

A Conversation on the Government Response to COVID-19


Congressional, state, and executive responses, plus the impact on 2020 elections

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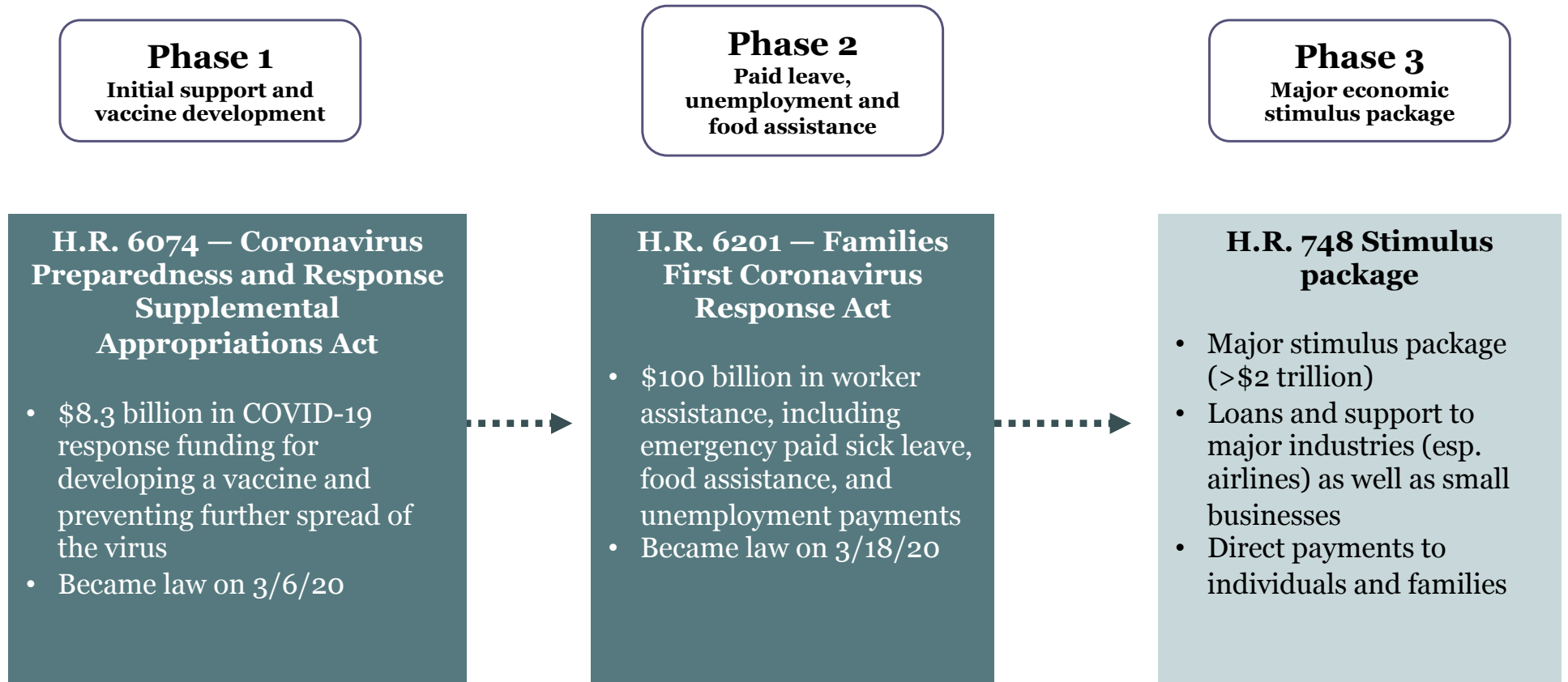
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Congress's three-phase response to the coronavirus crisis



Sources: The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Congress.gov.

