



Case No. 2020-00717-FOIA-OS
American Oversight v. HHS, Civil No. 20-1169

September 7, 2021

Austin Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
Sent via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the fourth interim response to your March 18, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

American Oversight requests that HHS produce the following records as soon as practicable, and at least within twenty business days:

All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations) sent by the government officials specified below containing any of the following key terms:

1. Coronavirus
2. Corona
3. Virus
4. Disease
5. Pandemic
6. Epidemic
7. Outbreak
8. containment
9. "public health emergency"
10. "COVID-19"
11. "COVID 19"
12. COVID19
13. SARS
14. "2019-nCoV"
15. POTUS
16. Test
17. Tests
18. Testing
19. EUA
20. Emergency
21. Wuhan
22. Hoax
23. Hubei
24. Princess
25. Cruise
26. Kirkland
27. Seattle
28. "New Rochelle"
29. "BioGen Conference"
30. CPAC
31. AIPAC
32. RNA
33. "Extraction kits"

34. Roche
35. Vaccine
36. Antiviral
37. Antiretroviral
38. Quarantine
39. Distancing
40. Isolation
41. N95
42. Mask
43. Respirator

Government Officials

1. Alex Azar, Secretary
2. Brian Harrison, Chief of Staff
3. Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary
4. Jerome Adams, Surgeon General
5. Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
6. John Brooks, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Drug Pricing Reform

On February 10, 2021, you narrowed your request per the following:

Eliminate attachments, documents regarding “Red Dawn” and obvious marketing and news bulletins

- a. Limit the date range of the following key terms as stand-alone search terms from January 15, 2020 through February 29, 2020. ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (Test OR Tests OR Vaccine OR EUA OR “Emergency Use” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR PPE OR Ventilators OR Respirators OR Swabs OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”)]]~~

- i. Coronavirus
- ii. Corona
- iii. “COVID-19”
- iv. “COVID 19”
- v. COVID19
- vi. “2019-nCoV”

~~vii. SARS~~

~~viii. Epidemic~~

~~ix. Pandemic~~

~~x. Outbreak~~

~~xi. “Public Health Emergency”~~

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- b. After March 1, 2020, for the key terms listed in Column A below (the same search terms as identified above), limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B:

Column A	Column B
• Coronavirus • Corona • “COVID-19” • “COVID 19” • COVID19 • “2019-nCoV” • SARS • Epidemic • Pandemic • Outbreak • “Public Health Emergency”	• Test • Tests • Vaccine • Antiviral • Antiretroviral • EUA • “Emergency Use” • Shortage • Shortages • Supplies • “Emergency Use” • EUA • “the WHO” • “W.H.O.” • “World Health Organization” • States • Governor • Governors • PPE • Ventilators • Respirators • Swabs • DPA • “Defense Production Act”

- c. For the key terms that are in Column A below, limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B, for the full time period of the search.

Column A	Column B
• Test • Tests • “Extraction Kits”	• CV19 • “CV-19” • C19 • “C-19” • Roche • RNA • Shortage • Shortages • Supplies • “Emergency Use” • “EUA” • “the WHO” • “W.H.O.” • “World Health Organization” • States • Governor • Governors • Kit • Kits • DPA • “Defense Production Act”

- d. ~~[~500 records] For the key terms that are in Column A below, limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B, for the full time period of the search.~~

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• Vaccine • Antiviral • Antiretroviral	• CV19 • “CV-19” • C19 • “C-19” • “EUA” • “Emergency Use” • “DPA” • “Defense Production Act” • “the WHO” • “W.H.O.” • “World Health Organization”
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e. ~~[~50 records] For the key term “Emergency” limit responsive records to those that also include “DPA” or “Defense Production Act,” for the full time period of the search.~~

f. For the following key terms, please limit the time period as indicated:

i. Princess - February 1, 2020, through March 1, 2020 [[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]

~~ii. [~150 records] Kirkland - February 24, 2020, through March 24, 2020~~

~~iii. [~750 records] Seattle - February 24, 2020, through March 24, 2020~~

~~iv. [~200 records] “New Rochelle” - March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020~~

