



Senate Democrats join with President Biden to save American lives, support struggling families and get our children safely back to school

A year after it first came to the United States, the COVID-19 pandemic – and the corresponding economic crisis – continue to devastate families across the country.

Over 425,000 Americans have already died, and a new more-contagious strain of the virus is appearing in communities across the country.

More than 10 million Americans are out of work, and millions more are worrying about how they'll pay the rent, keep the lights on, and provide food for their families. Meanwhile, millions of children are out of the classroom and struggling to learn on their own with support from their family.

Democrats know that American families and communities need a bold plan to combat the pandemic, address the economic crisis they face, and get our children back to school safely.

The American Rescue Plan has three main goals:

Vaccinate Americans to Defeat the Pandemic:

- The health of the American people comes first. We cannot get “back to normal” and revive our economy unless we get vaccines off of shelves and into American arms. The American Rescue Plan will get more Americans vaccinated, increase testing capacity, and ensure that health care professionals and other front-line workers have adequate protective equipment.

Provide Checks and Vital Economic Help to Families who need it:

- American families need to know we've got their backs. The American Rescue Plan will give struggling families direct checks and extend crucial unemployment insurance programs to ensure that families can cover the rent or mortgage, pay their bills, and keep food on the table.

- Additionally, it will boost the Child Tax Credit and expand the Earned Income Tax Credit, which will lift over half of poor American children out of poverty.

Get our Children Back to School Safely:

- American children need to be in school. We also can't get our economy moving again if parents can't return to work. And parents can't return to work if they aren't confident that their children will be safe in their schools.
- The American Rescue Plan will provide support to safely reopen the majority of K-8 schools within President Biden's first 100 days and serve all students no matter how and where they are learning.

Now is the time to act.

It's time for an American Rescue Plan.

Democrats understand that our health, our families, and our future depend on it.