

US Executive Branch Update

May 6, 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 | May 6, 2020

12:15 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT signs a Proclamation in honor of National Nurses Day | Oval Office

12:45 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT has lunch with THE VICE PRESIDENT | Private Dining Room

2:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT meets with the Governor of Iowa | Oval Office

3:30 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives his intelligence briefing | Oval Office

VPOTUS' Schedule | May 6, 2020

12:15 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT joins THE PRESIDENT for a signing of a Proclamation in honor of National Nurses Day | Oval Office

12:45 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT joins THE PRESIDENT for lunch | Private Dining Room

2:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT joins THE PRESIDENT for a meeting with the Governor of Iowa | Oval Office

4:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT leads a White House Coronavirus Task Force meeting | Situation Room

Looking Ahead: Vice President Pence is scheduled to visit Iowa on Friday, May 8, 2020. He will participate in a discussion with faith leaders about responsibly reopening houses of worship in accordance with guidelines. The Vice President will also visit Hy-Vee Headquarters and participate in a roundtable event with agriculture and food supply leaders to discuss the US food supply chain.

White House Briefing | May 6, 2020

4:00 p.m. EDT – Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing | James S. Brady Briefing Room

Recap of Tuesday, May 5, 2020

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

The White House

- Remarks by President Trump at Honeywell International Inc. Mask Production Facility | Phoenix, Arizona (AZ)
- Remarks by President Trump Before Air Force One Departure (re: reopening the economy/virus projections/mitigations; AZ trip; tweet/the Lincoln Project)
- Remarks by President Trump Before Marine One Departure (re: Venezuela; Dr. Fauci/House vs. Senate testimony; China/no call yet with President Xi; virus projections/mitigations; COVID-19 origin; travel to AZ/mask; Honeywell N95 mask facility; states reopening; virus death projections; China/transparency)
- Proclamation on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day, 2020
- Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump is Protecting the Native American Community as We Combat the Coronavirus
- Statement from the Press Secretary (re: First Lady's donation of lunches)
- Readout from First Lady Melania Trump's calls with Teachers in Honor of National Teacher Day
- Presidential Message on Cinco de Mayo, 2020
- Presidential Message on National Teacher Day, 2020

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 webpage

Department of Health and Human Services

Press Release: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
 Issues Guidance on Covered Health Care Providers
 and Restrictions on Media Access to Protected Health
 Information about Individuals in Their Facilities

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Press Release: Federal Support to Expand National Testing Capabilities
- Press Release: In Case You Missed It | FEMA Encourages Hurricane Preparedness Now in COVID-19 Environment
- Press Release: FEMA Issues Public Notice (Oregon)
- Press Release: State, FEMA Continue Working on Tennessee Disaster Recovery
- Press Release: FEMA Approves Historic Amount of 552 Project Obligations (Puerto Rico)

Department of Defense

- Readout of Bilateral Engagement With Tunisian Defense Minister Imed Hazgui
- Article: DOD Remains Flexible, Agile in Face of Coronavirus
- Article: DOD Focuses on Sustaining Industrial Base Through Pandemic
- Press Release: DOD Identifies Army Casualty (noncombat/Iraq)
- Contracts for May 5, 2020

Department of State

Daily Schedule | Wednesday, May 6

10:00 a.m. EDT – Secretary of State Mike Pompeo holds a press availability at the Department of State.

