

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

11:30 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY participate in a wreath laying ceremony in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day | Washington DC

1:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT meets with Republican Members of Congress | State Dining Room

VPOTUS' Schedule

9:30 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Washington DC, en route Des Moines, IA, on Air Force Two

11:00 a.m. CDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Des Moines, IA, on Air Force Two

11:40 a.m. CDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in a discussion with faith leaders on responsible religious and spiritual gatherings | Westkirk Presbyterian Church

12:55 p.m. CDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in a roundtable discussion on securing the food supply | Hy-Vee Inc. Headquarters

4:00 p.m. CDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Des Moines, IA, en route Washington DC, on Air Force Two

7:00 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Washington DC, on Air Force Two

White House Briefing Schedule

12:30 p.m. EDT – Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing | James S. Brady Briefing Room | On Camera

Recap of May 7, 2020

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

The White House (WH)

- [Remarks](#) by President Trump in Meeting with Governor Abbott of Texas
- [Remarks](#) by President Trump at the White House National Day of Prayer Service
- [Remarks](#) by Vice President Pence at the White House National Day of Prayer Service
- [Executive Order](#) on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth
- [Fact Sheet](#): President Donald J. Trump Is Working to Secure America's Seafood Supply Chain and Bring Jobs Home
- [Text of a Notice](#) on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to the Central African Republic (CAR)
- [Text of a Letter](#) from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate (re: CAR)
- [Text of a Notice](#) on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Yemen
- [Text of a Letter](#) from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate (re: Yemen)
- [Text of a Notice](#) on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to the Actions of the Government of Syria
- [Text of a Letter](#) from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate (re: Syria)
- [WH Article](#): April Jobs Report Will Show the High Cost of States Shutting Down their Economies

- [Press Release](#): First Lady Melania Trump Celebrates Second Anniversary of “BE BEST”
- [Proclamation](#) on Military Spouse Day, 2020
- [Nominations](#): President Donald J. Trump Announces Judicial Nominee

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [COVID-19 webpage](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

- [Press Release](#): HHS Deploys New Portable Dialysis Machines to New York for COVID-19 Response
- [Press Release](#): HHS Awards More than Half Billion Dollars Across the Nation to Expand COVID-19 Testing
- [Press Release](#): HHS Extends Deadline for Attestation, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions for Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Press Release](#): FEMA Awards US\$78 million to Iowa for COVID-19 Response
- [Press Release](#): Mid-Atlantic Region Receives PPE Donation from the Republic of Turkey
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Authorizes Federal Funds to Help Battle Florida’s Mussett Bayou Fire (Florida)
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Authorizes Federal Funds to Help Battle Florida’s Five Mile Swamp Fire
- [Fact Sheet](#): How to Appeal FEMA’s Decision on Eligibility
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Obligates Nearly US\$89 Million to Rebuild the Island’s Hospitals (Puerto Rico)
- [Press Release](#): Five Schools Announced as Winners in Rocky Mountain Environmental Challenge (Colorado)

Department of Defense

- [Statement](#): US-Australia Defense Policy & Strategy Talks
- [Advisory](#): DOD Victory in Europe Day Virtual Commemoration Scheduled for Friday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.
- [Article](#): US-British Arctic Exercise Shows US Concern for Region
- [Article](#): Senate Hears Testimony on Top Pentagon Nominations
- [Contracts](#) for May 7, 2020

Department of State

Daily Schedule | Friday, May 8

- May 7: [Readout](#) | Secretary Pompeo’s Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba
- May 7: [Interview](#) | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo with Chris Stigall of The Chris Stigall Show (re: China/Wuhan lab; WHO/China; China/biological warfare; southern border policy critics now supportive of restricting travel from China; North Korea; Venezuela/Americans detained; lockdown/reopening)
- May 7: [Transcript](#) | Briefing on Russian Engagement in the Middle East
- May 7: [Joint Statement](#) on the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War
- May 7: [Interview](#) | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo with Jack Heath of The Jack Heath Radio Show (re: China/number of deaths/Wuhan lab; media citing China’s death statistics; vaccine efforts/China; China virus/propaganda; WHO/China)
- May 7: [Interview](#) | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo with Steve Gruber of The Steve Gruber Show (re: China/Wuhan lab; China/US adversary; China/authoritarian regime/threat to Western democracies; lockdown/reopening)
- May 7: [Interview](#) | Secretary Michael R. Pompeo with Joe Kernen, Andrew Sorkin, and Rebecca Quick of CNBC’s Squawk Box (re: China-US rift; China/threat to US; China/disinformation; dependency on China for PPE; China/trade deal; impact of tariffs on US economy; Wuhan lab/origins of virus; sharing therapeutics internationally, e.g., Remdesivir)
- May 7: [Statement](#) | On the Occasion of Vesak Day