~~v. [<50 records] “BioGen Conference” - March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020~~

~~vi. [~50 records] CPAC - February 21, 2020, through March 21, 2020~~

~~vii. [<50 records] AIPAC - February 21, 2020, through March 21, 2020~~

g. For the following key terms, please run the search without any modifiers and using the full date range (i.e., no changes from original search)

i. Wuhan [[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]

ii. Hoax [[no changes]]

iii. Hubei [[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]

iv. POTUS [[no changes]]

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~~viii. Isolation~~

ix. N95 [[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]

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xi. Respirator [[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]

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~~xiii. Containment~~

h. Cut the following key terms completely: [[no changes]]

i. Disease

ii. Virus

The Department processed **412 pages** of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search for FOIA request 2020-00717-FOIA-OS. After a careful review of these pages, I have determined to release **203 pages** to you in their entirety and I am further releasing **85 pages** in part, with portions redacted, pursuant to Exemptions (b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5) and (b)(6)). Furthermore, I have determined that **124 pages** should be sent for consultation to others and returned to this Department for final disposition.

FOIA exemption (b)(4) permits the withholding of trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

FOIA exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. This exemption protects documents that would be covered by any privilege an agency could assert in a civil proceeding. These privileges include, among others, the deliberative process privilege, the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work-product privilege and the presidential communications privilege.

FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits a Federal agency to withhold information and records about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The definition of "similar files" has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure, and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

We will continue to review the remaining records as efficiently and expeditiously as possible, consistent with our available resources. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Arianne M. Perkins
Director, Initial FOIA Requests

Enclosure(s)

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by Tyler Durden

Mon, 03/02/2020 - 08:15

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BMW has reportedly told 150 R&D employees to quarantine at home for two weeks after coming into contact with an employee in Munich contracted the virus. Large companies that have now confirmed employees have been infected include Amazon, Nike, Google and BMW.

Before we go, we'd just like to point out: In Moscow, New Delhi, NYC, Berlin, Rome confirmed their first cases, as have Jordan on Monday morning.

the past 24 hours, and Brussels have all Indonesia, Portugal and now

And yet...



Ben Hunt✓@EpsilonTheory

And the World Health Organization still won't call this a pandemic.
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Norbert Elekes@NorbertElekes

First cases of coronavirus in past 24 hours: - Moscow - Delhi - Berlin - Rome - Brussels - New York City

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8:08 AM - Mar 2, 2020

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Update (0730ET): As we reported last night, a group of drug company CEOs are on their way to meet with President Trump at the White House. "Progress is being made" toward a vaccine, Trump said.



Donald J. Trump ✓ @realDonaldTrump

I am meeting with the major pharmaceutical companies today at the White House about progress on a vaccine and cure. Progress being made!

29.5K

7:26 AM - Mar 2, 2020

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Meanwhile, NY Governor and Trump nemesis Andrew Cuomo told CNN Monday that he expects more cases to be confirmed in New York. NYC's first patient is a woman in her late 30s who contracted the virus while traveling abroad in Iran.

Amazingly, despite all of Cuomo's boasts about his state's state of the art labs and medical resources, the woman is apparently "isolated in her home."

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Update (0715ET): A Reuters headline from late Sunday just caught our eye, and we felt obligated to share: China's State Forestry and Grasslands Administration has warned that the world's second-largest economy could face a devastating "locust invasion".

• CHINA FACES RISK OF LOCUST INVASION - FORESTRY AND GRASSLAND ADMINISTRATION

Last month, we reported that China was deploying an "army of ducks" to help Pakistan fight an invasion of locusts, a plague that is also hurting farmers across Africa.

Looks like Beijing is going to need its ducks back.

The Global Times, meanwhile, is now mocking the CDC for refusing to recommend that Americans should wear facemasks.



