

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

## POTUS' Schedule\*

11:45 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives his intelligence briefing | Oval Office

12:30 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT holds a conference call with the National Hispanic Community | Oval Office

4:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT participates in a meeting with the Governor of Arkansas and the Governor of Kansas | Cabinet Room

## VPOTUS' Schedule\*

9:25 AM a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Washington, D.C., en route Orlando, FL, on Air Force Two

11:25 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Orlando, FL on Air Force Two

12:15 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT has a conversation with Westminster Baldwin Park Leadership about nursing home challenges during COVID-19 | Westminster Baldwin Park

1:20 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT has lunch with Governor DeSantis to discuss phased economic re-opening | Beth's Burger Bar

3:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in a roundtable discussion with hospitality and tourism industry leaders | Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel

4:30 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Orlando, FL, en route Washington, D.C., on Air Force Two

6:20 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Washington, D.C., on Air Force Two

## White House Press Briefing Schedule\*

3:00 p.m. EDT – Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing | James S. Brady Briefing Room | On Camera

\*The US President (POTUS) and Vice President's (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change, as is the White House press briefing.

## Recap of Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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

### The White House

- [Executive Order](#) on Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump in Cabinet Meeting
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump on Supporting our Nation's Farmers, Ranchers, and Food Supply Chain
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump After Senate GOP Policy Lunch | U.S. Capitol
- [Remarks](#) by Vice President Pence at the 7th Meeting of the National Space Council
- [Nominations](#): Seven Nominations and One Withdrawal Sent to the Senate
- [Press Release](#): Second Lady Karen Pence Highlights Mental Health Awareness at Great Smoky Mountain National Park Second Phase Reopening

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

- [COVID-19 webpage](#)

### Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- [Press Release](#): HHS, Industry Partners Expand U.S.-Based Pharmaceutical Manufacturing for COVID-19 Response
- [U.S. Statement](#) on Taiwan's Participation at the World Health Assembly

## Department of Defense (DOD)

- [Article](#): DOD Adopts 'Zero Trust' Approach to Buying Microelectronics
- [Article](#): DOD Renames Award to Honor Late Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
- [Contracts](#) for May 19, 2020

## Department of State

### Daily Schedule | Wednesday, May 20

- May 19: [Fact Sheet](#) | UPDATE: The United States Continues to Lead the Global Response to COVID-19
- May 19: [Sanctions](#) | The United States Designates Company Providing Services for Iranian Airline Mahan Air's Operations in China
- May 19: [Statement](#) | Taiwan's Inauguration of President Tsai Ing-wen
- May 19: [Advisory](#) | U.S. State Department and University of Georgia to Host Virtual Prevalence Reduction Innovation Forum on Human Trafficking

## US Agency for International Development (USAID)

- [Press Release](#): USAID Announces Nearly \$23.4 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance to Contain Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo

## US Mission to the United Nations (UN)

- [Remarks](#) at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Syria (via VTC)
- [Joint Statement](#) on the Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19 – Towards a Better Future for All
- [Remarks](#) at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Libya (via VTC)

## Department of the Treasury

- [Sanctions](#): Treasury Designates China-based Mahan Air General Sales Agent
- [Readout](#) from a Treasury Spokesperson on Secretary Mnuchin's Call with G7 Finance Ministers

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

- [Statement](#) from Acting Secretary Chad Wolf on Non-Essential Travel (re: borders with Canada/Mexico)
- [Statement](#) from Acting Secretary Wolf on the Extension of Title 42
- [Press Release](#): USBP & ICE Ramping Up Repatriation Flights; Effort Aimed at Reducing COVID-19 Exposure in U.S. (California)

- [Press Release](#): Yuma Sector Agents Assist with Multiple Distress Calls Over the Weekend (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): Nevada Woman Smuggling Deadly Fentanyl Arrested by BP (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): Border Patrol Agents Apprehend Two Sex Offenders Over Weekend (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): Wanted Fugitives And A Drug Seizure Keep El Paso Ports Of Entry Busy This Weekend (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): Border Patrol Recovers Stolen Firearms in Two Separate Incidents (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): Smuggler Leads Border Patrol and Multiple Agencies on Pursuit (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): CBP Agriculture Specialists Seize Illegally Harvested Seafood Imported Contrary to Texas Law at Hidalgo International Bridge (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): Nearly 3,000lbs of Drugs and Guns Seized at Border since March (Michigan)
- [Press Release](#): Guns, Drugs, and Money Intercepted before leaving Miami (Florida)

## Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Press Release](#): FEMA Needs Your Current Contact Information (Tennessee)
- [Press Release](#): 2020 Hurricane Preparedness Tips (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Recovery Efforts Continue on the Island with Funding Obligations for 121 Projects (Puerto Rico)

## Department of Justice

### Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases

- [Press Release](#): Texas Man Charged with \$5 Million COVID-Relief Fraud
- [Press Release](#): United States Joins False Claims Act Lawsuit against William M. Kelly, M.D. Inc. and Omega Imaging Inc.
- [Press Release](#): Wisconsin Dentist Sentenced to Prison for Tax Evasion

## Department of Commerce

- [Remarks](#) by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross at the Seventh Meeting of the National Space Council
- [Press Release](#): Commerce Department Releases New Regulations to Support U.S. Leadership in Commercial Satellite Remote Sensing Industry

