

# *U.S. coronavirus cases hit record high*

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The Washington Post reports the White House is finalizing plans with the U.S. Postal Service to deliver 500 million free coronavirus test kits to households that request them. This comes as USPS is asking for a temporary waiver on vaccine requirements for its 650,000 employees, saying the rule threatens to delay mail deliveries. The White House said Thursday it has no plans to grant the waiver.

On Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in two challenges to President Biden's vaccine mandates affecting nearly 100 million workers.

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