

## **Week of May 4 Federal Recap by Winning Strategies Washington:**

The federal response to the coronavirus pandemic will continue to dominate the congressional agenda for the foreseeable future. The Senate returned yesterday to take up executive branch nominations - but it is unclear whether the chamber will act on any coronavirus legislation next week. The House canceled plans to return on Monday, but Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the House will return the following week.

Meanwhile, House lawmakers are already working on a "CARES 2" package to address the ongoing widespread health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your WSW team will continue to monitor and advise on developments in real-time.

### **The Next Stimulus Package: Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security: CARES 2**

Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced this week the Democrat's next emergency package will be a large-scale bill of at least \$1 trillion aimed at direct help for cities and states, as well as additional aid for displaced workers and families displaced by the pandemic crisis.

Speaker Pelosi did not release any specifics. News reports suggest Senate Republicans are not warm to the idea of rushing another massive stimulus package through Congress quickly. The trajectory of COVID-19 cases by state and nationally - as well as how long monies from previous aid packages last for programs like the Paycheck Protection Program - will be the key influences on the timeline for the next package. In addition, the move by several states to begin to reopen portions of their economies - and the success or failure of those efforts - is also top of mind for decision-makers in Washington.

### **The White House Coronavirus Task Force Issued Additional Testing Guidelines**

The White House Coronavirus Task Force released [additional guidelines](#) for States to consider as they are reopening their economies, including a testing blueprint. The [testing blueprint](#) is designed to facilitate State development and implementation of robust testing plans and rapid response programs. It sets forth the partnership between Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, along with the private sector and professional associations, all of which will play important roles in meeting the Nation's testing needs.