

Public Policy Newsletter

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House Democrats Pass COVID-19 Relief Package

House Democrats passed a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill on Wednesday, sending one of the biggest stimulus plans in U.S. history to President Joe Biden's desk.

The president hopes to sign the bill Friday after Congress formally sends it to the White House, which can take days for large bills. Biden will check off his first major legislative item as the U.S. tries to ramp up Covid-19 vaccinations and jolt the economy.

The bill extends a \$300 per week jobless aid supplement and programs making millions more eligible for unemployment insurance until September 6. It also includes \$20 billion for COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing and distribution, and \$350 billion in relief to state, local, and tribal governments.

See all the details [here](#).

Other federal public policy and related news

Biden pressed by banks to [extend PPP program](#) as expiration looms.

CDC releases highly anticipated [guidance for people fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19.

House Democrats pass bill that would [protect worker organizing](#) efforts.

Fauci says vaccine supply will be ["dramatically increased"](#) in weeks ahead.

[Unemployment claims](#) show modest improvement.



State public policy and related news

State [sets new seven-day mark](#) for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Lawmakers revisit [data collection privacy](#) laws.

State school board requests [\\$400 million funding increase](#), including K-12 boost.

Event leaders [call for more guidance](#) on future lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Pritzker on [losing streak](#) with party leadership and tax battles, but COVID-19 likely to be game changer - or ender.



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Local public policy and related news

Mayor thinks Alderman is remorseful after [physical altercation](#).

Here's how many people have received a COVID-19 [vaccine in Sangamon County](#).

Springfield City Council sends paternity/maternity leave and [Legacy Sports Park](#) to debate agenda.

Mayor insistent he will bring back [Williams' Ward 3 appointment](#).

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



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

Bid Opportunities: FY2022 Underground Electric Rebuilds, Water Main Installation Services, Purchase of HP Probooks, Unit 4 Steam Coils, Water Main Gate & Tapping Valves, Residential Water Service Materials, Ductile Iron Pipe, Iron Fittings, Transformer Alliance, Replacement of Bottom Layer of Unit 4 Catalyst, Ford Pickup Trucks.

Requests for Proposals: Office Supplies, 2021 Bike Share Program.

Sangamon County is seeking letters of interest for expiring and vacant positions on various [boards and commissions](#).