 May 5: Transcript | Briefing With Dr. William Walters, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Operations, Bureau of Medical Services, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Ian Brownlee, Bureau of Consular Affairs On COVID-19: Updates on Health Impact and Assistance for American Citizens Abroad

US Mission to the United Nations (UN)

- Remarks at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Lebanon (via VTC)
- Remarks at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Libya (via VTC)

Department of the Treasury

Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T.
 Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior David L.
 Bernhardt on Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Fund Dollars to Native American Tribes

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

- Press Release: Border Patrol (BP) and Sheriff's Office Seize Stolen Weapons (California)
- Press Release: BP Arrests Previously Deported MS-13 Gang Member (Arizona)
- Press Release: Yuma Sector Checkpoint Agents Seize Meth and Two Handguns (Arizona)
- Press Release: CBP Agriculture Specialists at South Texas Ports of Entry Ensure Mother's Day Plants and Flowers are Disease and Pest-Free (Texas)
- Press Release: Motorcycle and Marijuana Floated Across the Rio Grande (Texas)
- Press Release: CBP Field Operations Intercepts Narcotics and Currency Totaling \$1.1 Million in Value (Texas)
- Press Release: Counterfeit Cialis and Viagra Pills Seized by CBP Officers in Louisville (Kentucky)
- Press Release: CBP Rochester Seizes Counterfeit COVID-19 Test Kits (New York)

Department of Justice

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Daily Press Releases
- Statement from Attorney General William P. Barr on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day
- Press Release: Two Charged in Rhode Island with Stimulus Fraud

Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR)

- Statement of USTR Robert Lighthizer on the Launch of US-United Kingdom (UK) Trade Negotiations
- Joint Statement of USTR Robert Lighthizer and UK Secretary of State for International Trade Elizabeth Truss

Department of Commerce

 Blog: Spotlight on Commerce | Elizabeth Chu, Social Media Specialist and Acting Website Editor-in-Chief, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Press Release: USDA Invests \$23 Million in High-Speed Broadband in Rural New Mexico
- Press Release: Meals to You to Serve 5 Million Meals a Week to Rural Children
- Press Release: USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Maine, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Vermont

Department of Transportation

- Press Release: CARES Act Air Service Exemptions for Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airlines
- Press Release: Early Estimates of 2019 Motor Vehicle Traffic Data Show Reduced Fatalities for Third Consecutive Year

Department of Labor

- Press Release: US Department of Labor Provides Additional Flexibility for Dislocated Worker Grants, Allowing Awardees to Use Funds for Contact Tracing
- Press Release: US Department of Labor Offers New Video and Poster On Proper Workplace Use of Respirators

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 6: "The White House CoronaVirus Task Force, headed by Vice President Mike Pence, has done a fantastic job of bringing together vast highly complex resources that have set a high standard for others to follow in the future. Ventilators, which were few & in bad shape, are now being...."
- May 6: "....gloves, gowns etc. are now plentiful. The last four Governors teleconference calls have been conclusively strong. Because of this success, the Task Force will continue on indefinitely with its focus on SAFETY & OPENING UP OUR COUNTRY AGAIN. We may add or subtract people"
- May 6: "....to it, as appropriate. The Task Force will also be very focused on Vaccines & Therapeutics. Thank you!"
- May 6: "Thank you @Honeywell!" [Video]
- May 5: "I was thrilled to be back in the Great State of Arizona with the incredible, patriotic, and hardworking men and women of @Honeywell!" [Video]
- May 5: "Will be doing a major interview tonight at 6:30 P.M. Eastern with @DavidMuir on @ABCWorldNew Tonight."
- May 5: "On #NationalTeacherDay, we recognize the countless men and women who dedicate their lives to instilling character, integrity, and knowledge in the hearts and minds of our Nation's students, thank you!"
- May 5: "Getting ready to land in the Great State of Arizona!"
- May 5: "Wow! Congratulations to Greg Gutfeld, a one time Trump Hater who has come all the way home. His Ratings easily beat no talent Stephen Colbert, nice guy Jimmy Fallon, and wacko 'last placer' Jimmy Kimmel. Greg built his show from scratch, and did a great job in doing so. @FoxNews"
- May 5: "Well run States should not be bailing out poorly run States, using CoronaVirus as the excuse! The elimination of Sanctuary Cities, Payroll Taxes, and perhaps Capital Gains Taxes, must be put on the table. Also lawsuit indemnification & business deductions for restaurants & ent."

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