Day 1 of the Special Legislative Session

This issue requires the approval of a concurrent resolution before the session adjourns. This resolution is set to be heard this evening in the House State Affairs Committee. In addition to the two issues identified in the Governor's proclamation to convene the Extraordinary Session, there was a distributed and tabulated was sent to the Senate's amending order.

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The most contentious issue—civil liability—will certainly extend the special session into the midnight hour.

Resources & Equipment

Convalescent Plasma treatment receives EUA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized emergency use of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) as a treatment in hospitalized adults and adolescents 18 years of age and older with COVID-19 infection under the auspices of an Investigational New Drug application (IND) submitted by the Mayo Clinic. CCP is indicated for the treatment of adults who have had COVID-19 infection within the last 12 weeks and are currently hospitalized, with the endpoint of the study is to be accompanied by the provision of the Fact Sheet for Patients and Caregivers.

Virtual Meetings & Education

Update on COVID-19 and Thrombosis Risk

Peer-reviewed reports from several different parts of the world have raised the concern that the risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) may be unusually high in patients with COVID-19 infection. This free webinar, presented by the National Blood Clot Alliance, will tackle some of the questions surrounding the relationship between SARS-CoV-2 and VTE. All attendees will receive a copy of the Fact Sheets for Healthcare Providers and the Fact Sheet for Patients and Caregivers.