

TODAY IN WASHINGTON - APRIL 6, 2020: COVID-19 UPDATES

MONDAY, APRIL 6 RECAP

Note – We believe this is the most up-to-date information available at this time, but it is subject to change as circumstances warrant. Also, all finalized resources can be found on the [COVID-19 Resource Center page of Hall Render's website](#).

CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

- The House and Senate remain in recess until at least April 20.

OIG RELEASES REPORT SUMMARIZING COVID-19 RESPONSE

- OIG **issued a report** illustrating the many challenges facing hospitals amid the COVID-19 crisis.

HHS PURCHASING COVID-19 RAPID POINT-OF-CARE TESTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LABS

- HHS **announced** it is purchasing ID NOW COVID-19 rapid point-of-care tests for state, territorial and tribal public health labs. This test allows for medical diagnostic testing at the time and place of patient care, provides COVID-19 results in under 13 minutes and expands the capacity for coronavirus testing for individuals exhibiting symptoms as well as for health care professionals and the first responder community.

AHA RECOMMENDS HHS TO WAIVE INTEREST OR SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE INTEREST RATE ON APP PROGRAM

- In a **letter** to Secretary Azar and Administrator Verma, the American Hospital Association ("AHA") urged HHS and CMS to exercise existing authorities to waive interest or substantially reduce the interest rate on any balance owed on accelerated and advance payments ("APP") made under the CARES Act and the March 28 expansion announcement by CMS.

FROM THE FDA

- Enforcement **Policy** for Remote Ophthalmic Assessment and Monitoring Devices During the Coronavirus Disease.
- Enforcement **Policy** for Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation and Cardiopulmonary Bypass Devices During the Coronavirus Disease.

CDC RELEASES STUDY ON COVID-19 IN CHILDREN

- The CDC **released a study** on the effects of COVID-19 in children.

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