

# Public Policy Newsletter

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## ***The State of Additional COVID-19 Relief Legislation***

Few signs of progress toward a [coronavirus relief deal](#) emerged Thursday as Congress inches closer to letting millions of Americans fall deeper into financial peril.

They will have to wait longer for Washington to figure out how to help them. After votes Thursday, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., told representatives the chamber would adjourn until at least Tuesday pending an agreement on pandemic aid and full-year government funding.

The House's move to end work for the week came as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's staff informed congressional leadership offices that Senate Republicans likely would not support a \$908 billion bipartisan proposal, according to NBC News. Politico first reported the Kentucky Republican's plan to brush aside the plan, which members of his caucus have helped to craft.

## **Other federal public policy and related news**

FDA chief says agency will quickly [approve Pfizer's COVID vaccine](#) for emergency use.

[Vaccine cards](#) and second-dose reminders are part of Operation Warp Speed's Immunization Plan.

[Illinois Senator Durbin](#) poised for key Biden role on judges, immigration.

U.S. weekly [jobless claims highest](#) since September, casting new shadow over U.S. economy.

Missouri, five more states ask to join [Texas Supreme Court election case](#) against Georgia, others.



## **State public policy and related news**

[Illinois unemployment claims](#), a 45 percent increase over the week before.

Illinois House Black caucus [backs Madigan's reelection](#) as speaker.

Madigan floats [income tax increase](#); GOP leader asks for spending cuts.

[Illinois joins 47 other states](#) in anti-trust lawsuit against Facebook.

Governor's daily COVID-19 update; [watch live](#) or [listen to audio-only](#).



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## Local public policy and related news

HSHS [St. John's to serve 18 county region](#) with 'ultra-cold' freezer for COVID-19 vaccines.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce asks members to urge Congressional leaders to make PPP funded [business expenses deductible](#).

Sangamon County [COVID cases up](#); business fined.

Springfield aldermen light up fire officials for [not allowing heaters](#) in outdoor tents.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides updated COVID-19 [Funding](#) and [Informational](#) Resources.



## Bids and RFPs

### City of Springfield

**Bid Opportunities:** Insulation, Lagging & Abatement T&M Maintenance & Repair, General Maintenance & Repair at Generating Facility (3 Years).

**Requests for Proposals:** Sale of Real Property 2019

**Sangamon County** is seeking applications for expiring and vacant positions on various [boards and commissions](#).

