

US Executive Branch Update

May 4, 2020

This is a daily update (Monday through Saturday) on US executive branch (Executive Branch) schedules, notable developments and a synopsis of President Trump's social media activities. The report further provides a snapshot of the Executive Branch's priorities via daily press releases.

We report on the daily public event schedules for the President of the United States (POTUS) and Vice President of the United States (VPOTUS), as released by the White House; therefore, time for some scheduled items may change daily in real-time. The notable developments provided in this update typically include a listing of executive actions; a selection of departmental press releases and publications from the day prior; and information on or related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); among other information.

POTUS' Schedule

At the time of publication, the White House had yet to release President Trump's schedule for Monday, May 4.

Looking Ahead: President Trump is expected to visit Phoenix, Arizona, on Tuesday, May 5, and deliver remarks at the Honeywell Mask Production Facility

VPOTUS' Schedule

1:30 p.m. EDT: THE VICE PRESIDENT leads a Governors' Video Teleconference on COVID-19 Response and Economic Revival | Situation Room

Recap of Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3, 2020

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

The White House

 May 1: Disaster Declaration: President Donald J. Trump Approves South Carolina Disaster Declaration

Other Notable Developments

Center for Disease Control

COVID-19 webpage

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Press Release: President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for South Carolina
- Fact Sheet: Federal Aid Programs for the State of South Carolina
- Press Release: Coronavirus Pandemic Response: PPE Packages for Nursing Homes
- Press Release: Photos of Whole-of-America COVID-19 Response
- Press Release: FEMA Approves Crisis Counseling Assistance for COVID-19 Response to Four States
- Press Release: FEMA Administrator Authority to Approve Crisis Counseling during Coronavirus
- Press Release: FEMA Administrator Approves 30 States for Crisis Counseling
- Press Release: Public Notice of FEMA's Intended Procurement of Reinsurance February 2020

Department of State

Department Statements

- May 3: Interview | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo With Martha Raddatz of ABC's This Week with George Stephanopoulos (re: North Korea; COVID-19/China/Transparency/Retaliation/Wuhan Lab)
- May 2: Statement | World Press Freedom Day (COVID-19 mentions)
- May 2: Statement | Poland Constitution Day

Daily Schedule

Public schedule for Monday, May 4

US Agency for International Development (USAID)

 Statement on World Press Freedom Day from USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa (COVID-19 mentions)

Department of the Treasury

 Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T.
 Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Success of the Paycheck Protection Program

Department of Justice

- Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases
- Press Release: The Department of Justice Files Statement of Interest in Support of Church That Ministers to Underserved Communities

Department of Labor

 Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Acts to Help American Workers And Employers During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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 4: "Interesting? By Congress not wanting the special 5 minute testing apparatus, they are saying that they are not "essential". In any event, we have great testing capacity, and have performed 6.5 million tests, which is more than every country in the world, combined!"
- May 4: "Mexico is sadly experiencing very big CoronaVirus problems, and now California, get this, doesn't want people coming over the Southern Border. A Classic! They are sooo lucky that I am their President. Border is very tight and the Wall is rapidly being built!"
- May 4: "Republicans love the biggest Tax Cuts, Rebuilt Military, Choice for Vets, saving 2nd Amendment and many other things my Administration has done, but what they love beyond all else is 252 (so far!) Federal Judges, not including two great Supreme Court Justices. A Big Record!"

 May 4: "And I'm Endorsing you also Lacy, you truly deserve it. You are doing a great job, and Omar is a disaster who wants much higher taxes, hates our Military & our Vets, demands Open Borders, and is fighting to take away our great 2nd Amendment. Good luck Lacy!

Lacy Johnson @LacyJohnsonMN · May 2 I'm running against Ilhan Omar.

I'm humbled the GOP endorsed me by receiving 90% of the vote

I will win the primary and look forward to defeating Ilhan in Nov. 2020.

Please retweet, follow me, and if able, please contribute to my campaign at link below. https://secure.winred.com/lacy-johnson-for-congress/donate-now-x"

- May 4: "Getting great reviews, finally, for how well we are handling the pandemic, especially our strong production of desperately needed ventilators, the building of field hospitals & beds, and soon, the great things we are doing on testing. People are really working well together!"
- May 4: "Concast" should open up a long overdue Florida Cold Case against Psycho Joe Scarborough. I know him and Crazy Mika well, used them beautifully in the last Election, dumped them nicely, and will state on the record that he is "nuts". Besides, bad ratings! #OPENJOECOLDCASE'
- May 3: "I'm with the TRUCKERS all the way. Thanks for the meeting at the White House with my representatives from the Administration. It is all going to work out well!"
- May 3: "Intelligence has just reported to me that I was correct, and that they did NOT bring up the CoronaVirus subject matter until late into January, just prior to my banning China from the U.S. Also, they only spoke of the Virus in a very non-threatening, or matter of fact, manner..."
- May 3: "....Fake News got it wrong again, as always, and tens of thousands of lives were saved by my EARLY BAN of China into our Country. The people that we're allowed were heavily scrutinized and tested U.S. citizens, and as such, I welcome them with open arms!"
- May 3: "....And then came a Plague, a great and powerful Plague, and the World was never to be the same again! But America rose from this death and destruction, always remembering its many lost souls, and the lost souls all over the World, and became greater than ever before!"
- May 3: "Thank you very much to our beautiful "boaters."
 I will never let you down! [Video]"

 May 3: "So nice to see this great honor. Thank you (but haven't played golf in a long time)!"

Trump Turnberry @TrumpTurnberry · Apr 30 We're delighted to announce Turnberry's 18-hole Ailsa golf course has once again been recognised by @GolfWorld1 as the best golf course in the UK and Ireland for 2020.

