

October 20, 2020 – Senator Manchin [called for West Virginians](#) to nominate their friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers for being West Virginia Strong during the COVID-19 pandemic.

October 20, 2020 – Senator Manchin voted against Mitch McConnell’s partisan [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) bill](#) because it does not address the needs of West Virginia small businesses that desperately need help right now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

October 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$1,220,550 from FEMA to the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health for [COVID-19 testing at nursing homes](#).

October 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin led two groups of bipartisan Senators in expressing concern to the HHS Secretary Alex Azar about the recent change in reporting requirements for hospitals and health systems that receive relief funds from the [Provider Relief Fund \(PRF\)](#).

October 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue’s decision to [extend child nutrition program waivers](#) through the end of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

October 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$3,103,241 from HHS to help WVU increase COVID-19 testing in [underserved and vulnerable communities](#) across West Virginia.

October 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin highlighted the increased needs of [homeless children and youth](#) in West Virginia due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

September 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$908,926 from HHS and CDC to provide [critical infrastructure support](#) regarding to COVID-19 vaccine preparedness.

September 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 31 Senators in sending a letter to President Trump urging him to work with Congress on a bipartisan basis to enact legislation that provides the [emergency assistance and protections renters](#) need to stay in their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

September 16, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$452,459 through the HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program for the [Charleston/Kanawha Housing Authority](#) to help provide shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

September 15, 2020 – Senator Manchin requested information from the [Administration for Children and Families \(ACF\)](#) on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted families and children.

September 11, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a bipartisan letter to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Acting Director Timothy Shea urging the DEA to [keep the opioid epidemic](#) a priority in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

September 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement after the procedural vote to take up Mitch McConnell's [partisan COVID-19 relief package](#).

September 9, 2020 – Senator Manchin [announced \\$7,324,585](#) for communities across West Virginia to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

September 1, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$1,500,000 through the DOL [COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant](#) to provide cleanup and humanitarian assistance to communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

August 31, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the USDA for [extending multiple meal program flexibilities](#) through the end of December for West Virginia students after Senator Manchin called for an extension of these flexibilities.

August 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the announcement that West Virginia was approved for a \$68,269,946 FEMA grant to allow West Virginia to provide \$300 per week in [unemployment benefits](#) - in addition to their regular benefits - to those unemployed due to COVID-19.

August 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin asked USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue to quickly approve five waiver extension requests for [child nutrition programs](#) through the end of the school year.

August 20, 2020 – Senator Manchin pressed American Airlines to save the direct flight to [Charlotte from Huntington Tri-State Airport](#), which is critical to the Huntington community, after American Airlines announced the suspension of the Huntington to Charlotte direct flight for the entire month of October due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

August 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin pressed U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin for an update on the unresolved issues with nearly 6,700 West Virginians who have yet to receive their [Economic Stimulus Payment \(EIP\)](#).

August 11, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 34 Senators in urging the Trump Administration to restore full funding for [National Guard COVID-19 pandemic response](#) across the United States and West Virginia through Title 32 502(f) orders.

August 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin requested an update from the DEA on regulations in place during the [COVID-19 pandemic for MAT](#), which many providers are now prescribing through telemedicine after troubling reports from West Virginia healthcare providers.

August 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin joined several colleagues in again urging President Donald Trump to establish a [Special Enrollment Period \(SEP\)](#) for the Affordable Care Act and Medicare.

August 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement after speaking with Governor Larry Hogan (R-MD) about the [COVID-19 rapid testing](#) purchasing partnership Maryland and six other states created.

August 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the bipartisan [Accelerating Connected Care and Education Support Services on the Internet \(ACCESS the Internet\) Act](#) to expand reliable broadband access for education and telehealth appointments for rural America during the COVID-19 pandemic.

August 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$3,778,006 for [housing authorities](#) across West Virginia from HUD to help families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

August 4, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the [Protect Our Services Today \(POST\) Act](#) which mandates that the U.S. Postal Services cannot close any post office facility during the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 31, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$2,500,543 from the FTA to support operating, administrative, and preventive maintenance costs in order for WVU to [respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

July 31, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 35 of his bipartisan colleagues in urging the USDA to continue critical flexibilities that have allowed [students to access vital meals](#) throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [procedural vote](#) to take up to Mitch McConnell’s partisan COVID-19 relief package.

July 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin advocated for the inclusion of his bill, the [HOTSPOTS Act](#), in the upcoming COVID-19 relief package as well as funding to expand and support telehealth programs for Veterans and West Virginians.

July 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the partisan, Republican COVID-19 [emergency funding proposal](#) announced by Senator Mitch McConnell on Monday.