- **Op-Ed** by Commerce Secretary Wilbur L. Ross: 3 Factors Why This Economic Bounceback Won't Mirror 2008
- **Blog:** Spotlight on Commerce | Thomas Hong, Primary Patent Examiner, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- **Press Release:** USDA, FDA Strengthen U.S. Food Supply Chain Protections During COVID-19 Pandemic
- **Press Release:** USDA Announces Details of Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

### Department of Labor

- **Press Release:** U.S. Department of Labor Adopts Revised Enforcement Policies For Coronavirus
- **Press Release:** U.S. Department of Labor Offers Fraud Prevention Resources To Enhance Integrity of Unemployment Insurance Programs
- **Press Release:** U.S. Department of Labor Announces Availability of \$11.5 Million In Worker Safety and Health Training Grants
- **Press Release:** Statement of U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia on Passing Of Labor-Management Standards Director Arthur Rosenfeld

### 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 20: "Breaking: Michigan sends absentee ballots to 7.7 million people ahead of Primaries and the General Election. This was done illegally and without authorization by a rogue Secretary of State. I will ask to hold up funding to Michigan if they want to go down this Voter Fraud path!.."
- May 20: "@RussVought45 @MarkMeadows @USTreasury"
- May 20: "Consistently great reporting by Elizabeth MacDonald of @FoxBusiness. She really understands OBAMAGATE!"
- May 20: "YES!" Retweet: Jonathan Turley @JonathanTurley · May 18 · Obama's United Nations Amb. Samantha Power testified that she had no recollection of even a single such request to unmask Flynn. She made at least seven. When Sessions said that he had "no recollection", Democrats called for his prosecution for perjury... <https://jonathanturley.org/2020/05/18/did-samantha-power-commit-perjury-it-depends-if-the-sessions-standard-applies/>
- May 20: "A really great woman, and what a job she is doing!" Retweet: Andrew T. Walker @andrewtwalk · 10h · Put your politics aside for a second and let's just be human: @PressSec's tribute to @RaviZacharias is very sincere and moving. It is no small thing that the White House Press Secretary is offering these remarks: <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2020/may/exclusive-kayleigh-mcenanys-emotional-tribute-to-ravi-zacharias>
- May 20: "The Fake News knows this. Thanks Katie!" Retweet: Katie Pavlich @KatiePavlich · May 18 · "Survey from Jackson & Coker shows an overwhelming majority of doctors would prescribe hydroxychloroquine or another anti-malaria drug to a family member suffering from Wuhan coronavirus." <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/katiepavlich/2020/04/09/another-study-shows-overwhelming-majority-of-doctors-would-prescribe-hydroxychloroquine-to-their-wuhan-coronavirus-patients-n2566585>

- May 20: “They got caught. Some very nervous criminals out there. Thank you Ted!” Retweet: Ted Cruz @tedcruz · 16h · Wow. Ongoing spying from an outgoing POTUS on the incoming POTUS—directed by Obama himself—is unprecedented in the 243 years of our nation’s history. [twitter.com/seanmdav/status...](https://twitter.com/seanmdav/status...)
- May 20: “Thank you!” Retweet: US Patriot @USPATRIQT41020 · May 30, 2019 · Replying to @realDonaldTrump: I’ve always been anti-social media but I’ve finally decided to join Twitter to show my love & support for you, Mr. President. You are truly amazing putting America first & the way you fight the hateful left & media. Nobody else could do what you do....truly incredible. #WWG1WGA
- May 19: “Thanks. Sleepy Joe has given you nothing, and never will!” Retweet: Pierre Wilson @ThePierreWilson · 17h · Trump is the BEST President Black America has ever had. Flag of United States
- May 19: “Thank you Emily!” Retweet: Emily Miller @emilymiller · May 17 · Enormous help to oil and gas producers in Texas and all the jobs dependent on the industry. [twitter.com/WhiteHouse/status...](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse/status...)
- May 19: "So true. OBAMAGATE!" Retweet: Ted Cruz @tedcruz · 7h · Wow. Ongoing spying from an outgoing POTUS on the incoming POTUS—directed by Obama himself—is unprecedented in the 243 years of our nation’s history. [twitter.com/seanmdav/status...](https://twitter.com/seanmdav/status...)
- May 19: “THANK YOU @SenateGOP!” Retweet: Senate Republicans @SenateGOP · 10h · Welcome back to the Capitol, @realDonaldTrump!
- May 19: “The Massive Trump Coronavirus Supply Effort that the Media Loves to Hate” @RichLowry [[Article](#)]
- May 19: “I am pleased to announce that the Seattle area’s @SoundTransit will receive over \$166M in federal funds from @USDOT to help keep the transit system open & operational, helping get people to work or make necessary trips. These funds help replace lost fare revenue, very important!”
- May 19: “I am proud to announce the Portland Area’s @trimet will receive over \$184M in federal funds to support continued operations of their transit system. This will keep workers on the job and help the economic recovery by ensuring reliable transportation!”
- May 19: “I am proud to announce the San Francisco Bay Area will receive over \$700M in federal funds to support continued operations and support workers at @flySFO Intl Airport and for transit on @sfmta\_muni & @SFBart. This money will aid in economic recovery!”
- May 19: “DC’s @WMATA system is getting over \$876M, a big boost to stay open & operating! The federal funds will keep workers paid & buses & trains running on a limited schedule as they are needed for essential trips. Good news for those who rely on transit! Congrats to @MayorBowser & all!”
- May 19: “@foxandfriends trounces Morning Psycho (MSDNC) in the Ratings!”

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