Hu Xijin 胡锡进 ✓@HuXijin GT

Suggesting people not wear face mask is seriously misleading. All of the Chinese experts have advised people to wear face mask when in contact with others during time of epidemic and consider it one of the most effective measures. Please heed suggestion of Chinese experts.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

The CDC has offered some tips it believes will help prevent the spread of the disease.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

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Update (0640ET): Japan reports 15 new coronavirus cases, Reuters reports, bringing the country total to 271, excluding the 705 from the Diamond Princess.

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Update (0615ET): Stella Kyriakides, the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, confirmed on Monday that the EU Has 2,100 confirmed cases and 38 confirmed deaths across 18 member states. The bloc has also raised its risk alert level from "moderate" to "high".

Yet all the borders remain open...

Shortly after South Korea raised its confirmed case toll to roughly 4,300 overnight, South Korea's transport ministry said flights from South Korea to the US would begin screening all passengers with mandatory temperature checks - techniques that have already been shown to be not entirely effective.

Trump has seemed hesitant to slap South Korea and Italy with the same travel restrictions he used on China. If he cares about being reelected, he might want to reconsider.

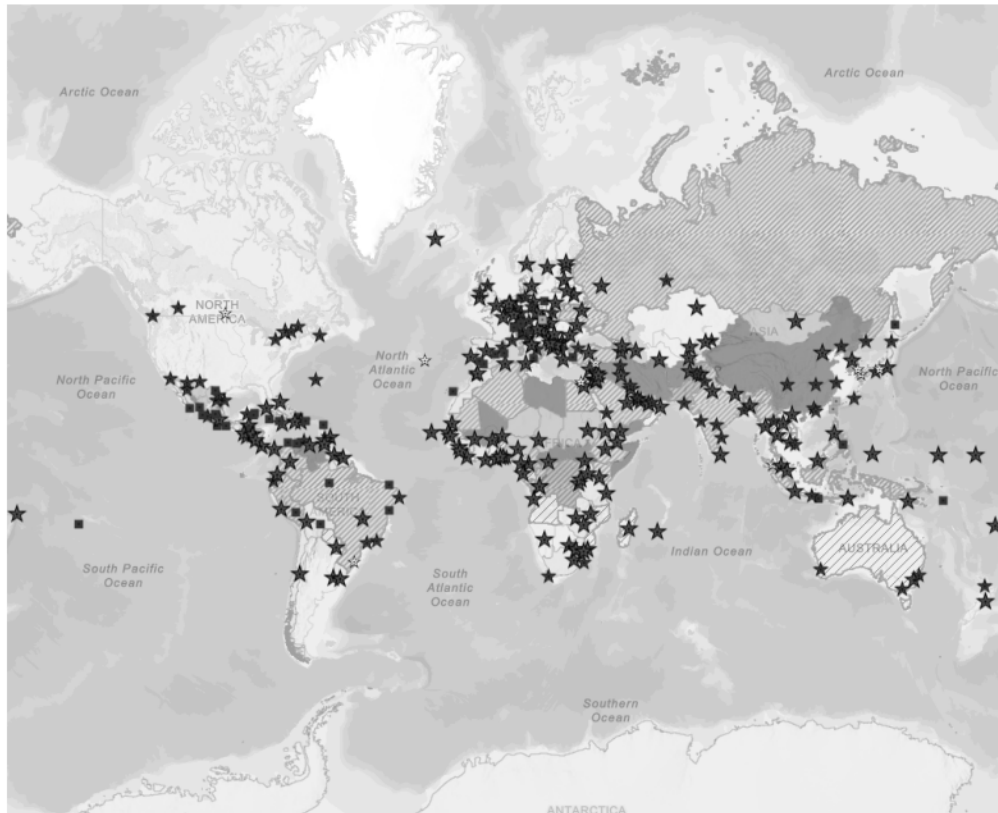
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Update (0600ET): After six weeks of speculation about how Indonesia had managed to avoid an outbreak, especially considering the thousands of travelers from Hubei that visited the country, the government of the world's fourth-largest country had confirmed that two patients had tested positive on Monday, Reuters reports.

In other news, Goldman Sachs has postponed all non-essential travel for its staff "effective immediately" according to a memo seen by Reuters.

