

**US Congressional Committee Oversight of the COVID-19 Pandemic:
Potential Areas of Inquiry**

US House Committee	Subject Matter	Potential Targets
Agriculture	Effects on agriculture industry generally; financial relief to industry; food supply	US Department of Agriculture (and its agencies); agribusiness/producers; meat processing; food supply chain participants
Appropriations	All federal spending	Every department and agency with a funded role in pandemic response; recipients of federal funding
Armed Services	Effects on the armed forces, such as readiness	US Department of Defense (and its agencies); defense contractors
Education and Labor	Effects on primary, secondary, and higher education; financial relief to institutions; labor matters, including workplace safety	US Department of Education; US Department of Labor; Occupational Safety and Health Administration; institutions of higher education; state and local education agencies; recipients of financial relief; large manufacturing concerns
Energy and Commerce	Public health, including all aspects of health-care related response (testing, treatment, and vaccines); emergency federal funding for providers; entitlement (Medicare and Medicaid) funding; regulatory relief; food and drugs; health care insurance matters; telehealth; unfair competition; energy storage capacity issues; oil and gas markets; effects on the energy supply chain; consumer privacy issues	US Department of Health and Human Services (and its agencies); US Food and Drug Administration; US Federal Communications Commission; US Federal Trade Commission; US Department of Energy; regulatory agencies, such as US Environmental Protection Agency; recipients of aid or grants; hospitals, health insurers, pharmaceutical and device developers, and other participants in COVID-19 medical response; internet platforms

Congressional Committee Oversight (cont.)

Ethics	Financial transactions of Members	Internal, includes Office of Congressional Ethics
Financial Services	Financial relief to industry; operations of the Federal Reserve; market stability and preparation	US Department of the Treasury; US Federal Reserve; recipients of federal relief; beneficiaries of any Treasury-based regulatory relief; banking industry; mortgage industry
Foreign Affairs	International response matters	US Department of State (and its agencies); international health organizations
Homeland Security	Emergency response generally; cybersecurity matters	US Department of Homeland Security (including its agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency); disaster relief recipients; disaster response contractors; essential workforce classifications/designations
Judiciary	Liability matters; competition issues	US Department of Justice (including its agencies), Federal Trade Commission, grant recipients
Natural Resources	Energy issues on federal lands; effects of pandemic on US territories; distribution of relief funds	US Department of the Interior and related officials; territorial governments; oil and gas exploration and extraction industry; businesses in the territories
Oversight and Reform (including the Select Subcommittee on Coronavirus Oversight)	Comprehensive – all aspects of the response (but, notably, limited legislative jurisdiction)	Potentially any government agency
Science, Space and Technology	Strictly science-based issues	Sub-cabinet level agencies with research and development jurisdiction; testing laboratories; research companies

Congressional Committee Oversight (cont.)

<p>Small Business</p>	<p>Implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); enforcement of the PPP; impact on and implementation of other small business aid (e.g., economic injury disaster loans); effects on small business generally</p>	<p>US Small Business Administration; US Department of the Treasury; PPP recipients and lenders</p>
<p>Transportation and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Transportation-related effects; emergency management issues; regulatory relief; jurisdictional industries' involvement in crisis</p>	<p>US Army Corps of Engineers; Federal Emergency Management Agency; regulated industries, including those receiving emergency funding (e.g., airlines)</p>
<p>Ways and Means</p>	<p>Tax relief; health entitlement spending; international trade matters</p>	<p>US Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service; US Department of Health and Human Services; US Trade Representative</p>

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US Senate Committee	Subject Matter	Targets
Agriculture	Effects on agriculture industry generally; financial relief to industry; food supply	US Department of Agriculture (and its agencies); agriculture community; agribusiness/producers; meat processing; food supply chain participants
Appropriations	All federal spending	Every department and agency with a funded role in pandemic response; recipients of federal funding
Armed Services	Effects on the armed forces, such as readiness	US Department of Defense (and its agencies); defense contractors
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	Financial relief to industry; operations of the Federal Reserve	US Department of the Treasury; US Federal Reserve; recipients of federal relief; beneficiaries of any Treasury-based regulatory relief
Commerce, Science and Transportation	Cybersecurity; transportation-related effects; telehealth; unfair competition; consumer privacy issues	US Department of Homeland Security; US Department of Transportation; Federal Communications Commission; Federal Trade Commission; regulated industries in the sector, including those receiving emergency funding; internet platforms
Energy and Natural Resources	Energy issues on federal lands; effects of pandemic on US territories	US Department of the Interior; territorial governments; oil and gas exploration and extraction industry; businesses in the territories; banks
Environment and Public Works	Regulatory relief	US Environmental Protection Agency

Congressional Committee Oversight (cont.)

Finance	Tax relief; health entitlement spending; international trade matters	US Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service; US Department of Health and Human Services; Office of the US Trade Representative
Foreign Relations	International response matters	US Department of State (and its agencies); international health organizations
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	Public health matters; effects on primary, secondary education, and higher; financial relief to institutions; occupational safety	US Department of Health and Human Services (and its agencies); Occupational Safety and Health Administration; US Department of Education; US Department of Labor (and its agencies); education communities; recipients of financial relief; large manufacturing concerns
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Emergency response generally; cybersecurity matters	US Department of Homeland Security (including its agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency); disaster relief recipients; disaster response contractors
Judiciary	Liability matters; competition issues	US Department of Justice (including its agencies), Federal Trade Commission; participants in health care response to COVID-19
Select Committee on Ethics	Financial transactions of Members	Internal, includes Office of Congressional Ethics
Small Business and Entrepreneurship	Implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); enforcement of the PPP; impact on and implementation of other small business aid (e.g., economic injury disaster loans); effects on small business generally	US Small Business Administration; US Department of the Treasury; PPP recipients and lenders