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# COVID-19 INSIGHTS UPDATE

## Holland & Knight COVID-19 Insights

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We trust you and your families are all well, safe and in good health. Holland & Knight in partnership with the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce keeps you updated on pertinent American-Israeli topics relating to legal considerations and federal funding opportunities in connection with the coronavirus (COVID-19).

We invite you to read the Alerts below and reach out to us to discuss your thoughts or any questions you may have on this issue.

More information is available on our [COVID-19 Response Team page](#).

### Relevant Insights:

- [FinCEN Warns of Scams Relating to PPE and Other Medical Goods During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

In struggling to address the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the United States and many other countries continue to face major shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, gowns and other vital materials including diagnostic tests, anti-body tests, pharmaceuticals and hand sanitizers. The continued shortages have launched a



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lucrative global market with all-too-many examples of illegal price gouging, fraudulent and counterfeit products being seized by overwhelmed government officials, and instances of customers paying millions of dollars for large shipments of vital medical products that sadly have ended up being fake and too dangerous to use. The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) has worked to advise financial institutions by alerting them to the rising number of scams relating to PPE and other medical products.

- [HEALS Act: Overview of Senate Republicans' Coronavirus Relief Proposal](#)

Senate Republican leadership on July 27, 2020, unveiled the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools Act (HEALS Act), a draft plan to provide \$1 trillion in coronavirus relief funding. A package of individual bills, the proposal provides the option of passing parts of the agenda now – such as extensions of unemployment insurance or schools funding – and leaving the others for later action. The introduction of the bills was the first step toward negotiating a compromise plan with House Democrats. This Holland & Knight memo briefly summarizes key provisions within the HEALS Act.

- [Safeguarding Against Elder Financial Abuse in Spite of Social Distancing Rules](#)

Private Wealth Services Attorneys Vivian Thoreen and Yunnies Youn Son co-authored an article published in the Los Angeles Business Journal describing ways to protect the elderly from financial abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Oregon House Bill 4204 Puts a Hold on Lender Remedies](#)

In response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oregon legislature enacted House Bill 4204, dated July 7 and effective June 30, establishing temporary restrictions on commercial and residential lenders from the exercise of certain remedies through, at the earliest, Sept. 30, 2020. While the restrictions are currently slated to expire on Sept. 30, Gov. Kate Brown has the option to further extend the "emergency period," which dates retroactively to March 8, 2020, beyond this date.

#### Holland & Knight Webinars:

- [New COVID Webinar: When HHS Knocks at the Door](#)

Date/Time: August 7 at 10am ET

PYA Principals Lori Foley and Michael Ramey will join Holland & Knight Partners Jeremy Sternberg and Michael Manthei to provide a complimentary one-hour webinar that offers key considerations and perspective to assist healthcare providers in navigating the inquiries on the horizon.



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- [Fighting Fraud in a Pandemic III: DOJ's Emerging Priorities & Enforcement Tools](#)

Date/Time: August 7 at 2pm ET

White Collar Defense and Investigations Partner Megan Jeschke will participate in a Federal Bar Association webinar offering updates on False Claims Act (FCA) prosecutions.

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