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Meanwhile, here's the State Department's 'Travel Advisory' map. Areas marked 'red' indicate 'Do Not Travel', areas in yellow or yellow-black stripes are 'exercise increased caution' (it's not clearly visible, but Italy has yellow-black stripes).



The CDC has its own travel advisory map (courtesy of NPR):

Coronavirus: Where The CDC Says To Avoid Travel Or Take Precautions

WARNING LEVEL 3	ALERT LEVEL 2	WATCH LEVEL 1
RECOMMENDATION Avoid Nonessential Travel	RECOMMENDATION Practice Enhanced Precautions	RECOMMENDATION Practice Usual Precautions
AFFECTING China, South Korea, Iran, Italy	AFFECTING Japan	AFFECTING Hong Kong



☐ All other countries with confirmed cases

Notes

Data as of March 1.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health of Hong Kong, The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University

Credit: Daniel Wood and Stephanie Adeline/NPR

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As the wild swings in US equity futures over would suggest, we're headed for another coronavirus news as America comes to grips as it claims a second life and spreads city.

the last few hours insane week of with the outbreak to the country's largest

The American coronavirus outbreak accelerated rapidly over the weekend, as health officials confirmed the first virus-linked death on Saturday, before confirming a second death of a US citizen - this time a 70-year-old man - in the same area of Washington State.



As we explained last night, state and federal public-health officials are focusing on what appears to be a cluster of confirmed cases in Washington, where both deaths have occurred, as well as outbreaks in Oregon and California where patients had no clear path of transmission for the virus, leading officials to suspect that a more widespread outbreak has already begun. Late Sunday night, Gov. Cuomo confirmed the first case in Manhattan, involving a woman who had recently traveled to Iran. The news followed a seemingly unceasing stream of scares and negative tests in America's largest city, according to the New York Times.

As we pointed out, the global death toll climbed above 3,000 last night as China reported another 42 deaths.

"Coronavirus Czar" and Vice President Mike Pence reiterated promises to make more testing kits available to state officials, reiterating promises made over the weekend. President Trump and other administration officials are also scheduled to meet with drug company execs on Monday.

The global total: Nearly 87,000 cases.



The cases confirmed over the weekend were found in seven states: Washington, California, Illinois, Rhode Island, New York, Florida and Oregon, and included a mix of people who had traveled to high-risk countries, and others believed to have contracted the virus in the US.

Republican-controlled Florida defied Pence's urges to 'remain calm' and declared a state of emergency on Sunday after the governor's office confirmed 2 "presumptively positive" cases late Sunday, according to a Florida TV station.

The cases were discovered in Florida's Manatee County and Hillsborough County.

A patient in San Antonio, one of the evacuees, appeared to recover from the coronavirus illness and had been released from a health care facility after having tested negative twice in more than 24 hours was placed back into isolation, even after the CDC's Dr. Anthony Fauci insisted that there was no evidence that people could be 'reinfected' after recovering from the virus.



Carl Quintanilla ✓ @carlquintanilla

Mayor of San Antonio. #covid19

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Today we learned that the CDC mistakenly released a patient from the Texas Center for Infectious Disease who later returned a positive COVID-19 reading. The fact that the CDC allowed the public to be exposed to a patient with a positive COVID-19 reading is unacceptable. Full:

The CDC issued the following information on March 1, 2020

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is retesting an individual who was released from isolation for COVID-19 at a local healthcare facility yesterday (because the individual met the criteria for release including two negative test results), but later returned to isolation after a pending, subsequent lab test came up positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.

This patient had been under isolation while being treated at a local medical facility for several weeks following a return to the U.S. from Wuhan, China, on a State Department chartered flight. At the time of discharge from the facility, the patient was asymptomatic and met all of CDC's criteria for release -- resolution of any symptoms and two consecutive sets of negative test results, collected more than 24 hours apart. Following the patient's release, results of a subsequent sample were received, and determined to be weakly positive. Out of an abundance of caution, CDC decided to bring the individual back into isolation at a local medical facility. The discharged patient had some contact with others while out of isolation, and CDC and local public health partners are following up to trace possible exposures and notify them of their potential risk.

