

Tuesday, July 6, 2021  
To: New York Community Banks

## FROM ICBA

### Treasury again extends MDI, CDFI program

The Treasury Department will again extend the deadline to submit applications under its program to invest \$9 billion in Minority Depository Institutions and Community Development Financial Institutions.

**Background:** The Emergency Capital Investment Program will invest in MDIs and CDFIs to support low- and moderate-income and minority communities.

**Extension:** In a [notice on its ECIP webpage](#), Treasury said it plans to issue additional clarifications and amendments, so the application deadline will be extended to 14 days after the release of its forthcoming guidance.

**Deadline:** The ECIP deadline was previously set for 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) today after an earlier 60-day extension.

**Revisions:** In its online notice, Treasury also says organizations may ask to revise their already-submitted applications by emailing [ecip@treasury.gov](mailto:ecip@treasury.gov).

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### CFPB releases Spanish-language mortgage disclosures

The [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) released a Spanish-language translation of certain model clauses available for use in early-intervention written notices issued under its mortgage-servicing rules.

**Rules:** The mortgage-servicing rules permit servicers to make required disclosures in a language other than English and translate disclosures into other languages, so long as an English version is available for the borrower upon request.

**Background:** In a January 2021 statement, the CFPB encouraged mortgage servicers to be responsive to borrower needs by ascertaining borrower language preferences and providing legally compliant translated materials.

### ICBA continues push against IRS reporting plan

ICBA is encouraging community banks to [express opposition](#) to the Biden administration's plan to require banks to report customer account information to the IRS.

**Grassroots:** ICBA's [Be Heard grassroots action center](#) offers a customizable message that community bankers can use to urge their members of Congress to oppose the plan.

### Credit union acquisition pressure grows

Congress is under increasing pressure to investigate credit union acquisitions of community banks, ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey wrote in a recent [article on LinkedIn](#).

**Impact:** In the article, Romero Rainey discusses the growth of these tax-subsidized acquisitions, the impact on consumers and industry consolidation, and the need for Congress to hold hearings.

**Grassroots:** Meanwhile, community bankers can continue urging their members of Congress to hold hearings on credit union acquisitions via a customizable message to lawmakers via [ICBA's Wake Up page](#) and recently published [Wake Up Messaging Playbook](#).

### Employers add 850K jobs in June

The economy added 850,000 jobs in June, while the unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 5.9 percent from 5.8 percent, the Labor Department [reported](#). The number of unemployed persons was little changed at 9.5 million, which is well below April 2020 highs but higher than the pre-pandemic 5.7 million.

## FROM OTHER SOURCES

- President Biden is set to speak on the federal government's pandemic response after falling slightly short of his Fourth of July goal of at least partially vaccinating 70% of U.S. adults. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci said unvaccinated

Americans now account for more than 99 percent of domestic deaths from COVID-19. [The Washington Post](#)

