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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This release is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 3, 2020, assigned 20-00781-FOIA, subsequently assigned #20-00003-LT, for litigation purposes.

Enclosed are 27 pages of responsive records. Some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 Exemptions, (b)(5).

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact U.S. Department of Justice attorney, Carol Federighi at carol.federighi@usdoj.gov or (202) 514-1903.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Chief Operating Officer
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Enclosures

20-00003-LT

From: Rich, Michawn (CDC/OD)
Sent: 30 Apr 2020 18:09:12 +0000
To: Oury, Rachael; Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC); Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC); Lepore, Loretta (CDC/OD/OCS)
Subject: Rundown

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All – below is a rundown of sorts that I put together for Rachael that may help her navigate the new role. We can discuss on the call today.

CDC Process

Internal media inquiries and discussion:

- Send the press inquiries to:
 - CDC IMS JIC (Joint Information Center) Media -2 eocjicmedia2@cdc.gov
 - Ben Haynes fxq2@cdc.gov
 - Kristen Nordlund hok4@cdc.gov
 - Tom Skinner tws3@cdc.gov
 - Cc: Loretta Lepore phf7@cdc.gov
 - Cc: Michelle Bonds meb0@cdc.gov
 - Cc: Kate Galatas kkg2@cdc.gov
- Every interview **MUST** be audio recorded.
- You need to approve all interview requests (print, tv, radio, podcast, etc) **BEFORE** they go to HHS or OVP for approval.
 - Just because there are outstanding requests or folks keep getting asked to do a particular interview does not mean it has to be fulfilled – (b)(5)
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 - **NOTE**: as a rule, do not send up requests that ask to do profile pieces – these are not allowed at the moment.
 - **NOTE**: as a rule, do not send up requests for Greta Van Sustern or anyone affiliated with Voice of America because of this: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/amid-a-pandemic-voice-of-america-spends-your-money-to-promote-foreign-propaganda/>

For Dr. Redfield media

- Loretta Lepore oversees all of his media and Tom helps her.
- Paul Fulton kwf8@cdc.gov is in charge of booking most of his interviews.
- These are the outstanding interview requests that we have for Dr. Redfield (b)(5)
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 - Larry O'Connor's Los Angeles Radio Show
 - AARP online interview
 - Current TV News
 - Magic 106.7 FM Radio in Boston, Mass
 - PBS Frontline in late May (this is a documentary piece and must be recorded closer to the air date).

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- After you confirm an interview send a document to Loretta and Paul with this information:
 - Time of interview
 - Outlet
 - Whether it is live or taped
 - How long the interview will be
 - Reporter conducting the interview
 - Booker contact
 - Producer contact (if you have it)
 - On site contact
 - Topics
 - Location of interview
 - Parking directions if necessary
 - Biography of reporter conducting interview
- **NOTE:** Dr. Redfield can do FOX News, FOX Business, NBC, or CNBC interviews from the Hall of States Satellite Studio in D.C.
- **NOTE:** Dr. Redfield can do other interviews from the HHS studio in D.C. if it is available – sometimes he can bump someone if he is higher up on the leadership board.
 - Email Michael Wilker Michael.Wilker@hhs.gov, Steven Hamberg shamberg@hhs.tv, Karen Foster kfoster@hhs.tv, Morgan Courbois mcourbois@hhs.tv, and Samuel Nix Samuel.Nix@hhs.gov to see if the studio is available.

For Dr. Schuchat and Dr. Butler media

- Ana Toro pvq1@cdc.gov is in charge of booking most of their interviews.
 - This is the only outstanding request we haven't booked for Dr. Butler (b)(5)
(b)(5) FOX 5 Good Day New York

HHS Process

- **NOTE:** The new HHS comms leadership wants to focus on local media.
 - Send any good local media stories to Brad Traverse Brad.Traverse@hhs.gov
- All press materials (releases, statements, etc.) need to be submitted to releases@hhs.gov for clearance
- All media inquiries (requests for interviews, written responses to reporter questions, etc.) need to be submitted to interviews@hhs.gov. These include any incoming that may come through FEMA to the HHS team embedded there.
- HHS will triage the submissions to determine which ones require (b)(5). Certainly, if you have a recommendation on that when you submit, please share that as well. Likewise, if you are contacted directly by (b)(5) with a request for a media inquiry, create or approve a press material, etc., please be sure to loop in HHS, so they can maintain situational awareness.
- Cc: Ben, Michelle, Kate, Kristen, Loretta, and Tom on emails to HHS that seek approval on interviews, releases, op-eds, etc.

OVP Process

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Daily FEMA Calls

- You will receive a daily email from someone in the JIC at CDC (eocevent202@cdc.gov) with a rundown of press and events for the day around 9:30am. You can pull from that to report out on the daily 10:15am FEMA calls.
- You can also ask Loretta for Dr. Redfield's schedule to see if you can pull anything from that to report out on the FEMA call.
- Following each call, send your readout to Ben Haynes and Carrie Harmon qbj2@cdc.gov. They send it to HHS at the end of the day up to HHS with other CDC items.

Op-ed Process

- Follow the CDC and HHS approval process above.
- Once approved by CDC and HHS, (b)(5)

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- Attach the op-ed and provide this information in your email:

- Topic:
- Byline:
- Target Audience:
- Target Outlet:
- Driver:
- Three Key Messages:

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From: Shockey, Caitlin E. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ)
Sent: 26 Feb 2020 02:17:28 +0000
To: Cetron, Marty (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ)
Subject: RE (b)(5)

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You have an interview with Five Thirty Eight (science reporter) about quarantine tomorrow.

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From: Cetron, Marty (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ) <mzc4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Shockey, Caitlin E. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ) <gqw6@cdc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: (b)(5)

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