

## **US Executive Branch Update**

May 12, 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**

12:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives his intelligence briefing | Oval Office

4:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT meets with Republican Members of the Senate | Cabinet Room

#### **VPOTUS' Schedule**

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

## **White House Press Briefing Schedule**

2:00 p.m. EDT – Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing | James S. Brady Briefing Room | On Camera

## Recap of Monday, May 11, 2020

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

#### The White House

 Remarks by President Trump in a Press Briefing on COVID-19 Testing

- Fact Sheet: The United States Has Built the World's Leading Coronavirus Testing System
- Statement: Office of Nat'l Drug Control Policy Director Carroll's Statement on National Police Week
- Nominations/Appointments: President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate and Appoint Individuals to Key Administration Posts (re: Int'l Development Finance Corporation)

### **Other Notable Developments**

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

COVID-19 webpage

#### **Department of Defense (DOD)**

- Article: DOD Uses 3D Printers to Ease COVID-19 Ventilator Shortage
- Article: DOD Launches Financial Education Website for Military Spouses
- Contracts for May 11, 2020

#### **Department of State**

Daily Schedule | Tuesday, May 12

- May 11: Readout | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo's Videoconference with Partners on COVID-19
- May 11: Readout | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo's Call with Swiss Foreign Minister Cassis
- May 11: Interview | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo With Jim Daly of Focus on the Family (re: China/transparency; darkness/humanity/Uighurs; propaganda/disinformation; religious freedom; American humanitarian assistance; Five Eyes; post-pandemic world)
- May 11: Joint Statement on United States-Japan Strategic Energy Partnership: Virtual Presentations to U.S. and Japanese Industry Representatives
- May 11: Statement | 25th Anniversary of the Extension of the Non-Proliferation Treaty
- May 11: Statement | Sea Turtle Conservation and Shrimp Imports to the United States

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

 Travel Advisory: Acting Secretary Wolf Traveling to Arizona and California (May 12)

- Press Release: Weekly Update | DHS Response to COVID-19
- Press Release: CBP Launches the United States-Mexico-Canada Center to Coordinate Implementation of USMCA (Washington DC)
- Press Release: CBP Issues Detention Order on Seafood Harvested with Forced Labor (Washington DC)
- Press Release: USBP Agents Seize Over 100 Lbs. of Meth, Arrest Woman
- Press Release: Border Patrol Arrests Armed Smuggler In Stolen Vehicle (California)
- Press Release: CBP Field Operations Seizes Over \$250K in Contraband in Two Separate Enforcement Actions (Texas)
- Press Release: Border Patrol Halts a Human Smuggling Attempt (Texas)
- Press Release: 35 Counterfeit SuperBowl Rings Seized by CBP at O'Hare (Illinois)
- Press Release: CBP Baltimore Field Office Continues to Seize Counterfeit and Unapproved COVID-19 Protective Equipment and Medications (Maryland)
- Press Release: CBP Miami Seizes Live Insects Heading to California (Florida)

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Press Release: FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for Alabama
- Press Release: More Than \$3.6 Million Approved to Repair Wilmington Drainage Systems (North Carolina)
- Press Release: FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for Florida
- Press Release: FEMA May Be Able to Help if Insurance Doesn't Cover Some Disaster Expenses (Tennessee)
- Press Release: FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for Georgia
- Press Release: Disaster Survivors in Clarke, Grenada, Jasper, Lawrence, Panola and Walthall Counties May Apply for Assistance (Mississippi)
- Press Release: FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for Kentucky
- Press Release: South Carolina: Applying for Federal Disaster Assistance Usually Takes Two Steps

#### **Department of Justice**

Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases

- Press Release: Justice Department Releases \$61
   Million in Awards to Support Efforts to Combat Violent Crime in Seven U.S. Cities
- Press Release: Justice Department Files Statement of Interest Regarding Section 201 of the Voting Rights Act
- Press Release: Former Emory University Professor and Chinese "Thousand Talents" Participant Convicted and Sentenced for Filing a False Tax Return
- Press Release: University of Arkansas Professor Arrested for Wire Fraud

