

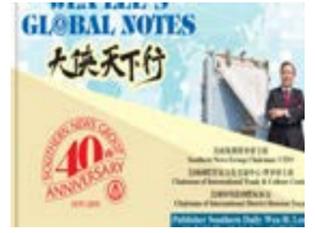


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Trump's COVID bill delay leaves millions of desperate Americans in limbo



FILE PHOTO: Workers shovel snow from the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S., December 16, 2020. REUTERS/Erin Scott/File Photo

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump's threat late Tuesday to veto the \$892 billion coronavirus relief bill approved by Congress this week may delay aid for millions of families on the cusp of eviction and about to lose unemployment benefits.

Trump's apparent refusal to immediately sign the bill "has injected uncertainty or worse into the effort to protect millions of Americans from falling over a financial cliff," said Mark Hamrick of Bankrate Wednesday.

Trump said the bill, which passed Congress Monday night, did not provide enough support for small businesses, and he asked Congress to increase stimulus checks to individuals to \$2,000, instead of the "ridiculously low" \$600 in the bill.

Many economists agree the bill's aid is too low, but say the immediate support to the economy is still welcome and necessary.

These households are in limbo:

14 MILLION COULD LOSE INCOME THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS About 14.1 million people are receiving unemployment benefits through pandemic programs that are set to expire on Dec. 26, according to Labor Department data.

GRAPHIC: Emergency benefits could end -

The bill extends two programs which support self-employed workers and the long-term unemployed until mid-March. It also adds an extra \$300 per week in aid to the 20.3 million people receiving unemployment benefits.

Letting the bill lapse would amount to a sudden cutoff in income for households that already saw unemployment benefits shrink drastically over the summer, when a \$600 weekly supplement expired.

CASH DWINDLES FOR HOUSEHOLDS Democrats embraced Trump's \$2,000 check proposal Monday, but Republicans are unlikely to join them. In the meantime, the \$600 checks that were supposed to be mailed by Treasury next week are on hold.

Households used the \$1,200 direct cash payments from the Cares Act in the spring to boost spending, pay down debt and pad savings.

Now lower-income U.S. households, earning between \$12,000 and \$30,267, are quickly depleting savings, JPMorgan Chase Institute found in a report released earlier this month.

The cash cushion is nearly gone for these households, increasing the risk they could fall further behind on housing payments and other bills, the research showed.

EVICTION THREAT LOOMING The bill extends a moratorium on evictions that expires Dec. 31 through the end of January, and provides \$25 billion in emergency rental assistance.

About 40 million people could face eviction over the next several months, according to research from the Aspen Institute. They owe about \$70 billion in unpaid back rent and utilities, Moody's Analytics Chief Economist Mark Zandi estimates.

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在本期節目中，我們的體驗員Nicole與夢奇來到了金冠海鮮酒家 **Crown Seafood Restaurant**。在這裡她們會有哪些奇妙的體驗呢？我們一起去一探究竟！

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CORONAVIRUS DIARY

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Help Continues On The Way

The United Kingdom has identified a new contagious coronavirus variant linked to a surge of cases in England with forty countries already imposing restrictions on travelers from the UK.

President-elect Biden said today that the darkest days in the battle against the coronavirus pandemic are ahead of us and not behind us, so we need to prepare ourselves to steel our spines. As frustrating as it is to hear, it's going to take patience, persistence and determination to beat this virus. Biden also assured the country that his administration will provide more economic relief and support to Americans. He will also urgently address the recent massive cyberattacks on U.S. companies and fed-

eral government agencies by Russia.

Biden also said Trump's team has not been fully cooperating with his transition team to share information. He said the Defense Department won't even brief us on many things.

The new leader will also ask Congress to ensure that all Americans who have been unemployed because of the economic upheaval caused by the coronavirus pandemic will be able to continue to live day by day.

We feel very sorry about what is happening in Washington D.C. Even up until today, President Trump doesn't want to admit his defeat. Around the world all the



people are watching to see if American democracy is working.

We as citizens of this great country expect the political system we have been

using for more than two hundred years to work. We now need to follow our system and in that way America can be great again.



