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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:

### COVID-19 Escalation

There's no graceful way to do a summary of events when there's only been one event that runs the full gamut of public health, emergency management, the public, DoD, associations, state and local governments, federal politics, the private sector, national patience, general reason and sanity, and nationwide toilet paper supplies.

The past week here in D.C. primarily focused on gaining an understanding of what last Friday's (and the ones since) White House announcement mean, anxiously awaiting FEMA guidance on the declarations now spread across the country, and watching Congress work to complete COVID Supplemental #2. As can be seen in the summary (see below), Supplemental #2 did not include a DHS or FEMA title, and focused primarily on social programs for American citizens. In a show of the frantic pace, before #2 was even done, Congress began debating how to handle Supplemental #3.

By all accounts the third part of this trilogy will not go as smoothly as the other two. The White House proposal includes massive bailouts across the country, including payments to individual Americans, and the partisan divide is starting to show through some of the cracks as drafting of a bill continues in earnest. NEMA and IAEM continue working diligently to utilize this opportunity to seek additional EMPG funds to not only help with the current response efforts, but build a more robust system for the next time we're faced with this type of national pat-your-head-and-rub-your-stomach kind of moment.

In the interest of brevity this week, this edition of the SDU will look slightly different as instead of individual articles, it's meant to be a clearing house of all the information currently out there. We will return to the traditional format once the COVID response starts to die down somewhat, but in the meantime hope everyone is healthy, being good to one another, and not hoarding basic supplies from the grocery store!!

[CISA Identification of Critical Infrastructure During COVID-19](#)

[Congressional Research Service: Challenges COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies Pose to Blood Supply](#)

[Council of State Governments COVID-19 Resources for State Leaders](#)

[FEMA COVID-19 Guidance on Eligible Emergency Protective Measures](#)

[FEMA Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Emergency or Exigent Circumstances for COVID-19](#)

[Summary of Second Congressional COVID-19 Supplemental](#)

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