#### **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

- Press Release: USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Texas and New Jersey
- Press Release: USDA Approves Wisconsin to Accept SNAP Benefits Online

#### **Department of Energy**

 Press Release: DOE's Office of Science Graduate Student Research Program Selects 62 Outstanding U.S. Students

#### **Department of Interior**

 Press Release: Interior Approves Plan for the Largest Solar Project in U.S. History

#### **Department of Labor**

- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Issues Guidance and Reminders to States To Ensure Integrity of Unemployment Insurance Programs
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Issues Alert to Help Keep Dental Industry Practitioners Safe During the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Issues Guidance Announcing the Availability of \$100 Million in Short-Time Compensation Grant Funds for States
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Launches Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Program Standards Recognition Entity Application Portal
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Secures \$1,149,965 in Back Wages In Bankruptcy Court for Hair Salon Workers in 15 States

#### **Department of Education**

- Press Release: Secretary DeVos Announces New Grant Competition for School Districts to Launch Student-Centered Funding Program
- Press Release: U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos Honors Two Educators with Inaugural Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award

#### 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: "Asian Americans are VERY angry at what China has done to our Country, and the World. Chinese Americans are the most angry of all. I don't blame them!"
- May 12: "Wisconsin, please get out NOW and vote for Tom Tiffany for Congress. A great guy!"
- May 12: "Looking forward to being in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on Thursday. I love the State, and for very good reason!"
- May 12: "Remember this, every Governor who has sky high approval on their handling of the Coronavirus, and I am happy for them all, could in no way have gotten those numbers, or had that success, without me and the Federal Governments help. From Ventilators to Testing, we made it happen!"
- May 12: "So interesting to see all of these people I beat so badly, pundits & consultants that never had a chance, telling me how to run for office. Many are Republicans who should LOVE our 280 new Judges, rebuilt Military, 2A, great V.A. Low Taxes, etc. Just don't like that I beat them!"
- May 12: "Our Testing is the BEST in the World, by FAR! Numbers are coming down in most parts of our Country, which wants to open and get going again. It is happening, safely!"
- May 12: "The American People are WARRIORS!"
- May 12: "TRANSITION TO GREATNESS"

- May 12: "96% APPROVAL RATING IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. THANK YOU! We will win against a tired, exhausted man, Sleepy Joe Biden, in November."
- May 12: "Big news!" Retweet: Sara A. Carter
   @SaraCarterDC · 10h · #BREAKING List Of Obama Officials Involved In Unmasking Declassified, Expected To Be Public Soon. I've been waiting for this day since 2017 finally it's happening. DNI Grenell is making it happen. Rice, Power, Brennan who else? https://saraacarter.com/list-of-obama-officials-involved-in-unmasking-declassified-expected-to-be-public-soon/?utm\_source=twitter&utm\_medium=social&utm\_campaign=social-pug via @SaraCarterDC
- May 12: "A great time to have strong Borders, and we now have the strongest Borders in our history. 182 miles of Border Wall already built! Dems want Open Borders, let EVERYONE IN. No thanks!"
- May 12: "Then we must be very careful. Crazy Nancy would be a total disaster, and the USA will never be a Communist Country!" Retweet: John Solomon @jsolomonReport · 13h · Pelosi would be third in line to serve as president if Trump, Pence become incapacitated by COVID-19. | Just The News https://justthenews.com/politics-policy/coronavirus/if-trump-and-pence-catch-covid-19-pelosi-could-serve-president-says
- May 12: "ColdCaseJoe!" Retweet: John Solomon @jsolomonReports · 13h · MSNBC's Joe Scarborough apologizes to Pence & Sen. Ted Cruz | Just The News https://justthenews.com/accountability/media/msnbcsjoe-scarborough-apologizes-vp-pence-sen-ted-cruz
- May 11: "The Lamestream Media is truly out of control. Look how they work (conspire!) together. They are the Enemy of the People, but don't worry, we will WIN in November!"
- May 11: "Vote @MikeGarcia2020 by May 12th! His opponent @ChristyforCA25 voted to fire teachers, and cut their salaries while bumping up her pay. Now she's mocking our Great Vets! We need Navy Fighter Pilot Mike Garcia in #CA25!"
- May 11: "Tom Tiffany (@TomTiffanyWI) is a Great Advocate for the incredible people of Wisconsin (WI07). We need Tom in Congress to help us Make America Great Again! He will Fight for Small Business, supports our Incredible Farmers, Loves our Military and our Vets...."
- May 11: "....He is Strong on Crime, the Border, and Second Amendment. Tom has deep roots in Wisconsin, is a big Tax Cutter, and will help me DRAIN THE SWAMP! Tom has my Complete and Total Endorsement. Vote for Tom Tiffany!"