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'Mammoth And Historic' Logistics Program To Help Low-And Lower-Middle-Income Countries

UNICEF Plans To Transport Up To 850 Tons of COVID-19 Vaccines Per Month In Partnership With COVAX



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NEW YORK, 18 December 2020 – UNICEF could potentially transport up to 850 tonnes of COVID-19 vaccines per month in 2021, should such quantities become available, according to a new assessment. This is more than double the average weight of vaccines UNICEF transports every month. The assessment is part of UNICEF's work to lead on the procurement and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines for 92 low- and lower middle-income countries on behalf of the COVAX Facility, in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). "This is a mammoth and historic undertaking," said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director. "The scale of the task is daunting, and the stakes have never been higher, but we are ready to take this on." The UNICEF assessment looked at global airfreight capacity and transport routes to better understand the challenges of delivering COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. It found that commercial airlines will be able

to deliver vaccines to almost all 92 low- and lower-middle-income countries, which are among the 190 economies participating in the COVAX Facility, at an estimated cost of up to US\$70 million.



Comparing vaccine volume estimates against commercial and cargo routes across the globe, the assessment also found that current air cargo capacity would be sufficient to make deliveries covering 20 per cent of the population for most of the 92 countries. COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be primarily shipped using existing passenger and cargo flight capacity, although charters or alternative transport options may still be needed for some small countries

and others with access issues. UNICEF is working with airlines and the wider logistics industry to prioritise the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines around the world.

One major challenge in the COVID-19 vaccine operation is local cold chain capacity for vaccine storage within some low- and lower-middle-income countries. UNICEF, WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, developed a guidance note on supply and logistics to help countries develop their supply chain strategies to receive, store, distribute and manage COVID-19 vaccines and related products. Given the range of storage temperatures required for COVID-19 vaccines, countries will continue to train logisticians and health workers on how to keep COVID-19 vaccines at the right temperatures. As part of a program that started in 2017, with support from Gavi, UNICEF continues to procure and support the installation of 70,000 cold-chain fridges in lower-income countries by the end of 2021, which will help in the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines that need to be stored at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius. Almost half of these will be solar powered.



UNICEF, WHO and Gavi are also working to help countries prepare and develop national deployment and vaccination plans for the large-scale roll out of COVID-19 vaccines. Currently, countries are continuing to monitor their readiness against key milestones, which include expediting regulatory approvals and putting in place ways to monitor vaccine safety. In addition, a UNICEF meeting this week with more than 300 vaccine procurement experts globally, including government officials, looked at ways to procure and roll-out COVID-19 vaccines and strengthen regulatory systems and supply chains.

Funding is critical. UNICEF has called for US\$410 million to help countries with the delivery of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostic tools in 2021. Further, UNICEF estimates a funding gap of US\$133 million to cover in-country vaccine logistics and the required cold chain equipment for the poorest 92 countries. "With the imminent arrival of globally approved COVID-19 vaccines, we can begin to see signs of hope. But hope will not be restored by the vaccine alone," said Fore. "Countries need urgent technical and financial support to strengthen their capacities for cold and supply chains, to train health workers, and to work with communities in combatting misinformation and building trust in vaccines. Without urgent funding and support, many of the poorest countries still risk being left behind."



Related

COVAX: Ensuring Global Equitable Access To COVID-19 Vaccines

What COVAX Offers:

- Doses for at least 20% of countries' populations
- Diverse and actively managed portfolio of vaccines
- Vaccines delivered as soon as they are available
- End the acute phase of the pandemic
- Rebuild economies

The largest vaccine procurement and supply operation ever is underway – and UNICEF is leading it on behalf of the Global COVAX Facility. We are working to ensure that all countries participating in the Facility (currently 189) have equitable access to 2 billion doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of 2021.

How Through the COVAX Facility – led by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, WHO and CEPI – UNICEF is working with

manufacturers and partners on the procurement of COVID-19 vaccine doses, as well as freight, logistics and storage. In collaboration with the PAHO Revolving Fund, we are leading the procurement and delivery for 92 low- and lower middle-income countries while also supporting procurement for more than 97 upper-middle-income and high-income nations. Together, these represent more than four-fifths of the world's population.

When? When a safe and effective vaccine is approved by WHO, UNICEF will begin the operation to transport vaccines from manufacturers to countries. The initial 2 billion doses are intended to protect frontline health care and social workers, as well as high risk and vulnerable people.