It's important to remember that this is a new virus and we are learning more about it every day. The cycle of infection with COVID-19 is not yet well understood, but the amount of virus is typically highest when the person is sickest. As the illness resolves, the amount of virus falls.

CDC is aware that others have encountered similar situations where test results have alternated back and forth between negative and positive. That is part of why CDC criteria states that a patient must have two negative test results from specimens taken more than 24 hours apart. The cycle of the virologic infection on this particular patient is longer than what has been previously seen.

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6:58 AM - Mar 2, 2020

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India's health minister confirmed 2 new cases as the virus spreads in India and neighboring Pakistan. Health authorities in Portugal confirmed the first 2 cases in the country early Monday as the virus continues its spread across Europe. And Iran reported 523 new cases of coronavirus Monday morning and 11 new deaths, bringing the total to 1,501 cases confirmed and 66 dead.

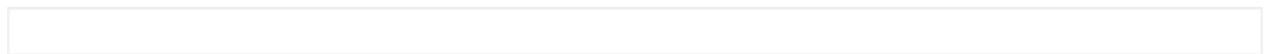
After advising employees to stop non-essential travel over the weekend, Amazon said late Sunday that two of its employees in Milan have contracted the virus and are now under quarantine, the NYT reports.

"We're supporting the affected employees who were in Milan and are now in quarantine," company spokesman Dan Perlet said.

The world's biggest online retailer said it was unaware of any U.S. employees who had contracted the virus. On Friday, Amazon told employees to stop non-essential travel, within the United States and beyond. The company also confirmed on Sunday it is moving some recruiting interviews to video rather than in person.

Over in China, on-the-ground reports claim that most Chinese have returned to work at this point. However, in the rush back to work, the CCP appears to have overlooked a few things...like worker-safety standards.

Click on the image in the Twitter box below if you care to see the 2-minute & 20-second Twitter video:



曾錚 Jennifer Zeng@jenniferatntd

Chinese workers are working under these kinds of conditions to boost #CCP's GDP, which they are very proud of. 中共的 #GDP 有多少是底层民众的血与汗与命换来的。



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As Chinese officials continue their campaign to convince the world, and the Chinese population, that the outbreak is subsiding and that everything will soon return to normal, State TV reports the first of 16 hospitals specially built in Wuhan to tackle the coronavirus epidemic.

