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To: New York Community Banks

## FROM ICBA

### **ICBA updates election analysis as networks call race**

With the major networks calling the 2020 presidential election for Joe Biden, ICBA offers an updated [election analysis](#) for community banks based on the latest information. While Biden is projected to surpass 270 electoral votes, President Trump has not conceded key battleground states, calling for recounts and mounting legal challenges. Meanwhile, control of the Senate is leaning to remain in Republican control and may be determined by a pair of runoff races in Georgia. [ICBA's analysis](#) previews what to expect in the lame duck Congress and 2021. It also provides a breakdown of key policy issue areas, ICBPAC results, races to watch, and more.

### **FDIC details community bank PPP leadership**

Call report data show that community banks are playing a vital role in supporting small businesses through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program, the FDIC said in a [new report](#). Community banks hold a disproportionate share of PPP loans, with the program increasing their share of small-business loans from a year ago. More than 75 percent of community banks in nearly every state are participating in the program, the FDIC said. Meanwhile, ICBA continues encouraging [community bankers](#) and their [small-business contacts](#) to urge Congress to address Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance deductions from PPP forgiveness amounts. PPP borrowers are beginning to realize their EIDL advance grants are converting to unexpected debt during the PPP forgiveness process, while community banks are left with balances from advances originated by the SBA.

### **Fed reports on state of banking, supervision**

The Federal Reserve Board [published](#) the latest version of its supervision and regulation report, which summarizes banking conditions and information about the Fed's regulatory and supervisory activities. The report includes information on the strength of the banking system amid the COVID-19 pandemic and how banks and supervisors have adapted to a largely remote working environment.

## FROM OTHER SOURCES

- In a letter to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Federal Reserve Chairman Powell, Senate Minority Leader Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Senators Warner (D-Va.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Ranking Senate Banking Committee Member Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) urged them to extend emergency lending programs for businesses, states and municipalities past their Dec. 31 deadlines. The senators also asked that the programs, which have faced criticism for low participation, be broadened. ([Bloomberg](#))
- Vice President Mike Pence is set to convene a meeting of the White House's own task force. ([Politico](#))
- President-elect Joe Biden's transition team pledged to aid state and local governments whose finances have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the new administration and its priorities begin to take shape. Biden on Saturday claimed victory after major media outlets projected he had secured over 270 electoral votes; President Trump has vowed to fight the outcome in court. [Read More](#)