Why UNICEF? As the largest single vaccine buyer in the world, UNICEF has a unique and longstanding expertise in procurement and logistics to help children in need. UNICEF procures more than 2 billion doses of vaccines annually for routine immunization and outbreak response on behalf of nearly 100 countries. We are the main procurement partner of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and have helped reach more than 760 million children with life-saving vaccines over the last 20 years, preventing more than 13 million deaths. In vaccinating health workers globally, we ensure that health care workers can get back to work so that children and their mothers get the critical health care they need - vaccinations, treatment of malnutrition and other deadly diseases such as malaria and diarrhea, as well as obstetric, prenatal and post-natal care along with services for newborns. These are critical services without which millions of children's lives are at stake given the widespread disruptions to essential services during lockdowns. We cannot let one disease lead to outbreaks of other diseases that could reverse years of progress in child health. (Courtesy <https://www.unicef.org/>)

Editor's Choice



Electoral workers transport ballot boxes on their motorcycles as they arrive to prepare a polling station ahead of presidential and legislative elections in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, November 21, 2020. Burkina Faso President Roch Kabore has won re-election by a comfortable margin, preliminary results showed, after an election marred by insecurity that prevented swathes of the



El Paso County Medical Examiner's Office staff roll bodies that are in bags labeled "Covid" from refrigerated trailers into the morgue office in El Paso, Texas, November 23, 2020. REUTERS/Ivan Pierre Aguirre



British musician Paul Barton plays the piano for monkeys in Lopburi, Thailand. Barton has played at four venues in Lopburi, a province famous for its marauding monkeys, including at an ancient Hindu temple, a hardware store and a derelict cinema. He hopes his music can calm the hungry wild monkeys, at a time when Thailand's coronavirus-induced tourism hiatus means



Hindu devotees worship the Sun god in an artificial pond during the religious festival of Chhath Puja in Mumbai, India, . REUTERS/Francis Mascarenhas



A protester throws a teargas can back at the police during the opposition Economic Freedom Fighters party's protest against perceived entrenched racism at Brackenfell High School in Cape Town, South Africa, November 20, 2020. Protesters targeted the school, located in a mainly white Afrikaner community in Cape Town's northern suburbs, accusing it of not inviting black and mixed-race students to a private party that some pupils and their parents arranged after the school's official matriculation ball was canceled because of COVID-19. REUTERS/Mike Hutchings



Vehicles are submerged at a plot flooded by the Chamelecon River due to heavy rain caused by Storm Iota, in La Lima, Honduras. REUTERS/Jorge Cabrera



A man grimaces as people gather to mourn the death of Argentine soccer legend Diego Maradona outside San Paolo stadium in Naples, Italy, REUTERS/Yara Nardi



A balloon depicting Red Titan, a character from "Ryan's World", is seen during the 94th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade closed to the spectators due to the spread of the coronavirus, in Manhattan, New York City, , 2020. REUTERS/Andrew Kelly

Worldwide Christmas Celebrations

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Christmas in Ottawa, Canada



Large Christmas tree in a Hong Kong Mall



Christmas lights in Tokyo, Japan



Christmas Services in Karachi, Pakistan



**Christmas Services in Karachi, Pakistan
Czech Republic**



Singapore Orchard Road Lights Up At Christmas time



Holiday Lion Dance in Hong Kong



Christmas toy, from Berlin, Germany



Colorful Parols in the Philippines



The Cheonggyecheon River Walk, Seoul, South Korea



Christmas Market at the Town Hall, Vienna, Austria



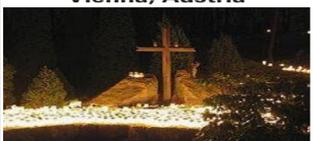
"Father Christmas" Walk in Russia



Children March in the Streets of Tbilisi, Georgia at Christmas



Christmas tree in Kiev, Ukraine



Christmas Eve Candles in Finland



Julbock, a Giant Christmas Goat in Gävle, Sweden Town Market



Christmas at Rockefeller Center in New York City, USA



ZUM Department Store in Bulgaria



Christmas Tree at Syntagma Square, Athens, Greece



Christmas Decorations in Milan, Italy



Christmas Decorations along the Champs-Élysées in Paris, France



Butchart Gardens, Vancouver, Canada at Christmas



Christmas Parade in Nigeria



Christmas Tree at Trafalgar Square



Christmas Lights on Regent Street



Giant Christmas Bulb Sculpture in Melbourne, Australia



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