- The Biden administration is coming under pressure to ease travel bans for international tourists that were originally put in place to stem the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. [https://thehill.com/policy/international/561390-pressure-grows-for-biden-to-ease-pandemic-travel-bans?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-GsMAv12756GFIWbS5fW\\_4eUvv8F8EvleZwcCKQVP1GzytBFN97yiv0AvV1CQ4LFdYIn3x3EbL9PA1qqt5CW5-AWb4y4NT5DLtousZ3rKUaf-](https://thehill.com/policy/international/561390-pressure-grows-for-biden-to-ease-pandemic-travel-bans?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-GsMAv12756GFIWbS5fW_4eUvv8F8EvleZwcCKQVP1GzytBFN97yiv0AvV1CQ4LFdYIn3x3EbL9PA1qqt5CW5-AWb4y4NT5DLtousZ3rKUaf-)
- **Why Banks Should Keep a Close Eye on Their Millennial Clients.** Twenty percent of customers say they're planning to switch their primary bank account to another bank or credit union in the next year, roughly the same share that says they've swapped in the last two years, according to new Morning Consult data. Millennial and high-earning Americans are the most likely to say they plan to switch, and satisfaction with their bank has little to do with their decision to switch - 85% of those who say they're planning to switch in the next two years rank themselves as "very" or "somewhat" satisfied with their current bank or credit union. Read more from Morning Consult financial services analyst Charlotte Principato here: [Millennials Pose the Biggest Attrition Threat to Banks](#)
- Signs are emerging that the economy is starting to ignite, a trend punctuated by a June jobs report that came in much better than expected. The economy added 850,000 jobs in June, up from 583,000 in May and 269,000 in April. Unemployment claims earlier this week sank to their lowest level since the pandemic started, also much better than forecast. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2021/07/03/biden-economy-jobs-report/?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-Gropmv35iDyjfMI4gC1JMjv-GHxLYFXPwYY4bL9YHtQuaJxEbVe1b8QxDYTckK6-9XVI\\_KLulvkyII0o2X0t9eRFtHMC1F3dlwK4p0cqKg3I](https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2021/07/03/biden-economy-jobs-report/?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-Gropmv35iDyjfMI4gC1JMjv-GHxLYFXPwYY4bL9YHtQuaJxEbVe1b8QxDYTckK6-9XVI_KLulvkyII0o2X0t9eRFtHMC1F3dlwK4p0cqKg3I)
- Wages are rising, employers are giving hiring bonuses and more Americans are quitting their jobs, sparking hopes from the White House on down that the workers who were hit hardest by the pandemic are finally being empowered. Even labor advocates, however, say that newfound leverage is unlikely to last. [https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/05/workers-benefits-covid-economy-power-497907?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-GropmlIKUY27Y2x5POxCSz1iuszmt1BRNBQy6pbrCBa9w9ILHbkEr4px7mbqb6HSIwfQ19F-AfbTlyW1IdXEL5uOfnZ2KowMj1-jcQiPEmuW](https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/05/workers-benefits-covid-economy-power-497907?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-GropmlIKUY27Y2x5POxCSz1iuszmt1BRNBQy6pbrCBa9w9ILHbkEr4px7mbqb6HSIwfQ19F-AfbTlyW1IdXEL5uOfnZ2KowMj1-jcQiPEmuW)
- A fading pandemic and heating U.S. economy appear to be paying off for lower-wage workers. New jobs at restaurants, hotels, stores, salons and similar in-person roles accounted for about half of all [payroll gains in June](#), according to the Labor Department. And workers in those industries are seeing larger raises than other employees.
- There is a growing divide on Wall Street: Firms calling employees back and firms telling people they can work from home. Titans like Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase are taking a hard-line approach, beefing up in-person staff five days a week in New York even though it might mean losing talent. Rivals including Citigroup Inc. are touting flexibility, betting that a softer approach will help them poach top traders and deal makers. [https://www.wsj.com/articles/jpmorgan-goldman-call-time-on-work-from-home-their-rivals-are-ready-to-pounce-11625563800?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-GropmsRoJ50MwuEat0fmNJzeU2L9n8qCLpDse9tr8XbjJXCSs0WYjqYoOrRd7aPN2mwFPjhb7rVexHi7gv\\_wM0MY\\_fBwo7sGIoz5X\\_9bAso7](https://www.wsj.com/articles/jpmorgan-goldman-call-time-on-work-from-home-their-rivals-are-ready-to-pounce-11625563800?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAF-GropmsRoJ50MwuEat0fmNJzeU2L9n8qCLpDse9tr8XbjJXCSs0WYjqYoOrRd7aPN2mwFPjhb7rVexHi7gv_wM0MY_fBwo7sGIoz5X_9bAso7)

#### FROM NEW YORK

- New York's coronavirus positivity rate has ticked up slightly over the past few weeks, health officials reported Monday, amid heightened concern about the highly contagious delta variant of COVID-19 taking hold in the state. According to data from the State Department of Health, 0.76% of coronavirus tests administered Sunday came back positive -- the highest such rate in at least a month. It comes as some local officials are troubled by the Delta variant accounting for a disproportionate number of COVID-19 cases, [the Daily News reports](#).

- The Delta variant [is now the second-most prevalent strain](#) in New York City.
- For many, the three-day weekend came as an occasion to do things they had not done for more than a year, and for those who stayed and gathered in New York City, nothing beat the sheer cathartic joy of being able to hug friends or elders again, [The New York Times reports](#).
- A fenced-off temporary morgue on a pier in an industrial part of Brooklyn is out of sight and mind for many as the city celebrates its pandemic progress by dropping restrictions and even [setting off fireworks](#). But the facility — which the city plans to close by the end of the summer — stands as a reminder of the loss, upheaval and wrenching choices the virus inflicted in one of its deadliest U.S. hotspots. [https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-pandemics-health-e935944e8b5ea915f72aec12cb98dbc7?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=AP&utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow](https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-pandemics-health-e935944e8b5ea915f72aec12cb98dbc7?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP&utm_campaign=SocialFlow)
- Colombians and other South Americans with ties to New York and the ability to scrape up enough money to travel are coming here amid vaccine shortages in their home countries. <https://www.thecity.nyc/2021/7/5/22561210/nyc-covid-vaccination-tourists-from-colombia>
- After two weeks of uncertainty and vote-counting errors, New York City's embattled Board of Elections is expected to release the results of a tranche of absentee ballots that will almost certainly determine the winner of the Democratic mayoral race, [the Daily News reports](#).

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