Phase 3 (H.R. 748): Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act (Vehicle for third coronavirus package)




- **Total Cost:** \$2 Trillion
- **Direct payments to individuals:**
 - \$1,200 per adult, \$500 per child
 - Phases out for individuals who earn >\$75,000/year or \$150,000 for couples
- **\$500 billion lending funds for industries, states, and localities**
 - Loans for companies with more than 500 employees
 - \$25 billion in loans to airlines; \$4 billion to cargo
 - Loans can't go to businesses owned by exec. branch or members of Congress
- **\$367 billion in loans for small businesses**
 - Loans to small businesses would be forgiven if payrolls are maintained
- **Unemployment benefits increased \$600/week for four months**
- **New Treasury IG and Congressional Oversight Board**
- **Hospital investments (\$150 billion)**
 - \$100 billion "Marshall Plan" for hospitals
 - \$1 billion to Indian Health Service; Remainder to medical supplies
- **State and Local Funds**
 - \$150 billion, including \$8 billion for tribal governments

Votes in Congress

- **House:** Not yet voted
- **Senate:** Not yet voted

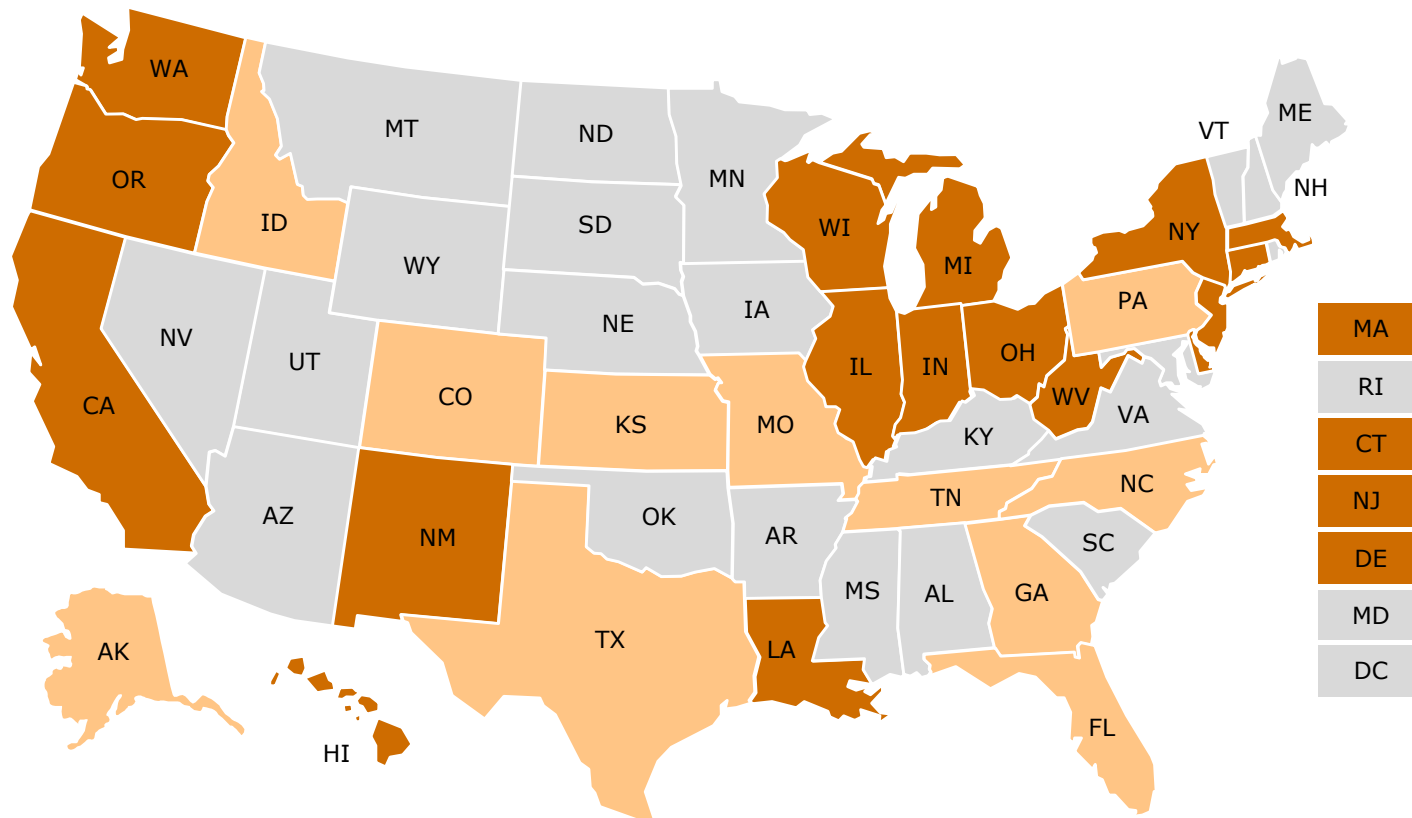
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Governors and mayors across the country have ordered residents to stay at home, only take necessary trips