July 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin along with 13 bipartisan colleagues, introduced the [Time to Rescue United States’ Trusts \(TRUST\) Act of 2020](#), bipartisan and bicameral legislation which would create a process to rescue the endangered federal trust funds and rein in the national debt.

July 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin pressed the CMS to make improvements to the [Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments](#) program which provides assistance to healthcare providers who struggled with revenue losses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin led three bipartisan colleagues in calling on the Trump Administration to [provide employers relief and certainty](#) related to their responsibility requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

July 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$1,761,045 from HHS for [Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases](#) through the West Virginia DHHR.

July 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the [Crisis Care Improvement and Suicide Prevention Act](#) which would direct states to utilize five percent of their Mental Health Block Grant for crisis care services – once funding for the program is increased by five percent nationally – allowing states to upgrade crisis care programs and strategies.

July 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the announcement of voluntary workforce reduction at [Wheeling Hospital](#), during the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement after [West Virginia's 2019-2020 student homelessness](#) statistics were released, and urged the passage of his bill, the *Emergency Family Stabilization Act*.

July 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged the Trump Administration to [reverse recent changes to require hospitals](#) to report data to a new system set up by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) instead of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) which is run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

July 16, 2020 – Senator Manchin [hosted a virtual feedback session](#) with various groups from across West Virginia to provide feedback on the COVID-19 pandemic relief packages and future funding priorities and was joined by over 40 West Virginia organizations and more than 500 community leaders, state legislators, and West Virginians.

July 15, 2020 - After urging from Senator Manchin, the Trump Administration [outlined plans to work with local media organizations](#) to place COVID-19 public service announcements (PSA) across the United States.

July 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin [announced \\$300,000](#) from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Marshall University through the CARES Act to boost Marshall's support for regional economic development strategies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin praised HHS for awarding [\\$58,580,583 to rural hospitals and hospitals](#) providing care to a high percentage of vulnerable patients in West Virginia. \$40,206,685 will be awarded to hospitals serving a high percentage of vulnerable patients and \$18,373,898 will be awarded to rural hospitals.

July 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin [announced \\$376,094](#) through HHS to support health centers' and health center look-alikes' COVID-19 response and testing efforts in West Virginia.

July 9, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$99,997 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to [improve access to local foods in schools](#) by implementing and expanding a farm to school program in West Virginia amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 9, 2020 – Senator Manchin visited [Qlabs Inc., a COVID-19 testing lab](#), to receive an update on statewide testing initiatives and thank local lab workers.

July 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin plans to [introduce the bipartisan HOTSPOTS Act](#) with Senator Collins to create a 2-year, \$160 million hotspot pilot program with a minimum allotment of \$1.6 million per State to purchase and distribute Internet-connected devices to libraries in low-income and rural areas.

July 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the allocation of [\\$6 million from the Appalachian Regional Commission \(ARC\)](#) to support small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 43 Senators in introducing a [resolution supporting the United States Postal Service \(USPS\)](#) and advocating for more USPS funding in future COVID-19 relief packages.

July 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval of [Charleston Area Medical Center's application for \\$781,964](#) to provide telehealth services to West Virginians.

July 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin [visited Fairmont](#) to participate in an outdoor ribbon cutting ceremony at 4D Tech Solutions, Inc. and thank healthcare workers at Fairmont Medical Center, a campus of JW Ruby Hospital.

July 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a bipartisan call for additional funding for the [children's hospitals in West Virginia](#) that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin [questioned HHS and CDC officials on Operation Warp Speed](#) which oversees the research, creation, and production of a potential COVID-19 vaccine and the plans for future distribution of a potential vaccine in areas of rural America like West Virginia.

July 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 49 Members of Congress in strongly encouraging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to quickly provide relief to [rural healthcare providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

July 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$4.4 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to update economic development plans and support programs that [help communities respond to the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

June 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 46 Senators in introducing a resolution urging the Department of Justice (DOJ) to [defend existing law, the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#), in court and halt its efforts to repeal the healthcare protections for 800,000 West Virginians and millions of Americans with pre-existing conditions in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$8,682,547 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for [several support services in West Virginia](#) to strengthen the state's homeland security, emergency management performance, and provide counseling services for individuals struggling with mental health issues stemming from COVID-19.

June 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the grand opening of [Fairmont Medical Center](#) and the importance of health providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin [introduced an amendment to the NDAA](#) that would require the Administration to utilize the full authority and power of the DPA to increase nation-wide production of the testing supplies, PPE and medical equipment needed across the nation to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

June 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 19 Senators in urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct research on the potential effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ([PFAS exposure and COVID-19 infection](#)).

