

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

- Trump may announce further U.S. troop reductions in Iraq
- Admin. expected to issue list of proposed Supreme Court justices
- Joe Biden to unveil measures to combat offshoring

WHITE HOUSE

- Noon: Trump receives his intelligence briefing
- Noon: Kayleigh McEnany holds press conference
- Noon: Vice President Mike Pence holds church event in Murrysville, Pa.
 - 12:45pm: Pence takes part in Susan B. Anthony List fireside chat at Murrysville church
 - 3pm: Makes remarks at Workers for Trump event at PennEnergy Resources LLC; Freedom, Pa.

Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: Rapid Covid-19 Testing Devices Now at Nursing Homes:** The Trump administration has nearly reached its goal of providing rapid antigen Covid-19 testing devices to all of the nation's 15,400 nursing homes that participate in the Medicare and Medicaid program, with an official stating yesterday that 13,477 testing devices and more than 4.7 million tests have shipped to 13,343 facilities nationwide.
- **The Hill: Senate To Vote Thursday On GOP Coronavirus Bill:** The Senate will vote Thursday on a scaled-down GOP coronavirus relief bill. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) told reporters, as he headed to his office off the Senate floor, that he expected a vote on Thursday. The timeline comes after McConnell indicated in a statement earlier this week that a vote could take place "as soon as this week." Because McConnell is expected to tee up the bill on Tuesday, the earliest a vote could have taken place was Thursday.
- **CIDRAP: Study: Acute Kidney Injury Common In Adults Hospitalized With COVID-19:** A new study published in the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology shows that 46% of hospitalized adults with severe COVID-19 suffer from acute kidney injury (AKI), and AKI was associated with a 50% mortality rate. The study was based on 3,993 hospitalized patients with COVID-19 admitted to the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City from Feb 27 to May 30. Of those patients, 1,835 (46%) had AKI, and 347 (19%) of the patients with AKI required dialysis. According to the authors, in-hospital mortality was 50% among patients with AKI, versus 8% among those without AKI (adjusted odds ratio, 9.2; 95% confidence interval, 7.5 to 11.3).

- **Stat: Drug And Device Makers Paid Teaching Hospitals \$832 Million In 2018:** Amid ongoing concern that drug and device makers may influence medical practice and research, a new analysis suggests the issue also extends to teaching hospitals, which received a total of \$832 million in payments for various activities and arrangements other than research in 2018. Of 1,281 teaching hospitals, 91% received money from industry for continuing education, royalties, consulting and speaking fees, space rentals, gifts, and food, among other things. In all, nearly 47,000 payments were made and most were related to specific products, although one-fifth of the hospitals received more than 90% of the \$832 million.