

- As President Biden pushes for another round of stimulus payments for most Americans, calls are escalating to target the aid solely to low- and moderate-income families, and new data suggests that would provide the most needed and effective boost for the economy. https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2021/01/26/spending-stimulus-checks/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkRObU9ESmlaR0ZpTmptsaiIsInQiOiI3Z09lZlM5OVZUNIBHcVV6U3k3SUI0UzJLZGdpNGpsTE9ubUtiXC9KVE8xamU4Z0ZlcnFQbGVkZ3Zpc3VpdmxhU1k1cDQ3SE9uVm9qUDltdlVESnFSSFN0dmh1M2lkd2tXUW5XU04wak42K1B5Ykw2SWhnMXZlWFJhVk8wUFwvbm4zIn0%3D
- The Biden administration said it was close to acquiring an additional 200 million doses of the two coronavirus vaccines that would increase the available supply by 50 percent. The move would put the country on track to having 600 million doses by this summer, and while the acquisition would not immediately speed up delivery, it would increase the chances of the United States returning to some sort of normal by late summer or fall. ([The Washington Post](#))
- President Biden said top scientists and public health experts will regularly update the public about the pandemic. [Beginning today, the experts will host briefings three times a week on the state of the outbreak](#) and efforts to control it.
- The U.S. reported 3,734 Covid-19 deaths and 144,000 new coronavirus cases Tuesday.

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- Governor Cuomo reported that total COVID-19-related hospitalizations in New York State rose to 8,831; that of the 162,938 tests reported yesterday, 11,064 (6.79%) were positive; that 1,544 patients were in ICU yesterday, up 22 from the previous day, and of them, 1,006 were intubated, and that 162 New Yorkers died of the virus. For a regional breakout of data: <https://empirereportnewyork.com/governor-cuomo-updates-new-yorkers-on-states-progress-during-covid-19-pandemic-55/>
- New York State reported 34,242 total statewide deaths of New Yorkers who tested positive for COVID-19, as of Jan. 25. For more numbers, including the latest statewide and citywide statistics, [click here](#).
- President Joe Biden's COVID-19 task force will inform Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his fellow governors that federal allotments of COVID vaccines will jump by about 16% starting next week, even as supplies dwindle and efforts to inoculate New Yorkers stall, [the Daily News reports](#).

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