

US Executive Branch Update

May 27, 2020

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

POTUS' Schedule*

11:00 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT participates in a meeting with the Governor of New York | Oval Office

12:40 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart Washington, D.C., en route to Kennedy Space Center, FL

2:55 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive at Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Facility | Kennedy Space Center, FL

3:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY participate in a NASA Crew Quarters Tour | Kennedy Space Center, FL

3:10 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY participate in an Orion Capsules Tour | Kennedy Space Center, FL

3:20 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY receive a SpaceX Demonstration Mission 2 Launch Briefing | Kennedy Space Center, FL

4:25 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY participate in a viewing of SpaceX Demonstration Mission 2 Launch | Kennedy Space Center, FL

6:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT delivers remarks at Kennedy Space Center | Kennedy Space Center, FL

7:10 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart Kennedy Space Center, FL, en route to Washington, D.C.

9:15 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive at the White House

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

VPOTUS' Schedule*

10:30 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY depart Washington, D.C., en route Cape Canaveral, FL, on Air Force Two

12:15 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY arrive in Cape Canaveral, FL, on Air Force Two

1:05 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY participate in a greeting with astronaut families | Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Facility

1:10 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY participate in the departure of DM-II launch crew | Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Facility

3:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY join THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY for NASA Crew Quarters Tour | Kennedy Space Center, FL

3:10 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY join THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY for an Orion Capsules Tour | Kennedy Space Center, FL

3:20 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and the SECOND LADY join THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY for a SpaceX Demonstration Mission 2 Launch Briefing | Kennedy Space Center, FL

4:25 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY join THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY for a viewing of SpaceX Demonstration Mission 2 Launch | Kennedy Space Center, FL

6:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT delivers remarks at Kennedy Space Center | Kennedy Space Center, FL

8:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY depart Cape Canaveral, FL, en route Washington, D.C., on Air Force Two

9:50 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND LADY arrive in Washington, D.C., on Air Force Two

Recap of Tuesday, May 26, 2020

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

The White House

- Remarks by President Trump on Protecting Seniors with Diabetes
- Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Is Reducing The Cost Of Insulin And Improving Healthcare For Our Nation's Seniors
- Transcript: On-the-Record Press Call on the President's Action to Protect Seniors with Diabetes
- Transcript: Press Briefing by Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany
- Article: United States Strategic Approach to the People's Republic of China

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 webpage

Department of Defense (DOD)

- Press Release: DOD Officials Unveil COVID-Related Personnel, Move Guidance
- Press Release: Pentagon Reservation Plan for Resilience and 'Aligning With National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again'
- Publication: Pentagon Reservation Plan for Resilience and Aligning With National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again
- Press Release: Update to Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions
- Fact Sheet for Travel Restrictions
- Publication: Transition to Conditions-Based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions
- Press Release: Force Health Protection Guidance Supplement 9
- Publication: Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 9)
- Article: Russia Deploys Military Fighter Aircraft to Libya
- Contracts for May 26, 2020

Department of State

Daily Schedule | Wednesday, May 26

 May 26: Readout | Secretary Pompeo's Call with Peruvian Foreign Minister Meza-Cuadra

