

US Executive Branch Update

May 7, 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 7, 2020

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

4:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY deliver remarks at the White House National Day of Prayer Service | Rose Garden

VPOTUS' Schedule | May 7, 2020

11:00 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT delivers PPE from FEMA to Woodbine Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center

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

3:50 p.m. EDT –THE VICE PRESIDENT delivers remarks at the White House National Day of Prayer Service | Rose Garden

5:00 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.

Recap of May 6, 2020

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

The White House

- Statement from the President Regarding Veto of S.J. Res. 68 (re: termination of the use of US Armed Forces in hostilities against Iran)
- Presidential Veto Message to the Senate for S.J. Res. 68
- Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at a Meeting with Governor Reynolds of Iowa
- Remarks by President Trump at Signing of a Proclamation in Honor of National Nurses Day | May 6, 2020
- Proclamation on National Nurses Day, 2020
- Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Is Working To Protect Students From Sexual Misconduct And Restore Fairness And Due Process To Our Campuses
- Press Briefing by Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany | May 6, 2020
- Proclamation on National Day of Prayer, 2020
- Remarks by President Trump in Roundtable Discussion on Supporting Native Americans | Phoenix, AZ | May 5, 2020
- Nominations/Appointments: President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate and Appoint Individuals to Key Administration Posts (State Department)
- Nominations: President Donald J. Trump Announces Judicial Nominees
- Nominations: One Nomination Sent to the Senate

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 webpage

Department of Health and Human Services

 Statement from Secretary Azar on National Nurses Day

Department of Defense

- Article: DOD Sends Annual Civilian Casualty Report to Congress
- Article: Leaders Chart the Course as U.S. Space Force Launches
- Article: Defense Security Cooperation Agency Sees Growing Interest in Partnerships
- Article: DOD Aims to Make Moves Easier With New Contract for Household Goods
- Press Release: Survivor Benefit Plan Student Certification Process
- Article: Naval Special Warfare Center Resumes Training, With COVID-19 Precautions
- Article: Department Uses Thermal Imaging to Detect COVID-19
- Article: U.S. Army Garrison Italy Reveals COVID-19 Recovery Plan
- Press Release: DOD Awards \$126 Million Contract to 3M, Increasing Production of N95 Masks
- Contracts for May 6, 2020

Department of State

Daily Schedule | Thursday, May 7

- May 6: Transcript | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo at a Press Availability (re: China/transparency; Taiwan/World Health Organization (WHO); US assistance; Hong Kong/congressional report delayed; US-UK trade negotiations; Germany/Hizballah ban; Switzerland/Iran; human rights victories; China/transparency; Sudan; Israel/Iran/Syria; Venezuela operation; EU vaccine donor conference/China's participation; virus origins/manmade vs. nature; CDC requests for access to Wuhan lab)
- May 6: Readout | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Czech Prime Minister Babiš
- May 6: Joint Statement | United States-Czech Republic Joint Declaration on 5G Security
- May 6: Readout | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Kang
- May 6: Readout | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov
- May 6: Readout | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Vietnamese DPM/FM Pham Binh Minh

- May 6: Readout | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Iraqi Prime Minister Kadhimi
- May 6: Interview | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo With Lou Dobbs of Lou Dobbs Tonight (re: pandemic; China/Wuhan Lab; World Health Organization/possible new agency to supplant; China/biowarfare/ transparency; dialogue with China)
- May 6: Statement | Additional US Foreign Assistance Builds Upon U.S. Leadership in the Global COVID-19 Response
- May 6: Transcript | Briefing With Special Advisor for Children's Issues Michelle Bernier-Toth and Scott Renner, Director of the Office of Children's Issues On Intercountry Adoptions
- May 6: Travel Advisory | Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad Travels to Qatar, India, and Pakistan

US Agency for International Development (USAID)

- Press Release: United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Aid for the People of Yemen
- Statement by Secretary Michael R. Pompeo
- Statement from USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa on the Retirement of Admiral R. Timothy Ziemer

US Mission to the United Nations

 Remarks at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (via VTC)

Department of the Treasury

- Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Introduction of Legislation to Transfer the Secret Service Back to Its Original Home at the Treasury Department
- Press Release: Quarterly Refunding Statement of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Finance Brian Smith
- Minutes of the Meeting of the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association May 5, 2020
- Report to the Secretary of the Treasury from the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association

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

- Press Release: Border Patrol Stops another Tractor-Trailer Human Smuggler (California)
- Press Release: Smugglers Subject Women and Children to Inhumane Conditions (Arizona)

- Press Release: Border Patrol Rescue Several Individuals Abandoned in the Brush (Texas)
- Press Release: El Paso Agents Prevent Human Smuggling Attempt (Texas)
- Press Release: Rio Grande Valley Agents Seize Over \$1.5 Million in Meth (Texas)
- Press Release: Alien Smuggling Attempt Halted at Rio Grande Valley Checkpoint (Texas)
- Press Release: Mother's Day Reminder Essential Only Travel Through Border Ports of Entry (Texas)
- Press Release: CBP Agriculture Specialists intercept several invasive pests on the northern border (North Dakota)
- Press Release: CBP officers seize counterfeit televisions at International Falls Port of Entry (Minnesota)
- Press Release: A Turntable Played More Than Music;
 2Lbs of Cocaine Seized (Ohio)
- Press Release: CBP Port of New Orleans Gets New Director (Louisiana)
- Press Release: CBP Harvesting of Illegal Marijuana at MIA a Success (Florida)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Press Release: Citizenship Requirements | Survivors Registering for Federal Assistance (Tennessee)
- Press Release: What to Expect After You Register (South Carolina)
- Press Release: Use Disaster Assistance Grants Wisely (Mississippi)

Department of Justice

Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases

- Press Release: United States Reaches Settlement to Recover More Than \$49 Million Involving Malaysian Sovereign Wealth Fund
- Press Release: California Hand Sanitizer Company Ordered to Stop Marketing Unapproved New Drugs

Office of the US Trade Representative

 Press Release: US Notifies Full Compliance in WTO Aircraft Dispute

Department of Commerce

 Press Release: U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross Joins Board Meeting of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation

- Press Release: US Department of Commerce to Initiate Section 232 Investigation into Mobile Crane Imports
- Blog: Spotlight on Commerce | Kimberly Trimble, Management Analyst and Human Resources Liaison, US Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Press Release: USDA Applauds Missouri Court Ruling on Meat Processing Plants
- Press Release: Secretary Perdue Issues Letters on Meat Packing Expectations
- Press Release: USDA Approves Colorado to Accept SNAP Benefits Online

Department of Interior

 Press Release: Governor Newsom Continues to Recklessly Jeopardize the Water Supply and Security of Millions of Californians

Department of Labor

- Press Release: US Department of Labor Awards Over \$10 Million in Dislocated Worker Grants in Response to the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency
- Press Release: US Department of Labor Cites Florida Roofing Contractor For Repeatedly Exposing Employees to Fall Hazards
- Press Release: US Department of Labor Awards Additional Dislocated Worker Grant Funding to Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corp. to Support Transitioning Service Members
- Press Release: US Department of Labor Sues Advance Benefits Management Systems and Fiduciaries Alleging Misuse Led To More Than \$7,000,000 in Unpaid Claims

Department of Education

 Press Release: Secretary DeVos Takes Historic Action to Strengthen Title IX Protections for All Students

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: [Proclamation on National Nurses Day, 2020]
- May 6: "The Fake News has reached an all time high!"

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