

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

- 2:30pm: President Trump departs White House for Minneapolis
- 6:30pm: Trump holds fundraiser at private residence in Shorewood, Minn.
- 9pm: Trump holds rally in Duluth, Minn.
- 1am: Trump arrives back at White House

CONGRESS

- House meets at 11am for legislative business; to consider H.R. 6270, under which companies would have to disclose to the SEC whether their goods are sourced from or produced in China's Xinjiang region
- House to also consider updated Heroes Act, the updated stimulus bill
- Senate resumes at noon; set to consider H.R. 8337
- Former FBI Director James Comey will testify at Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on origins of Russia probe

Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Fox News: Long-Term Use Of Acid Reflux Meds Linked To 24% Increase In Diabetes: Study:** Long-term, regular use of medications to treat acid reflux was linked to a 24% increased risk of type 2 diabetes, says a new study. The findings, by joint first authors Jinqiu Yuan and Qiangsheng He with The Seventh Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-Sen University in Shenzhen, China, were published Tuesday in the journal Gut.
- **Bloomberg Government: Stimulus Update:** The House Rules Committee plans to meet this morning at 9 a.m. to discuss the Democratic legislation, and a schedule last night from House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) shows the measure could be considered on the floor as soon as today.
 - Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin discussed the legislation yesterday, and they're set to speak again today, according to the speaker's office.
- **Bloomberg Government: FDA Says Vaccine Makers Know Data Agency Expects:** The head of the Food and Drug Administration office that oversees vaccines said drugmakers developing Covid-19 shots are aware of the data that will be required to gain an emergency-use authorization, regardless of whether the agency provides formal guidance. The FDA has been expected to publicly outline its standards for allowing a coronavirus vaccine to be used on an emergency basis. However, the guidelines have become a subject of political controversy, with Trump recently saying he could overrule

anything he sees as too onerous.

- **Bloomberg Government: Lost Leverage Complicates Opioid Deal Talks:** Cities and counties pushing for a global settlement in a sprawling opioid lawsuit lost a powerful negotiating tool when the Sixth Circuit opened the door to new lawsuits targeting the same drug distributors. Thousands of U.S. cities and counties are suing McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, and retail pharmacy chains for their alleged role in the opioid crisis.
- **Stat: Drug Industry CEOs Set To Testify About Controversial Medicines:** The House Oversight Committee will hold two days of hearings this week with six drug industry CEOs. The hearings are the presumptive climax of an 18-month investigation first launched by the late Rep. Elijah Cummings in 2019. The hearing could be the most perilous yet for drug makers, who have managed to avoid any major missteps at the multiple congressional drug pricing hearings that preceded this one.
- **CNN: Regeneron's Antibody Cocktail For Coronavirus: Early Data Shows Promising Results:** The greatest improvements were seen in patients who hadn't already mounted a natural response to the infection, the company said. The results only involve 275 patients of the 1,000 they have enrolled in this particular trial, but appear "very promising," Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, the director of the division of infectious diseases at University of Alabama at Birmingham, told CNN.
- **The Guardian: World Bank Announces \$12B Plan For Poor Countries To Buy Covid Vaccines:** The World Bank has announced plans for a \$12B initiative that will allow poor countries to purchase Covid-19 vaccines to treat up to 2 billion people as soon as effective drugs become available. In an attempt to ensure that low-income countries are not frozen out by wealthy nations, the organization is asking its key rich-nation shareholders to back a scheme that will disburse cash over the next 12 to 18 months.