

Public Policy Newsletter

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HEALS Act vs. HEROES Act

Negotiations continue for the next phase of COVID-19 relief funding. House Democrats led the passage of the \$3 trillion HEROES Act (Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act) in the House of Representatives in May. Last week, Senate Republicans unveiled the HEALS Act (Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and Schools), with a price tag of at least \$1 trillion. The final negotiated bill may incorporate elements of each of these proposals.

Understanding the [elements](#) of each bill and their differences is vital, you can find more information [here](#). Negotiations are ongoing with [Democrats and Republicans disagreeing](#) on aid for jobless Americans, liability protections for businesses, and relief for state and local governments.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi has raised the possibility that [August recess](#) may be delayed so an agreement can be reached.

Other federal public policy and related news

U.S. consumer spending was up [5.6 percent](#) in June.

McDonald's requires customers to wear [masks](#) at U.S. locations.

[Target and Walmart](#) will not be open on Thanksgiving this year.

U.S. [economy drops 32.9%](#) in worst GDP report ever.



State public policy and related news

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan states he has "[no plans to resign](#)" amid an ongoing corruption probe.

Related: [legislation](#) was proposed to remove Madigan from the Speaker's position.

Governor Pritzker announces new [restrictions for youth sports](#).

[IHSA releases their plan](#) for high school sports after Pritzker's announcement.

Four more states are added to the City of Chicago's [quarantine order](#).



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Local public policy and related news

District 186 [school board to vote](#) on return to learn plan at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Langfelder signs [emergency order mandating](#) bar and restaurant patrons wear face coverings when not seated.

Previous emergency orders can be viewed [here](#).

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has established [guidelines for events and meetings](#) that are permitted in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides updated COVID-19 [Funding](#) and [Informational](#) Resources.



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

Bid Opportunities: Flat Bed Truck for Lake Services, Outdoor Circuit Breakers

Requests for Proposals: Sale of Real Property 2019, Springfield Fire Station #2 Exterior Improvements and Roof Replacement

Sangamon County is seeking applications for expiring and vacant positions on various [boards and commissions](#).

