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### NOVID Act

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**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 8, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 21, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 8, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3778	Related bill	Jun 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Nullifying Opportunities for Variants to Infect and Decimate Act or the NOVID Act**

This bill establishes the Pandemic Preparedness and Response Program to coordinate and carry out the U.S. government's global health response to COVID-19, its variants, and other pathogens with pandemic potential.

As part of the program, the bill requires, within 30 days, the development of a comprehensive strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. The strategy must outline efforts to increase COVID-19 vaccinations worldwide, including through the immediate release of the COVID-19 vaccine doses that the United States committed to sending abroad.

The bill also requires a long-term strategy for the program to prevent future pandemics.

### **Actions Timeline**

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