- President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris will receive a briefing from the transition Covid-19 advisory board in Wilmington, Delaware. Biden will deliver remarks on his plans to beat Covid-19 and rebuild the economy. The two will also hold briefings with transition advisers.
- Who's advising Biden on COVID-19: David Kessler, Vivek Murthy and Marcella Nunez-Smith are serving as co-chairs of Biden's transition Covid-19 advisory board. Other members: Luciana Borio, Rick Bright, Ezekiel Emanuel, Atul Gawande, Celine Gounder, Julie Morita, Michael Osterholm, Loyce Pace, Robert Rodriguez, Eric Goosby. [More from Dan Diamond on the advisory board](#)
- Hours after President-Elect Biden declared the coronavirus a top priority, the magnitude became starkly clear Sunday as the nation surpassed 10 million cases and sank deeper into the grip of what could become the pandemic's worst chapter, [the Times reports](#).
- Pfizer announced an early analysis of its coronavirus vaccine trial suggested the vaccine was robustly effective in preventing Covid-19. Pfizer, which developed the vaccine with the German drugmaker BioNTech, released only sparse details from its clinical trial, based on the first formal review of the data by an outside panel of experts. [https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/health/covid-vaccine-pfizer.html?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJKaE0yTTVZbVExTjJFMStsInQiOiJyenVKTVC4MVpSa0pzWEF2dUw2cE9xeCtSUWIDODhaRUUpKRVCranNPMzl6UDE2SkxzbjZFXC9zZEVIRFJkWWs3dmNRdENDXC9RdklpMnh1ZFllaHFpc25xOWpcL1ZmTDBzWVVvakxBMIRsTXRTRzBRTkFcL2RNZjJPWUxnYmZicicyWHUifQ%3D%3D](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/health/covid-vaccine-pfizer.html?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJKaE0yTTVZbVExTjJFMStsInQiOiJyenVKTVC4MVpSa0pzWEF2dUw2cE9xeCtSUWIDODhaRUUpKRVCranNPMzl6UDE2SkxzbjZFXC9zZEVIRFJkWWs3dmNRdENDXC9RdklpMnh1ZFllaHFpc25xOWpcL1ZmTDBzWVVvakxBMIRsTXRTRzBRTkFcL2RNZjJPWUxnYmZicicyWHUifQ%3D%3D)
- On COVID relief, according to [WAP0'S](#) reporting: "Members of Biden's transition team ... are expected to begin conversations with congressional Democrats and aides this coming week to map out a strategy for the lame-duck session, with the aim of getting money for their priorities in spending legislation before the end of the year, two people familiar with the developments said Sunday."
- The federal government is swamped with reports of potential fraud in the Paycheck Protection Program, according to government officials and public data, casting a shadow on one of Washington's signature responses to the coronavirus pandemic. [https://www.wsj.com/articles/ppp-was-a-fraudster-free-for-all-investigators-say-11604832072?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWWpZeU1qTmtOREF5TmtpVeClIsInQiOiJneXIrK1wvYkRnbUpYdFJYaHZOXc9NOFc3NXNFdXRBMtE9BS1FwdkZLU2xVNmdoUXIHR3pmMjhMOTBSY3Uwc1JUR29RbHhvTE55VHEwY05DdzU4OFM1XC83SHdJKYtcL1d3SFp4Ukl6NFVrUHFTcmRSSk43OFJcL1Uwd1AxNytWbDVwMmJ0In0%3D](https://www.wsj.com/articles/ppp-was-a-fraudster-free-for-all-investigators-say-11604832072?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWWpZeU1qTmtOREF5TmtpVeClIsInQiOiJneXIrK1wvYkRnbUpYdFJYaHZOXc9NOFc3NXNFdXRBMtE9BS1FwdkZLU2xVNmdoUXIHR3pmMjhMOTBSY3Uwc1JUR29RbHhvTE55VHEwY05DdzU4OFM1XC83SHdJKYtcL1d3SFp4Ukl6NFVrUHFTcmRSSk43OFJcL1Uwd1AxNytWbDVwMmJ0In0%3D)
- Republican and Democratic lawmakers braced for a volatile lame-duck session, with another clash brewing over coronavirus aid and the outcome of the race for the White House, as well as some key Senate and House contests, still up in the air. Each party logged victories in this week's results, leaving neither side ready to make dramatic concessions in the long-running deliberations over another coronavirus relief bill. [https://www.wsj.com/articles/stimulus-fight-reboots-after-election-day-11604701036?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWWpZeU1qTmtOREF5TmtpVeClIsInQiOiJneXIrK1wvYkRnbUpYdFJYaHZOXc9NOFc3NXNFdXRBMtE9BS1FwdkZLU2xVNmdoUXIHR3pmMjhMOTBSY3Uwc1JUR29RbHhvTE55VHEwY05DdzU4OFM1XC83SHdJKYtcL1d3SFp4Ukl6NFVrUHFTcmRSSk43OFJcL1Uwd1AxNytWbDVwMmJ0In0%3D](https://www.wsj.com/articles/stimulus-fight-reboots-after-election-day-11604701036?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWWpZeU1qTmtOREF5TmtpVeClIsInQiOiJneXIrK1wvYkRnbUpYdFJYaHZOXc9NOFc3NXNFdXRBMtE9BS1FwdkZLU2xVNmdoUXIHR3pmMjhMOTBSY3Uwc1JUR29RbHhvTE55VHEwY05DdzU4OFM1XC83SHdJKYtcL1d3SFp4Ukl6NFVrUHFTcmRSSk43OFJcL1Uwd1AxNytWbDVwMmJ0In0%3D)

## FROM NEW YORK

- For days, we have focused intently on the outcome of our presidential race, but the biggest issue we face – a pandemic that has claimed 235,000 lives and counting – is still with us, getting worse by the day in ubiquity if not lethality, the [Daily News writes](#).
- [Coronavirus cases](#) are rising across the country and in New York even as fatalities appear to be slowing during the pandemic. The world hit a grim milestone of 50 million COVID-19 cases, European countries are imposing new lockdowns and the virus is surging in nursing homes in 20 states as well.
- New York’s positive-test rate for COVID-19 hit 2.35 percent Saturday — the state’s [highest level in](#) more than five months.”
- The number of people admitted to New York City hospitals for coronavirus infections [rose by](#) more than 62% last month, a sign that transmission is worsening and making some people severely ill.
- Both Governor Cuomo and NYC Mayor de Blasio have been banking on a Biden win to stave off financial catastrophe and mount a comeback from the coronavirus crisis, and neither one has [much of a plan B](#). The two will be quickly seeking a multibillion aid package that allows them to avoid [massive layoffs](#) and [deep cuts](#) to education and other services.
- Governor Cuomo will be [unveiling plans today](#) to combat the spread of the virus in parts of Western New York as the case increase has been called "unacceptably high."
- Western New York is on the verge of another shutdown – or at least part of Western New York is, [The Buffalo News writes](#).
- [State University of New York](#) Chancellor Jim Malatras announced Sunday a system-wide plan that will allow campuses to return to in-person instruction for the spring semester.

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