US Agency for International Development (USAID)

- [Press Release](#): Investments in Global Health Security by the US Agency for International Development

Department of the Treasury

- [Statement](#) by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Selection of Louis DeJoy to Serve as Postmaster General

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

- [Press Release](#): Acting Secretary Wolf Announces New Homeland Security Advisory Council Members
- [Press Release](#): CBP Air and Marine Agents Stop Two Illegal Crossing Attempts off San Diego Coast (California)
- [Press Release](#): Border Patrol Agents Discover Narcotics Concealed Inside Gas Tank (California)

- [Press Release](#): Smugglers with Assault Rifle Stopped by BP (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): Yuma Sector Checkpoint Agents Seize Fentanyl Pills (Arizona)
- [Press Release](#): Rio Grande Valley Agents Arrest a Convicted Sex Offender (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): Rio Grande Valley Agents Stay Busy: Multiple Marijuana Seizures in the Last 24 Hours (Texas)
- [Press Release](#): CBP officers seize counterfeit markers at International Falls Port of Entry (Minnesota)

Department of Justice

Daily Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Press Releases

- [Statement](#) from Assistant Attorney General Stephen E. Boyd Expressing Support for Congressional Efforts to Expedite Payment of Public Safety Officer Benefits to First Responders Who Contract COVID-19
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Settles with Staffing Company to Resolve Immigration-Related Discrimination Claims
- [Press Release](#): Generic Pharmaceutical Company Admits to Fixing Price of Widely Used Cholesterol Medication

Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR)

- [Press Release](#): USTR and Treasury Statement on Call With China (Phase One agreement/COVID updates)

Department of Commerce

- [Statement](#) From Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on President Donald J. Trump's Signing of the Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth
- [Press Release](#): Secretary of Commerce Allocates US\$300 Million in CARES Act Aid to US Fishermen and Seafood Industries Impacted by COVID-19
- [Press Release](#): US Department of Commerce Announces Availability of US\$1.5 Billion in CARES Act Funds to Aid Communities Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- [Press Release](#): Dr. Cindy Nickerson Appointed as USDA Deputy Chief Economist
- [Press Release](#): USDA Invests US\$2 Million in High-Speed Broadband in Rural New Hampshire
- [Press Release](#): USDA Approves New Mexico to Accept SNAP Benefits Online

- [Press Release](#): USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in New York and Pennsylvania
- [Press Release](#): USDA Invests US\$71 Million in High-Speed Broadband for Rural Kansas and Oklahoma

Department of Interior

- [Press Release](#): Interior and Partners Commit to Long-Term Initiative to Conserve the American Bison

Department of Transportation

- [Press Release](#): 200 Pledges in 100 Days | Transportation Industry DOUBLES Secretary Chao's Call to "Put the Brakes on Human Trafficking"

Department of Labor

- [Press Release](#): Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report

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 8: "DRAIN THE SWAMP!"
- May 8: "Yesterday was a BIG day for Justice in the USA. Congratulations to General Flynn, and many others. I do believe there is MUCH more to come! Dirty Cops and Crooked Politicians do not go well together!"
- May 8: "I will be interviewed on @foxandfriends at 8:00 A.M. Enjoy!"
- May 7: [[WH Video](#) – National Day of Prayer]
- May 7: [[POTUS Video](#)]

- May 7: “Today, @FLOTUS celebrates the two year anniversary of #BeBest, her initiative dedicated to bringing awareness to issues that impact the lives of children. Congratulations, and thank you!
<https://whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/first-lady-melania-trump-celebrates-second-anniversary-best/>”
- May 7: “Congratulations to former Governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie, and all others involved, on a complete and total exoneration (with a 9-0 vote by the

U.S. Supreme Court) on the Obama DOJ Scam referred to as “Bridgagate.” The Democrats....”

- May 7: “....are getting caught doing very evil things, and Republicans should take note. This was grave misconduct by the Obama Justice Department! @GovChristie”
- May 7: “As you know, I designated this day to be a National Day of Prayer. As our Nation heals, our Spirit has never been Stronger!” [[Proclamation](#)]

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