June 26, 2020 – Senator Manchin was appalled by the Republican Attorneys General and the Department of Justice (DOJ) decision to file amicus briefs in California v Texas, the case which aims to strike down the [Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) as unconstitutional during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

June 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [resignation of State Health Officer](#) and Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, Dr. Cathy Slemper.

June 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$5,066,485 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) [Public Health and Emergency Preparedness program](#).

June 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval of [Mon Health Medical Center's application for \\$283,396](#) to provide telehealth services to West Virginians.

June 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin welcomed Small Business Administration (SBA) [Administrator Jovita Carranza to Morgantown](#) to highlight the impact of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) programs on West Virginia small businesses.

June 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval of [West Virginia University Health System's application](#) for \$780,899 to provide telehealth services to West Virginians.

June 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin spoke with SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza last night on [the difficulties West Virginia small businesses are facing accessing the EIDL program and PPP](#), invited Administrator Carranza to visit West Virginia small businesses, and urged her to quickly implement critical changes to make these programs work for Main Street businesses.

June 15, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 44 Senators in calling on the U.S. Treasury Department and the Small Business Association (SBA) to [simplify the Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) loan forgiveness application](#) for loans under \$250,000.

June 12, 2020 – U.S. Senate passed bipartisan legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC), to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and [provide additional legal protections for servicemembers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis](#).

June 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$90,088 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to [support the West Virginia Primary Care Association](#) in providing training and technical assistance to community health centers across West Virginia.

June 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 18 colleagues in a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue to express concerns about how a [lack of access to healthy, affordable food](#) is hurting low-income communities and communities of color during the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the [Local Government Relief Act](#) which directs states governments to provide local governments with the funding received through the CARES Act, per the U.S. Department of Treasury's recent guidance.

June 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$7,725,944 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program through the CARES Act to [assist West Virginians currently experiencing homelessness](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded \$196,971,716 for 13 [West Virginia safety net hospitals](#) that serve our most vulnerable citizens from the Provider Relief Fund.

June 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the [Emergency Family Stabilization Act](#) to create a new emergency funding stream for community-based organizations to meet the unique needs of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 9, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with [local health departments across West Virginia on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) on their providers, receiving enough medical supplies, and caring for West Virginians through this global healthcare crisis.

June 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin questioned Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie and Dr. Richard Stone, Executive in Charge of the Veterans Health Administration on [Veterans having issues with receiving and paying](#) for drive-through and mobile COVID-19 testing.

June 4, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$1,081,056 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the West Virginia Primary Care Association (WVPCA) to [support the WVPCA in providing healthcare](#) services to West Virginians across the state.

June 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) [loan deadline extension passes the U.S. Senate](#) to extend the loan forgiveness period from 8 to 24 weeks and amend the rehire date from June 30th to December 31st.

June 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$4,071,967 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for [health centers across West Virginia](#) through the Health Center Cluster Program, which supports community health centers serving rural, underserved communities.

June 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin opposed the nomination of Brian Miller to be the [Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery](#), citing his current role in the Office of White House Counsel and relationship with the President making it impossible for him to remain independent as he investigates the Administration’s response to the pandemic.

May 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [announced closure of Bluefield Regional Medical Center \(BRMC\)](#) and the need to support rural hospitals across West Virginia.

May 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$2,692,879 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for [Hospital Preparedness Programs in West Virginia](#).

May 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged the [Senate to consider his PPP DEAL Act](#) after the House of Representatives passed similar PPP loan deadline extension legislation.

May 28, 2020 – After Senator Manchin advocated for an extension of the Title 32 502(f) orders for the [National Guard servicemembers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic](#), President Trump announced his decision to extend the orders through mid-August.

May 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin sent a letter to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Secretary Gaynor requesting access to the [Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program \(CCP\) for West Virginians](#) dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin called on HUD to take action and work quickly to allocate all remaining [CDBG and ESG funding from the CARES Act](#) and publish comprehensive guidance for use of those funds, including for previously announced funding.

May 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$31,017,500 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for [professional nursing homes in West Virginia](#) who have been hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the FCC’s decision to partner with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to help [bridge the digital divide and expand broadband access in libraries](#) across the United States.

May 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 125 bipartisan Members of Congress in calling on the Trump Administration to ensure [National Guard personnel who are serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) response efforts receive the federal benefits they have earned.

May 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin spoke with Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and received confirmation that the [funding can be shared with state and local governments](#) to cover salaries and benefits for employees responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged President Trump to extend benefits for [COVID-19 pandemic deployed National Guard servicemembers](#).

May 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin [introduced the bipartisan Save Our Rural Health Providers Act](#) which creates a new formula – otherwise known as the “Manchin Formula” to ensure the Provider Relief Fund has a dedicated set-aside amount directed towards rural areas of America.

