

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

## POTUS' Schedule\*

THE PRESIDENT has no public events scheduled for Saturday or Sunday.

## VPOTUS' Schedule\*

THE VICE PRESIDENT has no public events scheduled for Saturday or Sunday.

\*The US President (POTUS) and Vice President's (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change.

## Recap of Friday, May 22, 2020

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

### The White House

- [Remarks](#) by President Trump at Rolling to Remember Ceremony: Honoring our Nation's Veterans and POW/MIA | May 22, 2020
- [Proclamation](#) on Honoring the Victims of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump at Ford Rawsonville Components Plant | Ypsilanti, MI | May 21, 2020
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump During Tour of Ford Rawsonville Components Plant | Ypsilanti, MI | May 21, 2020
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump in Listening Session with African American Leaders | Ypsilanti, MI | May 21, 2020
- [Proclamation](#) on National Maritime Day, 2020
- [Proclamation](#) on Honoring the Victims of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

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

- [COVID-19 webpage](#)

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

- [Press Release](#): HHS Announces 45-Day Compliance Deadline Extension for Provider
- [Press Release](#): HHS Announces \$500 Million Distribution to Tribal Hospitals, Clinics, and Urban Health Centers
- [Press Release](#): HHS Announces Nearly \$4.9 Billion Distribution to Nursing Facilities Impacted by COVID-19

### Department of Defense (DOD)

- [Speech](#): Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper Remarks for the 2020 U.S. Naval Academy Commencement
- [Article](#): Navy, Army Partner for 3D Printing of COVID-19 Test Swabs
- [Article](#): Navy Ship Takes Down Drug Vessel, Seizes 1.5 Tons of Cocaine
- [Contracts](#) for May 22, 2020

### Department of State

- May 22: [Readout](#) | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Iraqi Prime Minister Kadhimi
- May 22: [Readout](#) | Secretary Pompeo's Phone Call with Libyan Prime Minister Fayed al-Sarraj
- May 22: [Statement](#) | P.R.C. Proposal To Impose National Security Legislation on Hong Kong
- May 22: [Advisory](#) | U.S. Participates in the International Donors Conference in Solidarity with the Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants
- May 22: [Fact Sheet](#) | This Week in Iran Policy
- May 22: [Fact Sheet](#) | Iran's Assassinations and Terrorist Activity Abroad
- May 22: [Sanctions](#) | The United States Sanctions Nicaraguan Army General Aviles and Finance Minister Acosta
- May 22: [Statement](#) | On the Passing of Former Lao Prime Minister Keobounphanh

### US Agency for International Development (USAID)

- [Statement](#) from USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa on Memorial Day

## US Mission to the United Nations (UN)

- [Remarks](#) at a UN Security Council Arria-Formula Meeting on Cyber Stability and Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace (via VTC)

## Department of the Treasury

- [Sanctions](#) | Treasury Sanctions Senior Nicaraguan Government Officials, Increasing Pressure on President Ortega's Regime

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

- [Statement](#) from Acting Secretary Wolf on Corpus Christi Shooting
- [Press Release](#): Acting Secretary Wolf Signs Exemption Allowing Entry of Certain Foreign Professional Athletes into the US
- [Press Release](#): Acting Secretary Wolf Announces Additional Support to Firefighting Organizations
- [Press Release](#): Border Patrol Busts Cocaine Smuggler (California)
- [Press Release](#): Border Patrol Agents Rescue Two Men from Drowning (California)
- [Press Release](#): CBP Air and Marine Operations and Border Patrol Perform Multiple Rescues in Southwest Arizona
- [Press Release](#): Yuma Sector Agents Arrest Driver Following Vehicle Pursuit (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): Yuma Sector Agents Discover Two Illegal Aliens Concealed in Trunk of Car, One with Warrant for Burglary (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): Yuma Sector Agents Assist With a Multi-Agency Narcotics Raid (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): World Trade Bridge Officers Intercept Narcotics Worth Over \$350K (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): Border Patrol Halts Human Smuggling Attempts in the Rio Grande Valley (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): CBP Arrests Female in Stolen Vehicle with over \$130,000 in Gold (Michigan)
- [Press Release](#): CBP Issues Memorial Day Holiday Weekend Travel Advisory (Michigan)
- [Press Release](#): CBP Seizes \$252K of Counterfeit Currency in Cincinnati (Ohio)
- [Press Release](#): Wilmington, Delaware, CBP Reports First Local Interception of Moth Species (Delaware)

## Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Press Release](#): FEMA Awards \$2,025,000 Grant to the City of Marquette (Michigan)
- [Press Release](#): FEMA and the Government of Puerto Rico are Committed to the Island's Historic Preservation (Puerto Rico)
- [Press Release](#): One Month Remains to Register for FEMA Assistance in Bradley, Hamilton Counties (Tennessee)
- [Press Release](#): Community Mitigation Decision Support Tool
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Releases Latest State-by-State COVID-19 Data

## Department of Justice

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

- [Press Release](#): Department of Justice Files Statement of Interest Challenging the Legality of Illinois Governor's Sweeping COVID-19 Orders
- [Press Release](#): Software Engineer Charged in Washington with COVID-Relief Fraud
- [Press Release](#): Hollywood Film Producer Charged with \$1.7 Million COVID-Relief Fraud
- [Press Release](#): President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice Holds Hearing on Rural and Tribal Justice

## Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR)

- [Press Release](#): United States-Republic of Kenya Negotiations Summary of Specific Negotiating Objectives, May 2020

## Department of Commerce

- [Press Release](#): Commerce Department to Add Nine Chinese Entities Related to Human Rights Abuses in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region to the Entity List
- [Press Release](#): Commerce Department to Add Two Dozen Chinese Companies with Ties to WMD and Military Activities to the Entity List
- [Press Release](#): Department of Commerce Asks for Public Input on Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Exclusion Process
- [Blog](#): Spotlight on Commerce | Pad Hosmane, IT Specialist, Office of the Chief Information Officer, National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

## Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- **Press Release:** WTAS | USDA Delivers Relief to America's Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **Press Release:** USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Arkansas
- **Press Release:** USDA to Provide \$1 Billion in Loan Guarantees for Rural Businesses and Ag Producers

## Department of Labor

- **Press Release:** U.S. Department of Labor Cites Florida Construction Contractors After Employee Suffers Fatal Fall from Aerial Lift
- **Press Release:** U.S. Department of Labor, Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Reach Settlement; Plan to Pay \$431,818 in Unpaid Benefits to Former Grocery Store Employees

## Department of Education

- **Press Release:** Secretary DeVos Approves First Wave of Perkins Career and Technical Education State Plans

## 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 23: "Who are the 4%? A RINO or two!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 21 · 96% Approval Rating in the Republican Party. Thank you!
- May 23: "Sleepy Joe cannot bring us to greatness. He is the reason I'm here!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 21 · "President Trump is leading Joe Biden (D) in the battleground state of Pennsylvania 50.2 percent to 45.5 percent...This is significant, as it reflects a 4.7 percent jump from the previous survey."  
<https://breitbart.com/politics/2020/05/21/poll-president-trump-leading-joe-biden-in-battleground-pennsylvania/>
- May 23: "All things that I have GOTTEN DONE, including Criminal Justice Reform!" Retweet: The White House @WhiteHouse · 17h · President @realDonaldTrump visited Detroit yesterday, where he held a listening session with African-American community leaders. He joined them in discussing the Coronavirus response, permanent funding for HBCUs, prison reform, and much more.
- May 23: "Sean Parnell is a Star. We need him in Washington to Drain the Swamp!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · 16h · Sean (@SeanParnellUSA) has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA17 [twitter.com/seanparnellusa](https://twitter.com/seanparnellusa)...
- May 23: "Patriots!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · 20h · THANK YOU! #RollingToRemember [twitter.com/amvetshq/status...](https://twitter.com/amvetshq/status...)
- May 23: "So bad!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 21 · DOJ: Democrats Paid Pennsylvania Election Officials to Stuff Ballot Box <https://breitbart.com/politics/2020/05/21/doj-democrats-paid-pennsylvania-election-officials-to-stuff-ballot-box/> via @BreitbartNews
- May 23: "Caught in the act!" Retweet: Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 20 · YES! [twitter.com/jonathanturley...](https://twitter.com/jonathanturley...)
- May 22: "Admiral Ronny Jackson (@RonnyJackson4TX) is a very successful doctor and Navy Veteran running for Congress in #TX13. Strong on Crime, the Border and Agriculture — and he loves our Vets! Ronny has my Complete and Total Endorsement! Vote for Ronny!"
- May 22: "We need @KarenHandel back in Congress to fight for the incredible people of Georgia! She is a tremendous advocate for our Military, Vets, Border Security and the Second Amendment. Karen has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #GA06"