We'd like to thank all of the wonderful readers and editors at Golf World for their nominations #trumpturnberry"

- May 3: "Going well despite the Fake News!
 Steven Dennis @StevenTDennis · Apr 30
 Trump gets bump in latest Gallup Poll:
 49% approval (+6, tied for his best)
 47% disapproval (-7)"
- May 3: "Progress being made!

Kellyanne Conway @KellyannePolls · May 1

Thanks to @GovMurphy & team for putting politics aside & collaborating with @realDonaldTrump to help hard-hit, beloved @NJ. Our country must be unified to fight this invisible enemy & overcome medical and financial crises.

https://twitter.com/GovMurphy/status/125596704621 6617984"

May 3: "Thank you!

Ronna McDaniel @GOPChairwoman · May 1 @realDonaldTrump has his highest Gallup approval rating ever!

The American people know he is working hard for them and see that his administration is doing everything in its power to defeat coronavirus. https://washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/gallup-trump-surges-to-approval-high-best-ever-ok-from-independents"

 May 3: "Hopefully our Country will soon mend. We are all missing our wonderful rallies, and many other things!
 Dan Scavino @DanScavino · May 2
 #TrumpPence2020 #MAGA"

 May 3: "Many complaints coming in about Maine. I love that State, won Maine 2 - Don't make the cure worse than the problem itself. That can happen, you know!"

AmericaFirst @danco_1830 · 19h

Maine Gov. Takes Away Rick Savage's State License After He Defied Her Orders And Opened For Business.

https://chicksonright.com/blog/2020/05/02/maine-gov-takes-away-rick-savages-state-license-after-hedefied-her-orders-and-opened-for-business/ via @chicksonright"

 May 3: 'The Fake News doesn't show real polls.
 Lamestream Media is totally CORRUPT, the Enemy of the People!

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 2 96% Approval Rating in the Republican Party. Thank you! Also, just out, highest ever Approval Rating overall in the new Gallup Poll, and shows "Trump beating Sleepy Joe Biden."

- May 3: "@PeteHegseth "Oh bye the way, I appreciate the message from former President Bush, but where was he during Impeachment calling for putting partisanship aside." @foxandfriends He was nowhere to be found in speaking up against the greatest Hoax in American history!"
- May 2: "Beautiful, thank you to our GREAT @BlueAngels and @AFThunderbirds!

The White House @WhiteHouse · May 2

The @BlueAngels and @AFThunderbirds flew over Washington, D.C. today to honor our nation's INCREDIBLE healthcare workers, first responders, and essential personnel fighting Coronavirus on the front lines Flag of United States

THANK YOU!"

 May 2: "No reason to turn it down, except politics. We have plenty of testing. Maybe you need a new Doctor over there. Crazy Nancy will use it as an excuse not to show up to work!

Leader McConnell @senatemajldr · Mar 10

The time is now for all Americans to engage in basic common-sense measures, and for Americans at heightened risk to take additional precautions. The experts' detailed recommendations for individuals, families, and employers are available online at http://Coronavirus.gov."

 May 2: "The Democrats are just, as always, looking for trouble. They do nothing constructive, even in times of crisis. They don't want to blame their cash cow, China, for the plague. China is blaming Europe. Dr. Fauci will be testifying before the Senate very soon! #DONOTHINGDEMOCRATS

Mark Knoller @markknoller · May 2

@PressSec accuses House Approp Chair @NitaLowey of staging a "publicity stunt" by asking for testimony from Dr. Anthony Fauci at a hearing on HHS funding. McEnany says Lowey failed to explain request to WH Chief of Staff @MarkMeadows, who approved Fauci for a Senate hearing."

 May 2: "So true, although Honest Abe wasn't bad. Thank you!

David Kyalo Musyoka | Flag of Kenya @David Kyalo M · May 2

Replying to @realDonaldTrump

Trump has done more for Blacks than all the other Presidents combined! Are we together?"

 May 2: "She was thrown off The View like a dog, Zero T.V. Personas. Now Wallace is a 3rd rate lapdog for Fake News MSDNC (Concast). Doesn't have what it takes!

Mark R. Levin @marklevinshow · May 2
One of MSLSD's stable of dimwits, Nicolle Wallace, humiliating herself, again https://therightscoop.com/nicole-wallace-says-bidenis-getting-smeared-on-sex-allegations-then-this-hypocritical-tweet-resurfaces/"

May 2: "I, for one, am glad to see he is back, and well!
 Lokman Karadag 洛克曼 @LokmanKaradag1 · May

#KimJongUn cut the tape at the ceremony marking the completion of Sunchon Phosphatic Fertilizer Factory in Sunchon. #NorthKorea"

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 May 2: "Border Wall is going up FAST. Over 172 miles already built. 450 miles by early next year, or sooner! Dems want OPEN BORDERS. I want STRONG BORDERS!

> Chief Rodney Scott @USBPChief · May 1 Border Security is National Security

Today, we completed a 15 mile section of border wall system in El Centro Sector that will provide much needed infrastructure to help USBP agents secure the border.

Learn more about the border wall system by visiting http://cbp.gov/borderwallsystem"

- May 2: "The Impeachment Hoax will be exposed. Crazy Nancy gets Nothing Done, that's why she got thrown out as Speaker the first time. Also, she should come back to Washington now!"
- May 2: "I hate to be promoting AT&T, but @OANN is Great News, not Fake News. Everybody should be carrying them!

One America News @OANN · Mar 24

Looking for an easy way to enjoy @OANN 24/7 live feed? AT&T's new streaming service, called AT&T TV, features @OANN's LIVE feed. Self-install is easy & promotions are currently available. AT&T TV is available nationwide.

Visit visit http://attplans.com! #OANN"

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