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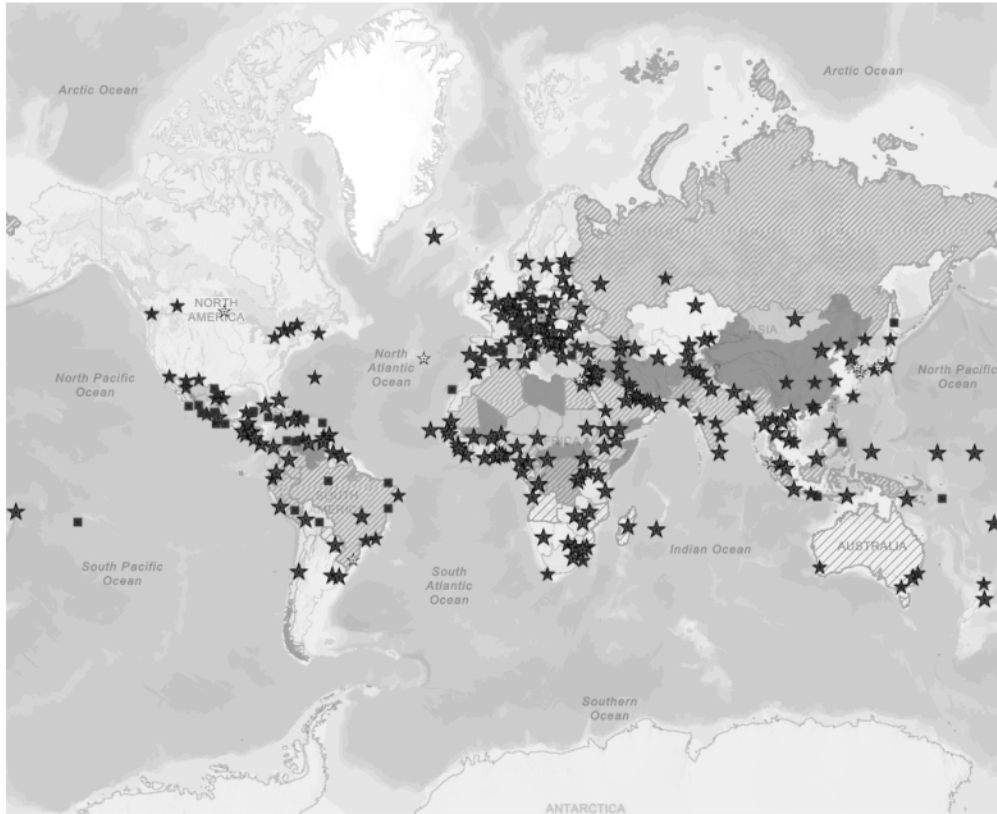
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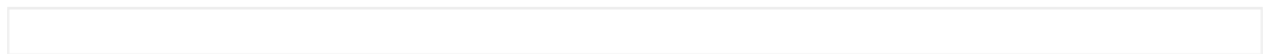
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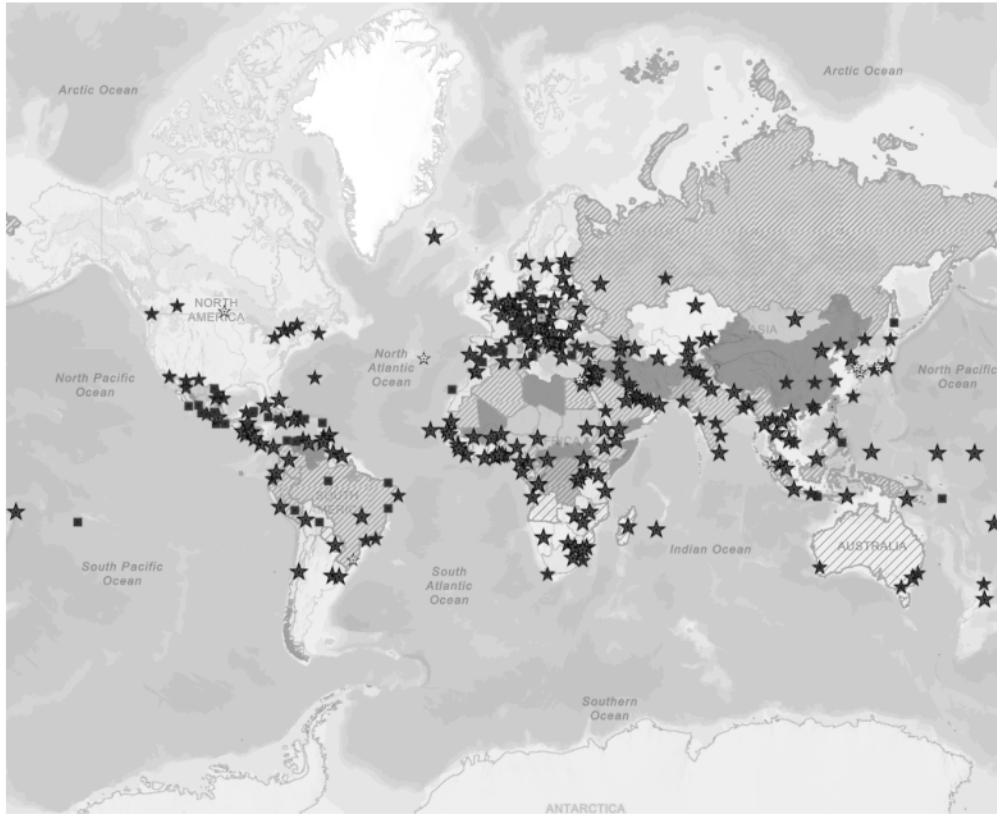
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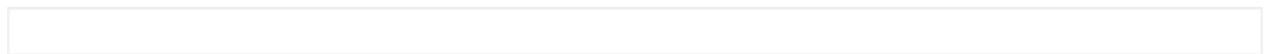
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COVID-19
Interagency Video Teleconference
Tuesday, February 25th at 12:30 p.m. ET
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PLEASE NOTE that this is the same agenda as the previous VTC, changes may be forthcoming.