May 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the decision to limit [ceremonies at the national cemetery in Grafton](#) on Memorial Day during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 20, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$2,571,994 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for rural health clinics across West Virginia [to expand COVID-19 testing services](#).

May 20, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the FCC approval of Lincoln County Primary Care Center’s application for \$967,304 to [provide telehealth services to West Virginians](#) at 18 rural sites during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the [actions of the West Virginia Public Service Commission](#) to keep West Virginians connected to critical utilities and urged the Commission to not approve rate hikes for West Virginians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin advocated for the Senate to provide support for [children, youth, and families in crisis or experiencing homelessness](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin launched a public awareness campaign [encouraging all West Virginians to wear masks in public](#) to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

May 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced bipartisan legislation, the *State and Municipal Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART) Act* to [deliver critical, federal resources to states and communities on the frontlines](#) of the COVID-19 fight.

May 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin pressed Congressional leadership to include significant funding for the Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) which are integral to [supporting vulnerable students and their families](#) that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in future COVID-19 relief packages.

May 15, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$198,499 for the West Virginia University Research Corporation (WVURC) through the NSF to research issues facing the [shortage of disposable masks used as personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#).

May 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$4,735,577 from the DOJ which will be used to [assist West Virginia and local governments](#) in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-10 pandemic.

May 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced three Mainstream Voucher Program recipients in West Virginia through the HUD to be used to [assist public housing agencies in West Virginia](#) with services and expenses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin and FCC Commissioner Rosenworcel encouraged Lewis County High School students [to submit broadband speed tests while they are learning from home](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$270,038 from the [Family Violence Prevention and Services program](#) to provide temporary housing, assistance, and supportive services to victims of family, domestic, and dating violence in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$57,211,926 from the *CARES Act* for West Virginia to [increase COVID-19 testing across the state](#).

May 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin [joined an amicus brief filed in *California v Texas*](#), the case brought by Republican Attorneys General which aims to strike down the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as unconstitutional.

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with the [West Virginia Municipal League](#) to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin [introduced the *COVID-19 Mine Worker Protection Act*](#) which would require the Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA) to issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) within 7 days of enactment to protect our miners from COVID-19 exposure at the mines.

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Deadline Extension Adjustment for Loans \(DEAL\) Act](#) to extend the loan forgiveness period from 8 to 16 weeks and amend the rehire date from June 30th to 16 weeks after the PPP loan is awarded.

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin [announced \\$1,074,068 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s \(FEMA\) Emergency Management Performance Grant Program](#) – COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S).

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the FCC’s approval of [Wirt County Health Services Association/Coplin Health System’s application](#) for \$274,432 to provide telehealth services to West Virginians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin spoke with Desmond McMullan, the newly appointed Director of the Beckley VAMC about [COVID-19 testing at the VAMC](#), preparing for a surge in cases, and protecting VAMC employees.

May 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin [led the call for transparency and accountability](#) as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) suspends in-person compensation and pension (C&P) exams for Veterans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$11,193,235 from the HHS CSBG program to [help address increased unemployment and economic disruption](#) in West Virginia because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement about the need for [West Virginia Governor Jim Justice to begin distributing the \\$1.25 billion](#) allocated to West Virginia through the *CARES Act*.

May 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$7,715,683 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through the HHS to ensure financial support is available for those who have been [suddenly and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

May 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced legislation to [reduce interest rates and modify repayment obligations for healthcare providers](#) who’ve sought financial assistance amid the COVID-19 pandemic through Medicare’s Accelerated and Advance Payments Program.

May 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a bipartisan letter urging Senate leadership to [include child care funding in the next COVID-19 relief package](#).

May 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, [urging them to pass the *New Markets for State-Inspected Meat and Poultry Act*](#) as part of future COVID-19 pandemic response efforts.

May 11, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$3,750,000 for Appalachian Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) to [provide support for small businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

May 11, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$5,750,278 for [communities across West Virginia to prevent, prepare for, and respond](#) to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 11, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced a bipartisan bill to expand the [Servicemembers Civil Relief Act \(SCRA\) to provide additional legal protections](#) for servicemembers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with [Main Street Fairmont and the Marion County Chamber of Commerce](#) to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

May 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin introduced the [Support Our National Guard Act](#) to provide transitional healthcare benefits to National Guard servicemembers who have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic under Title 32 502(f) orders.

May 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$9,833,557 to support [28 health centers in expanding their capacity for coronavirus testing](#).

May 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [DOJ's decision to file with Republican Attorneys General in *Texas v. United States*](#) which aims to strike down the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as unconstitutional.

May 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin [received assurances from U.S. Attorney General \(AG\) William Barr](#) that no more new out-of-state inmates will be transferred to FCI Gilmer or FCC Hazelton during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged Congressional leaders to include [commonsense, bipartisan fixes](#) that help rural states like West Virginia in the next COVID-19 relief package.

