on COVID-19 response and economic revival with governors at 11am

#### CONGRESS

- House meets at 9am in pro forma session; no votes are scheduled this week
  - 10:15am: Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other lawmakers observe a moment of silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds to honor George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others
  - 10:30am: House and Senate Democrats unveil policing reform legislation
- Senate meets at 3pm; takes up a bill that would permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- The chamber is working on the annual defense policy bill, with markups to start this week and floor consideration to follow shortly after

### Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: Trump Says He'll Ask Congress for Additional Stimulus:** Trump said Friday he will ask Congress to pass more economic stimulus. House Democrats passed an additional \$3.5 trillion stimulus last month, aimed largely at aiding beleaguered states and hospitals battered by the lockdowns of the coronavirus outbreak. But Senate Republicans plan to wait until late July before considering any new relief.
- **Bloomberg Government: Hospital Financial Woes Persist:** Hospitals and nursing homes lost 66,000 jobs in May, even as other struggling parts of the health-care industry bounced back, restoring hundreds of thousands of positions lost during the spread of the virus, according to federal data released Friday. The continued financial strains for the hospital industry has prompted concerns that some of the poorest areas in the U.S. might have hit a ceiling in expansion of Covid-19 testing sites as community health centers close their doors.
- **Kaiser Health News: Rapid Changes To Health System Spurred By COVID Might Be Here To Stay:** The U.S. health care system is famously resistant to government-imposed change. It took decades to create Medicare and Medicaid, mostly due to opposition from the medical-industrial complex. Then it was nearly another half-century before the passage

of the Affordable Care Act. But the COVID-19 pandemic has done what no president or social movement or venture capitalist could have dreamed of: It forced sudden major changes to the nation's health care system that are unlikely to be reversed.

- **The Hill: Nursing Homes Fail To Get COVID-19 Under Control:** More than three months since the coronavirus first appeared in a Seattle-area nursing home, facilities are still struggling to contain its spread. According to federal data collected and released publicly for the first time this week, thousands of nursing homes across the country lack basic personal protective equipment (PPE). Facilities are also facing staffing shortages, and many are even running out of hand sanitizer.