- May 22: “Congressman Guy Reschenthaler (@reschenthaler) is doing tremendous work for the people of Pennsylvania! A Navy veteran, Guy strongly supports our Vets, Borders, and always votes to uphold the Rule of Law. Guy has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA14”
- May 22: “Congressman John Joyce (@JohnJoyceForPA) is a fighter for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania! John loves our Vets, Military and Small Businesses and always defends Life and the Second Amendment. John has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA13”
- May 22: “Sean (@SeanParnellUSA) has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA17” Retweet: Sean Parnell @SeanParnellUSA · Dec 17, 2019 · Replying to @dbongino Lots of people asking how to donate! I will always work hard to earn your support & truly represent & be a voice for the People. Thank you. Flag of United States🇺🇸  
<https://secure.winred.com/americans-for-parnell-committee/donate>
- May 22: “Congressman Mike Kelly (@MikeKellyforPA) is an incredible advocate for Pennsylvania! He fights to Lower your Taxes, Create Jobs, Protect our Borders, and Defend the Second Amendment. Mike has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA16”
- May 22: “Congressman Fred Keller (@VoteFredKeller) has been doing a phenomenal job in Congress since his special election! He strongly supports our Vets, Small Businesses, Workers, and the Second Amendment. Fred has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA12”
- May 22: “Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson (@GT\_TeamGT) is a hard worker for Pennsylvania! The “Dean of the Delegation”, he strongly supports our incredible Farmers, Vets and the Second Amendment. “GT” has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA15”
- May 22: “Congressman Scott Perry (@PatriotsPerry) is an incredible fighter for Pennsylvania! He served our country as an Army General and now he fights for our Seniors, Vets, Military, and the Second Amendment. Scott has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA10”
- May 22: “Congressman Lloyd Smucker (@LloydSmuckerPA) is working hard for the people of Pennsylvania! Lloyd strongly supports the Second Amendment, and he’s fighting for our incredible Workers, Military and Vets. Lloyd has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA11”
- May 22: “Congressman Dan Meuser (@Meuser4Congress) is a tremendous advocate for Pennsylvania! Dan loves our Military, Vets and the Second Amendment – a real supporter of our #MAGA agenda. Dan has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA09”
- May 22: “Lisa Scheller (@SchellerforPA) will fight for the incredible people of Pennsylvania in Congress! She strongly supports our Military, Vets, Small Businesses and the Second Amendment. Lisa has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA07”
- May 22: “David Young (@YoungForIowa) is a champion for Iowa! He helped us pass the Trump Tax Cuts and he will always fight for our Small Businesses, Military, the Second Amendment and our Great Farmers! David has my Complete & Total Endorsement! #IA03”
- May 22: “Ashley Hinson (@hinsonashley) will be a tremendous advocate for the People of Iowa! She will fight for our Military, Vets, Small Businesses, & our Incredible Farmers—a true supporter of our #MAGA Agenda! Ashley has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #IA01”
- May 22: “3 years ago, after Jeff Sessions recused himself, the Fraudulent Mueller Scam began. Alabama, do not trust Jeff Sessions. He let our Country down. That’s why I endorsed Coach Tommy Tuberville (@TTuberville), the true supporter of our #MAGA agenda!”  
<https://secure.winred.com/tommytuberville/donate>  
Retweet: Tuberville @TTuberville · May 17 · 3 years ago today @JeffSessions threw @realDonaldTrump to the wolves with the Mueller appointment. When faced with supporting POTUS or running scared, Jeff Sessions chose the easy way out and recused himself. I won’t ever run from a fight in the U.S. Senate.
- May 22: “@deanbaquet is to be seriously respected. He has long been considered one of the dumbest men in the world of journalism, and he became Executive Editor of the Failing New York Times. Not easy to do. He has given up on “figuring Trump out”. Called it all wrong from the....”
- May 22: “....beginning, was forced to apologize (Fake News!) after the seriously wrong call of the 2016 Election, and is now willing to write anything, even if not truthful. He laughs at his boss, Publisher A.G. Sulzberger, and I laugh at them all. The @nytimes is a total mess!”
- May 22: “\$49.8M is on its way to @DallasLoveField Airport to aid in economic recovery. This Federal funding will support aviation in the Dallas area & keep aviation workers on the job & commerce moving at

one of our important medium hub airports. Proud to support our friends in Dallas!”

- May 22: “I am proud to announce that the Maryland Aviation Administration (@MdAviation) will receive \$87.8M in CARES Act Airport Grants funding to support aviation and keep commerce moving at this important gateway to the U.S. Capital Region. Very important for economic recovery!
- May 22: “Why doesn’t @FoxNews put up the CNBC POLL or the (believe it or not!) @CNN Poll? Hope Roger A is looking down and watching what has happened to this once beautiful creation!”

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