May 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin encouraged Senate colleagues to [include funding for senior nutrition programs](#) – like home-based nutrition delivery services – in the next COVID-19 relief legislation.

May 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in separate calls](#) with the West Virginia Family Resource Network, West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, and West Virginia Association of REALTORS to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

May 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin supported William Evanina as Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) and [advocated again for focusing the Senate on COVID-19 related issues](#).

May 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin led six Senators in announcing a plan to [provide local governments with direct federal relief](#) that can be used to pay for essential services and offset lost revenues and increased costs from the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin supported efforts to pass the [Transparency and Oversight of COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Act](#) by unanimous consent on the Senate floor.

May 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 19 bipartisan Senators in calling on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Acting Director Russell T. Vought and Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Michael J. Rigas to take [immediate steps to support federal employees and contractors](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin praised the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval of West Virginia's application for [Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer \(P-EBT\) cards](#) which

provide families with support to feed their children throughout the summer while children are not in school.

May 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 23 Senators in urging the Small Business Administration (SBA) to [quickly administer Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDL\)](#) to West Virginia small businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 42 Senators in calling on President Trump and his Administration to [develop a comprehensive national strategic plan of action](#) by May 24th to ensure states have sufficient tests to begin safely re-opening.

May 4, 2020 – Senator Manchin supported Robert Feitel as Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and advocated for [Senate to focus on COVID-19](#) related issues.

May 4, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [first positive COVID-19 case at FCI Gilmer](#) after the transfer of new out-of-state prisoners to the facility.

May 4, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on [West Virginia healthcare providers receiving funding](#) allocated specifically for rural providers in the additional emergency response funding package.

May 4, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue, to halt a proposal that would put [food assistance benefits at risk for 3.1 million individuals](#), including 25,000 in West Virginia.

May 1, 2020 – Senator Manchin today announced \$109,440 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the West Virginia University Research Corporation for research on how [Appalachians respond to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) in order to better understand how to disseminate information in similar crises in the future.

May 1, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announcement that [rural healthcare providers will begin to receive funding](#) from the additional COVID-19 emergency response funding that was passed last week.

May 1, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced the eligibility for [additional relief funding for higher-education institutions](#) across West Virginia.

May 1, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with [West Virginia county officials](#) to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

May 1, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a report detailing how [COVID-19 disproportionately impacts communities of color in West Virginia](#) and across the country. Despite making up only 3 percent of the West Virginia population, 7.9 percent of positive COVID-19 patients identify as black.

April 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s decision to bring the [U.S. Senate back into session in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) without any plans to address this crisis and instead confirm unrelated judges and Administration appointees.

April 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced legislation that lays out a framework for an effective COVID-19 pandemic response by [federalizing and adding critical oversight and transparency to the supply chain](#) for critical medical supplies and equipment.

April 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [decision to increase reimbursement payments for telephone-based health services](#) to equal other audio-visual and in-person visitation reimbursements.

April 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Secretary Wilkie to [classify mobile COVID-19 testing as “Urgent Care” or “Emergency Care” for Veterans](#) in order to allow Veterans to get tested in the community without prior-authorization by the VA.

April 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$7,777,778 to support an [extended runway project at the Morgantown Municipal Airport](#) from the CARES Act.

April 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin [announced a legislative proposal](#) that will provide employers greater flexibility in meeting the forgiveness requirements for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans by extending the time frame from 8 to 16 weeks after the date they receive their PPP funds.

April 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 37 bipartisan Senators in advocating for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to [increase telephone-based, or audio-only, telehealth reimbursements](#) to equal other audio-visual and in-person visitation reimbursements.

April 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 20 Senators in urging Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to focus the Senate's efforts in returning to Washington, DC on [COVID-19 pandemic related issues](#) and oversight of COVID-19 related legislation enacted by Congress.

April 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 46 Senators in calling on U.S. Treasury Department Secretary Steven Mnuchin to revise the Treasury guidance for how [Governors can distribute Coronavirus Relief Funds](#) to their states.

April 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$3,044,576 for [local housing authorities across West Virginia](#) in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak through the CARES Act and will provide West Virginia communities with financial resources to manage and maintain resident services, as well as support and respond to the coronavirus pandemic in public housing.

April 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin raised concerns about the [transfer of new out-of-state inmates](#) to the FCC Hazelton and FCI Gilmer facilities in West Virginia on a call with U.S. Attorney General William Barr.

April 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 18 bipartisan Senators in calling on Senate leadership to [support local trade and professional associations](#) who help sustain Main Street in towns across West Virginia by including funding for these associations in the next COVID-19 emergency funding package.