Objective

- • Provide information sharing among Emergency Support Functions on Federal response actions to the COVID-19 to date
- • Focus briefings on current situation and describe specific issues requiring Federal interagency actions

Opening Comments

- • Dr. Robert Kadlec or Dr. Kevin Yeskey
- • Senior Leadership Intent
- • Strategic Priorities

COVID-19 Situation Update

- • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Repatriation Status of U.S. Citizens

- • CAPT Scott Lee, Federal Health Coordinating Official (FHCO)

Traveler Screening into the United States

- • Situation Report – CDC
- • Military Housing Update Supporting Airport Screenings – DoD/OSD and DoD/NORTHCOM
- • DHS Support to Traveler Supporting – DHS/Countering of Weapons Mass Destruction (CWMD)

Travel Advisories

- • Advisories Update – CDC

Review and Input to Pandemic Crisis Action Plan (PANCAP)

- • Mr. Ken McCreary, ASPR Plans
- • Reference PANCAP Synchronization Matrices
- • Request Federal Department/Agency Responsibilities under Phases 1C, 2A, 2B, and 2C

Task Force Update

- • CAPT Christopher Perdue, Chief of Staff;
- • Supply Chain Task Force Lead;
- • Communications Task Force Lead;
- • Healthcare Resiliency Task Force Lead;
- • Medical Countermeasures Task Force Lead

Interagency Support

- • Emergency Support Functions
 - ESF #1 – Transportation
 - ESF #2 – Emergency Communications
 - ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
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 - ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, & Human Services
 - ESF #7 – Logistics
 - ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Material
 - ESF #11 – Agriculture
 - ESF #12 – Energy
 - ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security
 - ESF #14 – Cross Sector, Business, and Infrastructure
 - ESF #15 – External Affairs
- • U.S. Coast Guard
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Closing Comments

- National Security Council
- Dr. Robert Kadlec or Dr. Kevin Yeskey

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Objective

- • Provide information sharing among Emergency Support Functions on Federal response actions to the COVID-19 to date
- • Focus briefings on current situation and describe specific issues requiring Federal interagency actions

Opening Comments

- • Dr. Robert Kadlec or Dr. Kevin Yeskey
- • Senior Leadership Intent
- • Strategic Priorities

COVID-19 Situation Update

- • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Repatriation Status of U.S. Citizens

- • CAPT Scott Lee, Federal Health Coordinating Official (FHCO)

Traveler Screening into the United States

- • Situation Report – CDC
- • Military Housing Update Supporting Airport Screenings – DoD/OSD and DoD/NORTHCOM
- • DHS Support to Traveler Supporting – DHS/Countering of Weapons Mass Destruction (CWMD)

Travel Advisories

- • Advisories Update – CDC

Review and Input to Pandemic Crisis Action Plan (PANCAP)

- • Mr. Ken McCreary, ASPR Plans
- • Reference PANCAP Synchronization Matrices
- • Request Federal Department/Agency Responsibilities under Phases 1C, 2A, 2B, and 2C

Task Force Update

- • CAPT Christopher Perdue, Chief of Staff;
- • Supply Chain Task Force Lead;
- • Communications Task Force Lead;
- • Healthcare Resiliency Task Force Lead;
- • Medical Countermeasures Task Force Lead

Interagency Support

- • Emergency Support Functions
 - ESF #1 – Transportation
 - ESF #2 – Emergency Communications
 - ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
 - ESF #4 – Fire Fighting
 - ESF #5 – Planning
 - ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, & Human Services
 - ESF #7 – Logistics

- ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Material
- ESF #11 – Agriculture
- ESF #12 – Energy
- ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security
- ESF #14 – Cross Sector, Business, and Infrastructure
- ESF #15 – External Affairs
 - • U.S. Coast Guard
 - • Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense
- U.S. Northern Command
- National Guard Bureau
- Defense Logistics Agency

Closing Comments

- National Security Council
 - • Dr. Robert Kadlec or Dr. Kevin Yeskey

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**AGENDA
COVID-19
Interagency Video Teleconference
Tuesday, February 25th at 12:30 p.m. ET
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PLEASE NOTE that this is the same agenda as the previous VTC, changes may be forthcoming.

