

This report provides a snapshot of the US Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day's press releases.

POTUS' Schedule

4:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT meets with the Governor of Colorado and the Governor of North Dakota | Rose Garden

VPOTUS' Schedule

1:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT leads a Video Teleconference Call with Higher Education Leaders | The White House

2:30 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT leads a White House Coronavirus Task Force meeting | The White House

Recap of Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks. Purple colored hyperlink spotlights COVID-19 developments.

The White House

- [Memorandum](#) on the Delegation of Functions and Authorities under Section 1260J of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020

- [Press Briefing](#) by Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [COVID-19 webpage](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Press Release](#): FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for Mississippi
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for North Carolina
- [Press Release](#): Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Alternate Care Site (ACS) "Warm Sites"
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Announce Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for South Carolina
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for Tennessee

- [Press Release](#): FEMA Issues Public Notice (Tennessee)
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Recovery Efforts on the Island Continue with Funding Obligations for 131 Additional Projects (Puerto Rico)
- [Press Release](#): Incident Period for Puerto Rico Earthquakes Now Includes May 2 Tremors

Department of Defense (DOD)

- [Press Release](#): DOD Awards \$138 Million Contract, Enabling Prefilled Syringes for Future COVID-19 Vaccine
- [Article](#): Air Force Implements COVID-19 Screenings at Seattle Airport
- [Press Release](#): DOD Awards \$24 Million for the 2020 Class of the Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellowship
- [Publication](#): 2020 Class of Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellows
- [Press Release](#): DOD Announces Winners of FY19 Nunn-Perry Award Recognizing Excellence in the DOD Mentor Protégé Program
- [Contracts](#) for May 12, 2020

Department of State

[Daily Schedule](#) | Wednesday, May 13

Notably, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is on travel to Israel.

- May 12: [Fact Sheet](#) | Furthering Our Relationship With Israel
- May 12: [Fact Sheet](#) | North American Cooperation on COVID-19
- May 12: [Fact Sheet](#) | Transatlantic Cooperation on COVID-19
- May 12: [Fact Sheet](#) | Indo-Pacific Cooperation on COVID-19
- May 12: [Readout](#) | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Estonian Foreign Minister Reinsalu
- May 12: [Statement](#) | Condemning Heinous Terrorist Attacks in Afghanistan Today
- May 12: [Advisory](#) | The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Design-Build Award for a U.S. Embassy Office Annex in Bangkok, Thailand

US Mission to the United Nations (UN)

- **Remarks** at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Iraq (via VTC)
- **Remarks** at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Syria (via VTC)

Department of the Treasury

- **Statement** from Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Start of Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facility Purchases
- **Press Release**: Update on Treasury Implementation of the Payroll Support Program for the Aviation Industry

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- **Press Release**: Acting DHS Secretary Wolf Statement on the Confirmation of Troy Edgar
- **Press Release**: Border Patrol Apprehends COVID-19 Positive Mexican Drug Smuggler with Possible Drug Cartel Ties (Washington DC)
- **Press Release**: Border Patrol Agents Arrest Convicted Child Sex Offender (New Mexico)
- **Press Release**: Yuma Sector Agents Seize Methamphetamine and Arrest Subjects with Outstanding Warrants (Arizona)
- **Press Release**: CBP Field Operations Seizes Over \$293K in Undeclared Currency Over Mother's Day Weekend (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Yuma Sector Agents Arrest Cocaine Smugglers (Arizona)
- **Press Release**: Savannah CBP Officers Intercept Unsafe Toy Ducks (Georgia)
- **Press Release**: RGV Sector Border Patrol Agents Arrest Three Sex Offenders (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Laredo CBP Officers Seize Hard Narcotics Worth Over \$1.3 Million at the Juarez-Lincoln Bridge (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Laredo Sector Border Patrol Seizes Large Narcotics Load (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Wanted Fugitives And A Currency Seizure Keep El Paso Ports of Entry Busy Mother's Day Weekend (Texas)

Department of Justice

Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases

- **Press Release**: Justice Department Requires Divestiture Following Historic Arbitration Win

- **Press Release**: Former Veterans Affairs Doctor Indicted on Multiple Civil Rights Charges
- **Press Release**: Texas Man Sentenced to 60 Years in Prison for Sexually Abusing a Child in Hundreds of Videos and Images
- **Press Release**: Missouri Man Indicted for Hate Crime and Arson Charges
- **Press Release**: Justice Department Seeks to Shut Down Chicago Area Tax Return Preparer

Department of Commerce

- **Blog**: Commerce This Week | May 12

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- **Press Release**: USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Ohio
- **Press Release**: USDA Invests \$3.3 Million in High-Speed Broadband in Rural South Dakota

Department of Transportation

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Two Air Service Notices Impacting Airlines and Consumers
- **Press Release**: CARES Act Air Service Exemptions for United Airlines, Silver Airways, and Tradewind Aviation

Department of Labor

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor Cites Steel Storage Tank Company
- **Press Release**: West Texas Paving Company to Pay Back Wages to Worker Denied Paid Sick Leave Despite Doctor's Order for Coronavirus Quarantine
- **Press Release**: Indiana Trucking Company Pays Back Wages to Worker Denied Paid Sick Leave While Experiencing Coronavirus Symptoms and Seeking Diagnosis

US Government (USG) COVID-19 Webpages

- Department of Defense [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of State [COVID-19 Travel Advisory webpage](#)
- Office of Personnel Management [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Food and Drug Administration [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of Homeland Security Employee [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of Labor [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- USAGov [COVID-19 webpage](#)

Non-USG COVID Webpages

Johns Hopkins University & Medicine

- [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
 - [COVID-19 Interactive Map](#)

Synopsis of President Trump's Tweets

- May 12: "Women for Trump co-chair: Biden might not be 'ultimate nominee,' and Dems engaging in 'elder abuse'"
- May 12: "Fake @PulitzerPrizes must be taken back. These 'journalists' got everything wrong. Give them to the real journalists who got it right!" Retweet: Washington Examiner @dcexaminer · 2h · 'It was the worst journalistic fiasco of now my more than 50 some years in journalism. It was a disaster.' @BritHume called the media's coverage of @realDonaldTrump's alleged collusion with Russia the "worst journalistic fiasco" he's seen in his 50-year career.

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- May 12: "Shifty Schiff exposed!" Retweet: Kimberley Strassel @KimStrassel · 3h · Newly released documents show Adam Schiff knew all along that there was no proof of Russia-Trump collusion. <https://wsj.com/articles/all-the-adam-schiff-transcripts-11589326164>
- May 12: "Big News: Tom Tiffany of the Great State of Wisconsin has just become Congressman Tom Tiffany. He will do a FANTASTIC job for the people of Wisconsin, and the United States. Congratulations!"
- May 12: "As long as other countries are receiving the benefits of Negative Rates, the USA should also accept the 'GIFT'. Big numbers!"
- May 12: "California should let Tesla & @elonmusk open the plant, NOW. It can be done Fast & Safely!"
- May 12: "Crude Oil prices going up as Saudi Arabia cuts production levels. Our great Energy Companies, with millions of JOBS, are starting to look very good again. At the same time, gasoline prices at record lows (like a big Tax Cut). The BEST of all Worlds. 'Transition To Greatness'"

Daily Public Policy Group Reports

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