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Coronavirus legislation

The \$1.9 trillion question: Who gets relief?

Q&A about \$1,400 checks, tax credits and more provisions in a historic bill that's on the verge of becoming law

Bulletin wire reports
The historically large \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 economic relief package is heading to President Joe Biden's desk before mid-March, barring any last-minute drama. It directs \$1,400 payouts to millions of Americans and continues unemployment checks for millions more as the country pulls itself out of the economic morass of a pandemic that has killed

more than 500,000 Americans.
The bill, passed by the Senate and expected to be approved by the House this week, includes money for vaccines and hospitals, to help schools reopen, expand broadband access and keep ailing industries like airlines and music venues afloat. No Senate Republican supported it.
Now the details: What's in the bill?
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Warning signs for the Democratic Congress

The COVID-19 relief bill's thin party-line Senate approval belies broader challenges facing President Joe Biden as he tries to navigate intraparty divisions to push through an agenda on voting rights, climate change, immigration and more. The bill also offered a glimpse at how a single lawmaker can grind legislating to a standstill. Biden allies, however, were exultant: "The president proposed a \$1.9 trillion plan and the Senate just passed a \$1.9 trillion plan," Kate Bedingfield, the White House communications director, was quoted in The Washington Post. **INSIDE » GOP revives Obama-era tactics, A11**



A PLACE TO RACE

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LEFT: Cash Fred, 10, pulls away from his competitors as he nears the finish line while racing during an Oregon Indoor BMX event at K1 Speed in Bend on Saturday. BELOW: Competitors of all ages warm up around the track. For a schedule on upcoming races and information about Oregon Indoor BMX, visit www.oregonindoorbmx.com.



COVID-19 | Road to normalcy

Teacher vaccinations go untracked amid school reopenings

Districts in Oregon, other states face down challenge

BY CASEY SMITH

Associated Press/Report for America

The national rush to vaccinate teachers in hopes of soon reopening pandemic-shuttered schools is running into one basic problem: Almost no one knows how many are getting

the shots, or refusing to get them.

States and many districts have not been keeping track of school employee vaccinations, even as the U.S. prioritizes teachers nationwide. Vaccines are not required for educators to return to school buildings, but the absence of data complicates efforts to address parents' concerns about health risk levels and some teachers unions' calls for widespread vaccinations as a condition of reopening schools.

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The number of school staff members receiving vaccinations — and refusal rates — are unclear in several large districts where teachers were prioritized, including Las Vegas, Chicago and Louisville, Kentucky.

Some state agencies and districts have said privacy concerns prevent them from tracking or publishing teacher vaccination data. Others say

vaccine administration sites are not tracking recipients' occupations and they are not in position to survey employees themselves.

In Oregon, where teachers began receiving vaccines in January, the Oregon Health Authority can't say for sure how many have been vaccinated because the agency does not track the profession of recipients.

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16.7%

Percentage of entire U.S. population that has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. More than 85 million doses have been administered as of Friday, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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