April 28, 2020 – Senator Manchin continues to advocate for specific rural set asides and a formula that accounts for Medicaid patients after [West Virginia healthcare providers](#) received only 0.37% percent of the total allotment of additional funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS) through the CARES Act.

April 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin sent a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie requesting that the department cover coronavirus (COVID-19) [mobile testing sites](#) in the same manner as urgent and emergency care.

April 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged U.S. Attorney General (AG) William Barr to [immediately halt plans to send new out-of-state inmates](#) from COVID-19 hotspot regions to FCC Hazelton and FCI Gilmer to quarantine.

April 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin [strongly opposed the transfer](#) of new out-of-state prisoners to FCC Hazelton and FCI Gilmer to quarantine.

April 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the Small Business Administration (SBA) today announced their decision to allow [publicly owned hospitals to apply for Paycheck Protection Programs \(PPP\) loans](#) after pressure from Senator Manchin and his bipartisan colleagues.

April 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced that the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) received \$5.5 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to [increase COVID-19 testing](#) across West Virginia.

April 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced that the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) received \$1.8 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Coronavirus State Hospital Improvement Program](#).

April 24, 2020 – Senators Manchin and Collins called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai to work with broadband service providers and Congress to [increase access to mobile broadband hotspots](#) across rural America.

April 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced that West Virginia is eligible for \$86,640,471 to [support continued learning for K-12 students](#) whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus.

April 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 74 Senators in calling for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Acting Director Russell Vought to [support radio and television broadcasters and local newspapers](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged the Department of Transportation (DOT) to [support small airports during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) and provide critical flexibility in the Essential Air Service (EAS) program.

April 23, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a tele-town hall with the [Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce](#) to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 23, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with [West Virginia African American community leaders](#) to hear their concerns about the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on African American communities.

April 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin remains concerned that [rural communities will not receive funding](#) after the Senate passed an additional \$484 billion coronavirus emergency funding package to replenish the Paycheck Protection Program and increase funding for hospitals.

April 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar for [allocating an additional \\$10 billion](#) that will be dedicated to rural healthcare providers.

April 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced that West Virginia received \$6 million in funding from the CARES Act to [aid older adults and individuals with disabilities](#) in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

April 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with the [Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia](#) and other educational partners to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin demanded answers from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and called on the SBA to [provide clarification on the implementation](#) of the Paycheck

Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), and other financial assistance measures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency funding packages.

April 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in separate calls](#) with the West Virginia Physical Therapy Association and the Food Service Division of the West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 20, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 27 Senators on a letter for the Senate to finally [provide much-needed financial certainty](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic for rural communities to ensure long-term funding needed for essential services through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) programs.

April 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin [asked West Virginia business](#) who are receiving Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans or other financial assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA) to send his office their experiences and feedback.

April 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 38 Senators in pressing congressional leaders to ensure that any future coronavirus relief legislation includes strong measures to [secure healthcare coverage for Americans](#) in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced that West Virginia received \$3 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Trust Fund (HTF) through the *CARES Act* to [preserve and expand affordable housing options](#) and provide assistance for low-income families in West Virginia.

April 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin led eight Senators in calling for the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to [implement emergency standards to protect coal miners](#) who continue to power our nation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin pressed Vice President Mike Pence for [increased support for rural healthcare providers](#) in West Virginia in any future COVID-19 emergency funding packages.

April 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 32 Senators in advocating for state, local, and tribal governments to [receive dedicated, flexible funding](#) in the next COVID-19 emergency funding package.

April 16, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in separate calls](#) with the West Virginia Council of Churches and the National Nurses United West Virginia Nurses to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 16, 2020 – Senator Manchin called for Congress to [approve additional funding](#) for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which ran out of funding for loans to American businesses.

April 15, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced nearly \$9.4 million from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for [airports across West Virginia](#) through the CARES Act.

April 15, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in separate calls](#) with the West Virginia Broadcasters Association and the West Virginia Education Association to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$23 million to [support access to childcare](#) and childcare professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic through the CARES Act.

April 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced the potential for \$66.5 million for direct emergency cash grants to [West Virginia college students](#) who have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through the discretion of their university or college through the CARES Act.

April 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin advocated for [commonsense, bipartisan fixes to improve the SBA loan programs](#) after the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced \$1,054,712,809 has been awarded to 5,211 West Virginia businesses.

April 14, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in a call](#) with Philanthropy West Virginia's members, including private, family, corporate, and community foundations and companies; the WV Nonprofit Association; and the WV United Way Collaborative to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced that [28 health centers](#) across West Virginia received \$22 million in funding from the CARES Act through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

April 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$2.5 million from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for Workforce West Virginia, in partnership with the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Career Centers, to continue providing employment and training services to [workers affected by coal industry layoffs](#) in the state.