Stay at home orders across the United States

■ Statewide order ■ Some localities ordered



Sources: New York Times

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On March 13, President Trump issued an executive order declaring the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic a national emergency

Key takeaways from the Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak:



Trump declared the emergency under the 1988 Stafford Act, **freeing up Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds** to address COVID-19. White House estimates place the figure at around \$40 billion



Trump also declared an emergency under the National Emergencies Act, **allowing HHS to modify or waive regulations** for Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs, including provisions to expand telehealth access



This emergency declaration is **stronger than the “public health” emergency announced in late January**, which was technically issued by HHS and made it easier for states to redirect staff responding to COVID-19



Telehealth provisions

- Trump administration plans to waive certain federal rules to increase the number of doctors able to provide remote care in states other than where they are licensed
- For the rules to go into effect, governors must use emergency powers to allow those doctors permission to practice within their state
- Under this order, CMS expanded Medicare’s telehealth benefits, allowing beneficiaries to receive previously denied services, including common office visits and preventative health screenings from their homes

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2020 presidential primary schedule

■ Primary for both parties ■ Democratic primary ■ Republican Primary

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Conventions

Democratic National Convention: July 13-16

Republican National Convention: August 24-27

Feb. 3: IA
Feb. 11: NH
Feb. 22: NV (D)
Feb. 29: SC (D)

March 3 - Super Tuesday:
 AL, American Samoa (D), AR, CA, CO, MA, ME, MN, NC, OK, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA (D), Dems Abroad (D)
March 10: ID, MI, MS, MO, ND, WA
March 12: Virgin Islands (R)

March 14: Guam (R), Northern Mariana (D), WY (R)
March 15: Northern Mariana (R)
March 17: AZ (D), FL, IL
March 18: American Samoa (R)

States that have cancelled the Republican primary or caucus:
 AK, AZ, HI, KS, NV, SC, VA

April 4: HI (D) by mail
April 7: WI
April 10: AK (D) by mail
April 17: WY (D) by mail
April 26: Puerto Rico (D)
April 28: NY, PA

May 2: KS (D), Guam (D)
May 9: WY (R)
May 12: NE, WV
May 19: OR, GA

June 2: CT, DC, DE, IN, MT, MD, NJ, NM, OH, RI, SD
June 6: Virgin Islands (D)
June 7: Puerto Rico (R)
June 20: LA
June 23: KY

Italics and bolding indicates a postponed primary due to the coronavirus pandemic

Sources: 270 to Win, The New York Times

Most states will hold their congressional primaries in June or August

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March 10: MS
March 17: IL

April 28: PA

May 12: NE, WV
May 19: GA, OR, ID

June 2: DC, IA, *IN, MD*, MT, NJ, NM, *OH*, SD
June 7: Puerto Rico
June 9: ME, NV, ND, SC, VA
June 23: NY, *KY*
June 30: CO, OK, UT

Aug. 1: Virgin Islands
Aug. 4: AZ, KS, MI, MO, WA
Aug. 6: TN
Aug. 8: HI
Aug. 11: CT, MN, VT, WI
Aug. 18: AK, FL, WY
Aug. 29: Guam

Sept. 1: MA
Sept. 8: NH, RI
Sept. 15: DE

Nov. 3: LA

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Sources: FEC; Ballotpedia; FVAP.

Q&A

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