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

- Press Release: Weekly Update | DHS Response to COVID-19
- Press Release: CBP Extends Temporary Closure of Trusted Traveler Program Enrollment Centers Until July 6 (Washington DC)
- Press Release: Border Patrol Nabs a Sex Offender and Armed Smugglers Over Memorial Weekend (California)
- Press Release: Border Patrol Agents Seize Dangerous Drugs Concealed in Purse Liner (California)
- Press Release: Injured Hiker Assisted in Multi-Agency Effort (Texas)
- Press Release: Laredo Sector Border Patrol Comes to the Aid of Civilian (Texas)
- Press Release: Laredo Sector Border Patrol Locate and Render Aid to Lost Individuals (Texas)
- Press Release: Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Agents Rescue Six People (Texas)
- Press Release: Nearly \$1.5M Worth of Drugs Seized by Rio Grande Valley Agents (Texas)
- Press Release: CBP Officers in Chicago Seize 28,800
 Prohibited Capsules (Illinois)
- Press Release: Canadian Citizen Arrested by Border Patrol for Illegal Entry after Stealing a Canadian Fishing Vessel (Maine)
- Press Release: Ports within the Buffalo Field Office Seize Over 3,100 Pounds in Narcotics (New York)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Press Release: State, Federal Disaster Dollars Reimburse Dare County Debris Removal Expenses (North Carolina)
- Press Release: State, Federal Disaster Dollars Help Tideland Electric Membership Corporation (North Carolina)
- Press Release: FEMA Assistance does not affect other Federal Assistance (Mississippi)
- Press Release: FEMA Recovery Efforts Continue on the Island with Funding Obligations for 110 Projects (Puerto Rico)
- Press Release: FEMA Awards Fargo \$3.6 Million for Mitigation Project (North Dakota)
- Press Release: FEMA Awards \$1.2 Million for Ninemile Creek Mitigation Project (Montana)

• Press Release: Distribution of Infrared Thermometers

Department of Justice

Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases

- Press Release: Alexandria Man on FBI Most Wanted List Indicted on Terrorism Charges
- Press Release: Irish National Extradited to the United States from Ireland for Trafficking of Rhinoceros Horns
- Press Release: Justice Department Files Statement of Interest Regarding Section 201 of the Voting Rights Act

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

 Press Release: USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Washington

Department of Interior

 In Case You Missed It: Interior Continues to Safely Restore Access to Public Lands

Department of Labor

- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA Issues Guidance to Help Construction Workers During the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Press Release: Indiana Business Owner Sentenced After U.S. Labor Department Investigation Finds Deception in Administration of Employees' Benefit Plan
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Cites Tower Company After Fatal Fall at Worksite in Mississippi
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Obtains Consent Order and Judgment to Restore Assets to Participants in Iowa Trucking Company's Retirement Plan
- Press Release: New Mexico Human Services
 Department Pays Back Wages to Employee Denied
 Sick Leave Allowed by Coronavirus-Related
 Circumstances
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Recovers \$1.3 Million in Wages for 3,000 Employees After Restaurant Management Company Misses Payroll
- Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor and Wisconsin Agri-Business Association Establish Alliance to Address Grain-Handling Hazards

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 27: "Psycho Joe Scarborough is rattled, not only by his bad ratings but all of the things and facts that are coming out on the internet about opening a Cold Case. He knows what is happening!"
- May 27: "We pass 15,000,000 Tests Today, by far the most in the World. Open Safely!"
- May 27: "We are acting as a police force, not the fighting force that we are, in Afghanistan. After 19 years, it is time for them to police their own Country. Bring our soldiers back home but closely watch what is going on and strike with a thunder like never before, if necessary!"
- May 27: "OBAMAGATE MAKES WATERGATE LOOK LIKE SMALL POTATOES!"
- May 27: "New papers make CLEAR that the Obama Administration SPIED, in an unprecedented manner, on the Trump Campaign and beyond, and even on the United States Senate. Nobody would ever have believed that this level of illegality and corruption would be taking place in our beautiful USA!"
- May 27: "We have informed both India and China that the United States is ready, willing and able to mediate or arbitrate their now raging border dispute. Thank you!"
- May 27: "Republicans feel that Social Media Platforms totally silence conservatives voices. We will strongly regulate, or close them down, before we can ever allow this to happen. We saw what they attempted to do, and failed, in 2016. We can't let a more sophisticated version of that...."