April 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin led [a letter to Vice President Pence](#) requesting clarification on the Administration’s policies for acquisition and distribution of critical medical supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin asked the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Secretary Eugene Scalia and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar to immediately [provide clinics and the miners they serve with clear, written guidance](#) regarding how miner’s black lung benefit claims will be processed during the COVID-19 pandemic and what specific flexibilities are being instituted to ensure miners do not lose access to essential benefits and treatment through no fault of their own.

April 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin [argued that West Virginia did not receive a fair share](#) of the \$30 billion released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on April 10th, with West Virginia receiving less than 1% of the funding.

April 10, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a letter urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide relief and direct payments to [farmers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic](#) like small and medium sized producers who depend on direct markets, many of which have been closed to encourage social distancing, to reach consumers.

April 9, 2020 – Senator Manchin and Senator Capito led a letter calling on the clarification of eligibility for [publicly owned hospitals and similar care providers](#) within the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) so vulnerable hospitals like many across West Virginia can access this assistance.

April 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a group of nineteen senators calling for [funding to support local journalism and media](#) in any future COVID-19 relief package.

April 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a bipartisan group of 19 Senators in urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [to prioritize the needs of rural hospitals](#) and hospitals with high percentages of Medicaid and Medicare patients as HHS distributes the \$100 billion healthcare fund included in the *CARES Act*.

April 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin [applauded the Trump Administration's decision](#) to provide federal support to West Virginia by giving the Governor the ability to deploy National Guardsmen under Title 32 502(f) and to extend these orders to 31 days so National Guard troops mobilized during the COVID-19 pandemic will receive the vital federal benefits they need, including healthcare, to stay safe during these deployments.

April 8, 2020 – Senator Manchin led 27 of his colleagues on a letter to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar [advocating for the reopening of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) online marketplace](#) so West Virginians and Americans can sign up for health insurance during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 7, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a tele town hall with [West Virginia AARP members](#) to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin spoke with the HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan and [urged him to issue guidance](#) on the implementation of the \$100 billion Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund for hospitals across the nation and also pushed for guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the implementation of audio-only telehealth services.

April 6, 2020 – Senator Manchin [asked West Virginians](#) to send him stories of their friends, family, and neighbors [being WV Strong](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$55.6 million to [assist communities and public transportation systems](#) in West Virginia respond to challenges related to COVID-19 through the CARES Act.

April 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin [sent a letter to President Trump](#) urging him to use the Defense Production Act (DPA) to produce, procure, and distribute the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), tests, and testing materials our healthcare professionals need to care for Americans and West Virginians who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded President Trump’s approval of a [major disaster declaration for West Virginia](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged the Administration to extend the [Title 32 authority for all National Guard troops](#) activated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for at least 180 days. By doing so, the federal government would continue covering 100 percent of the costs of this activation.

April 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin spoke with the West Virginia Bankers Association, Community Bankers of West Virginia, and the West Virginia Credit Union League [to hear their concerns about the ongoing challenges](#) in supporting their customers through the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in a call](#) with the West Virginia American Institute of Architects to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

April 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced [\\$2.5 million for senior services](#) across West Virginia from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

April 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced [\\$19 million for communities](#) across West Virginia from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

April 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin asks West Virginians to send his office [their stories of being WV Strong](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 2, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with the [West Virginia Press Association](#) to hear their concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 31, 2020 – Senator Manchin joined his fellow West Virginia delegation members in [sending a letter to President Trump](#) in support of Governor Justice’s disaster declaration request as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 31, 2020 – Senator Manchin led a bipartisan, bicameral letter [urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) to assist rural health providers who are critical to rural states like West Virginia.

March 30, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) decision to approve and issue waivers to [expand access to meals for 200,000 students](#) in West Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 29, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [first COVID-19 related death](#) in West Virginia.

March 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$5 million from the CARES Act for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to [assist in the COVID-19 pandemic response](#).

March 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin fought to increase funding for hospitals, schools, and state and local governments and increased unemployment insurance from three weeks to four [in the CARES Act](#) which President Trump signed into law.

March 27, 2020 – Senator Manchin urges West Virginians to [utilize the United Way 2-1-1 program](#) which connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists.

March 26, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$1.7 million for West Virginia [health centers COVID-19 response](#) through the CARES Act.

March 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin [secures funding](#) for hospitals, healthcare workers, unemployed West Virginians, small businesses, and state and local governments in the third COVID-19 emergency funding package, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)*.

March 25, 2020 – Senator Manchin [hears from West Virginia Counties](#), County Commissioners, Municipal Leagues, Sheriffs, and the Economic Development Council to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

March 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$1.5 million to [help communities provide meals](#) for older West Virginians.