- May 11: "Congressman Adrian Smith is a strong fighter for Nebraska. He fights for your Second Amendment, defends our Borders, strengthens our Military and loves our Vets! Adrian has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #NE03"
- May 11: "Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (@SupportFortNE) is a great advocate for Nebraska. He fights for Farmers, Small Businesses and our incredible Vets and Military. Jeff has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #NE01"
- May 11: "Congressman @DonJBacon is doing a tremendous job for Nebraska! He served our Country as an Air Force General, and now he serves our Vets, Farmers, and Small Businesses. Strongly supports the Second Amendment. Don has my Complete & Total Endorsement! #NE02"
- May 11: [Proclamation on Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2020]
- May 11: "THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE. Sadly, our Lamestream Media is TOTALLY CORRUPT!" Retweet: Mollie @MZHemingway · 22h · Serious question: What is the appropriate remedy or response for the years of fake news being peddled by most of major media? They've caused major damage to domestic health and foreign relations. They are continuing the fake news even now. What can be done? What should be done? https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/125967504 0314003459
- May 11: "Because it was OBAMAGATE, and he and Sleepy Joe led the charge. The most corrupt administration in U.S. history!" Retweet: Mollie @MZHemingway · 12h ·Why Did Obama Tell The FBI To Hide Its Activities From Trump? https://thefederalist.com/2020/05/11/why-did-obamatell-the-fbi-to-hide-its-activities-from-the-trumpadministration/#.XrlQmMEC4Cw.twitter

- May 11: "He should be FIRED by Concast. If done by a Republican, would be 'prosecuted'." @AjitPaiFCC Retweet: Brit Hume @brithume · 23h · Though NBC posted a correction on Twitter of its misrepresentation of Barr's words, as of this writing it had not added so much as a note to the transcript. https://nbcnews.com/meet-the-press/meet-press-may-10-2020-n1204016 https://twitter.com/mzhemingway/status/12596646452 05512203
- May 11: "@WashTimes 'FBI Went Rogue In Pursuit Of Trump"
- May 11: "The great people of Pennsylvania want their freedom now, and they are fully aware of what that entails. The Democrats are moving slowly, all over the USA, for political purposes. They would wait until November 3rd if it were up to them. Don't play politics. Be safe, move quickly!"
- May 11: "OBAMAGATE makes Watergate look small time!"
- May 11: "Coronavirus numbers are looking MUCH better, going down almost everywhere. Big progress being made!"
- May 11: "Dems are trying to steal the Mike Garcia Congressional Race in California. Republicans, get out and VOTE for your terrific candidate, ASAP!"
- May 11: "Great credit being given for our Coronavirus response, except in the Fake News. They are a disgrace to America!"
- May 11: "This is why it's not really the Lamestream Media, it's the Rigged Media....and it is what I'm up against. It was corrupt in 2016. Now it is much more corrupt, and what you are seeing is the least of it....but WE WILL WIN AGAIN!"
- May 11: "OBAMAGATE!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 10 · Thank you! https://twitter.com/mikandynothem/status/1245659076 660301829

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