- May 27: "....happen again. Just like we can't let large scale Mail-In Ballots take root in our Country. It would be a free for all on cheating, forgery and the theft of Ballots. Whoever cheated the most would win. Likewise, Social Media. Clean up your act, NOW!!!!"
- May 27: "Former CBS Reporter One Of The First 'To Identify Myself As A Target of Illegal Spying Under Obama Admin" [Article]
- May 26: "Congratulations to author Nick Adams on the @simonschuster publication of your new book, "Trump and Churchill, Defenders of Western Civilization". Certainly a great honor to be compared, in any way, to Winston Churchill. @NickAdamsinUSA"
- May 26: "The Failing @nytimes, winner of @PulitzerPrizes for its totally flawed coverage of the illegal Russia Witch Hunt, does its research as follows: Think of the absolute worst things you can say about Donald J. Trump, pretend there are sources, and just say it. RETURN THE PULITZERS!"
- May 26: "Great News: The boring but very nasty magazine, The Atlantic, is rapidly failing, going down the tubes, and has just been forced to announce it is laying off at least 20% of its staff in order to limp into the future. This is a tough time to be in the Fake News Business!"
- May 26: "@Twitter is now interfering in the 2020 Presidential Election. They are saying my statement on Mail-In Ballots, which will lead to massive corruption and fraud, is incorrect, based on factchecking by Fake News CNN and the Amazon Washington Post...."
- May 26: "...Twitter is completely stifling FREE SPEECH, and I, as President, will not allow it to happen!"
- May 26: "I hope all Republican House Members vote NO on FISA until such time as our Country is able to determine how and why the greatest political, criminal, and subversive scandal in USA history took place!"
- May 26: "Didn't Obama, whose Administration has now been caught cold illegally spying on the Trump campaign, recently also get caught playing golf on a course in Virginia, despite his wife Michelle urging people to stay home, before and after his round, in a major public service message?"
- May 26: "...A total double standard. The only thing the Dems have going for them is their very close relationship with the Fake News Lamestream Media!"
- May 26: "How brilliant are our FARMERS? Thank you @lgutwein99_31, real talent! #MAGA" [Video]

- May 26: "For all of the political hacks out there, if I hadn't done my job well, & early, we would have lost 1 1/2 to 2 Million People, as opposed to the 100,000 plus that looks like will be the number. That's 15 to 20 times more than we will lose. I shut down entry from China very early!"
- May 26: "....One person lost to this invisible virus is too much, it should have been stopped at its source, China, but I acted very quickly, and made the right decisions. Many of the current political complainers thought, at the time, that I was moving far to fast, like Crazy Nancy!"
- May 26: "We made most Governors look very good, even great, by getting them the Ventilators, unlimited Testing, and supplies, all of which they should have had in their own stockpiles. So they look great, and I just keep rolling along, doing great things and getting Fake Lamestream News!"
- May 26: "Stock Market up BIG, DOW crosses 25,000. S&P 500 over 3000. States should open up ASAP. The Transition to Greatness has started, ahead of schedule. There will be ups and downs, but next year will be one of the best ever!"
- May 26: "The opening of a Cold Case against Psycho Joe Scarborough was not a Donald Trump original thought, this has been going on for years, long before I joined the chorus. In 2016 when Joe & his wacky future ex-wife, Mika, would endlessly interview me, I would always be thinking...."
- May 26: "....about whether or not Joe could have done such a horrible thing? Maybe or maybe not, but I find Joe to be a total Nut Job, and I knew him well, far better than most. So many unanswered & obvious questions, but I won't bring them up now! Law enforcement eventually will?"
- May 26: "Sean Parnell is an American Hero. Conor Lamb has proven to be an American fraud, and a puppet for Crazy Nancy Pelosi. He said he would NOT vote for her for Speaker, and did. Will kill 2A. Voted to impeach (on nothing). A TOTAL & COMPLETE Sean Parnell Endorsement!" Retweet: Sean Parnell @SeanParnellUSA · May 23 · In 2006 I was wounded in Afghanistan. I was medically retired from the Army in 2010 & left the military with next to nothing. I was in rough shape. 10 yrs later the President of the United States is giving me shoutouts. Democrat or Republican this is damn cool! God Bless America! twitter.com/realDonaldTrum...

- May 26: "There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent. Mail boxes will be robbed, ballots will be forged & even illegally printed out & fraudulently signed. The Governor of California is sending Ballots to millions of people, anyone....."
- May 26: "...living in the state, no matter who they are or how they got there, will get one. That will be followed up with professionals telling all of these people, many of whom have never even thought of voting before, how, and for whom, to vote. This will be a Rigged Election. No way!"
- May 26: "Joe Biden's handling of the H1N1 Swine Flu was a complete and total disaster. Even polls on the matter were terrible!"

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