March 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin collaborated with United Way and others to encourage West Virginians [to sew medical masks for healthcare workers](#) in West Virginia.

March 24, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with the [West Virginia Manufacturers Association](#) to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

March 23, 2020 – Senator Manchin [introduced two bills](#) to require the full use of the Defense Production Act (DPA) to produce these supplies. Both bills would require the President to use his full authority to quickly produce and ensure access to supplies, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), for healthcare professionals and those on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak.

March 23, 2020 – Senator Manchin [spoke on the Senate Floor](#) about the lack of adequate funding to protect healthcare professionals as they fight on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak in the Republican proposal for the third coronavirus funding package.

March 23, 2020 – Senator Manchin urged West Virginians to [listen to the stay-at-home order](#) from Governor Justice to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

March 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin [sent a letter](#) to the Senate Appropriations Committee to secure funding for hotspots to help those in areas with unreliable broadband, such as students impacted by school closures.

March 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin [voted against moving forward](#) with the Republican proposal for the third funding package because it did not improve our ability to treat COVID-19, protect those on the front lines, help hard working Americans, or support small businesses.

March 22, 2020 – Senator Manchin spoke with the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci, who shared [concrete steps to slow the COVID-19 outbreak](#).

March 21, 2020 - Senator Manchin requested an [update from the federal coronavirus taskforce](#) on the stockpiles of medical supplies to equip West Virginia healthcare professionals with what they need to stay safe as they fight this pandemic.

March 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin participated in a call with the [West Virginia American Federation of Teachers](#) about their concerns during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

March 21, 2020 – Senator Manchin [called on West Virginian's](#) who are able to support the medical professional community by making desperately needed medical supplies.

March 20, 2020 - Senator Manchin [participated in separate calls](#) with the West Virginia Hospital Association, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and the West Virginia Directors for Senior and Community Services to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

March 19, 2020 – Senator Manchin [sent a letter](#) to the Senate Appropriations Committee to temporarily lift the cap on public services within the Community Development Block Grant fund, which would allow this funding to be used for services such as Meals on Wheels or lunches for students impacted by school closures.

March 19, 2020 - Senator Manchin [participated in separate calls](#) with the West Virginia Nursing Association and the West Virginia State Medical Association to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

March 19, 2020 - Senator Manchin secured a [commitment from Fairmont Regional Medical Center](#) they would maintain the facility's pristine condition when closing so it could easily be reopened should it need to be. He also received a commitment from West Virginia University to open the facility should it need to be.

March 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin advocated for Fairmont Regional Medical Center (FRMC) to [stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

March 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin voted for [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) which passed the Senate with a vote of 90-8.

March 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin [participated in a call](#) with the West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association to hear their concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

March 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin [pressed the Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) Secretary Robert Wilkie](#) on the VA's plans and preparations for the coronavirus outbreak that will disproportionately affect many Veterans.

March 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin [spoke on the Senate Floor](#) on the need to support West Virginians at risk during the coronavirus outbreak.

March 18, 2020 – Senator Manchin [urged that any emergency funding](#) must focus on medical research and supporting American workers and small businesses.

March 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [first confirmed COVID-19 case in West Virginia](#) in the Eastern Panhandle and on Governor Justice's decision to close restaurants, bars, and casinos while allowing carry out options.

March 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin announced \$5.5 million for [coronavirus response](#) across West Virginia from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the CARES Act.

March 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin secured [a commitment from Dr. Stephen Hahn](#), the Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to expedite COVID-19 testing to West Virginia.

March 17, 2020 – Senator Manchin [urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Secretary Alex Azar and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Robert](#)

Kadlec to provide personal protective equipment (PPEs) which includes gloves, gowns, face shields, and masks, to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) for the coronavirus outbreak response.

March 16, 2020 – Senator Manchin [spoke on the Senate Floor](#) to urge the Senate to act immediately on emergency coronavirus funding, which had already been passed by the House of Representatives.

March 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin released a statement on the [closure of schools](#) in West Virginia.

March 13, 2020 – Senator Manchin [successfully advocated](#) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to approve West Virginia's application to provide meals to students during the coronavirus outbreak if schools closed.

March 12, 2020 – Senator Manchin [urged West Virginians](#) to exercise caution as the coronavirus spread throughout the United States.

March 5, 2020 – Senator Manchin applauded the Senate's [approval of \\$8.3 billion](#) in emergency supplemental funding, including \$500 million in Medicare funds, to prepare and respond to the coronavirus outbreak.

March 3, 2020 – Senator Manchin [announced](#) a [coronavirus resource page on his website](#) to ensure West Virginians have access to accurate information so they can be prepared and safe.