Objective

- • Provide information sharing among Emergency Support Functions on Federal response actions to the COVID-19 to date
- • Focus briefings on current situation and describe specific issues requiring Federal interagency actions

Opening Comments

- • Dr. Robert Kadlec or Dr. Kevin Yeskey
- • Senior Leadership Intent
- • Strategic Priorities

COVID-19 Situation Update

- • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Repatriation Status of U.S. Citizens

- • CAPT Scott Lee, Federal Health Coordinating Official (FHCO)

Traveler Screening into the United States

- • Situation Report – CDC
- • Military Housing Update Supporting Airport Screenings – DoD/OSD and DoD/NORTHCOM
- • DHS Support to Traveler Supporting – DHS/Countering of Weapons Mass Destruction (CWMD)

Travel Advisories

- • Advisories Update – CDC

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Review and Input to Pandemic Crisis Action Plan (PANCAP)

- • Mr. Ken McCreary, ASPR Plans
- • Reference PANCAP Synchronization Matrices
- • Request Federal Department/Agency Responsibilities under Phases 1C, 2A, 2B, and 2C

Task Force Update

- • CAPT Christopher Perdue, Chief of Staff;
- • Supply Chain Task Force Lead;
- • Communications Task Force Lead;
- • Healthcare Resiliency Task Force Lead;
- • Medical Countermeasures Task Force Lead

Interagency Support

- • Emergency Support Functions
 - ESF #1 – Transportation
 - ESF #2 – Emergency Communications
 - ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
 - ESF #4 – Fire Fighting
 - ESF #5 – Planning
 - ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, & Human Services
 - ESF #7 – Logistics
 - ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Material
 - ESF #11 – Agriculture
 - ESF #12 – Energy
 - ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security
 - ESF #14 – Cross Sector, Business, and Infrastructure
 - ESF #15 – External Affairs
- • U.S. Coast Guard
- • Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense
 - U.S. Northern Command
 - National Guard Bureau
 - Defense Logistics Agency

Closing Comments

- National Security Council
 - • Dr. Robert Kadlec or Dr. Kevin Yeskey

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U.S. health agency acknowledges Lyme disease mother-to-fetus transmission

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It should be noted that transmission of Lyme to the new born occurred despite antibiotic treatment.

Borrelia burgdorferi in a newborn despite oral penicillin for Lyme borreliosis during pregnancy.

Published 1988 Paul H. Duray, Infectious Diseases
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/3130607>

Question #2

2. • Why has the CDC suppressed evidence of persistent infection after extensive antibiotic treatment as identified in the attached 2012 letter addressed to past CDC Director **Brenda Fitzgerald, MD**?

Letter to Fitzgerald:

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The 1991 Positive CSF Culture Report identified in that letter (performed by the CDC's Fort Collins laboratory) should have set off a red flag but was ignored while the focus remained on discrediting the sick and disabled Lyme patient population.¹ The autopsy report shows the

destructive nature of *Borrelia* evident in the liver (nutmeg liver), kidneys, heart, lungs and brain. The patient died after the insurer refused additional IV antibiotic therapy. (**Medical execution**)

Patient testimony all across America is describing a disease that is destroying lives, ending careers while leaving its victim in financial ruin and yet the disease is classified as a low-risk and non-urgent health threat.

Six of the seven defendants of the **Lisa Torrey vs. IDSA** racketeering lawsuit were authors of the Lancet article below. It is no secret that the CDC has aligned themselves with these defendants and supplied the financing of the ‘Enterprise’ through taxpayer funds under **CDC Grant# RO1 CK 000152**

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Question #3

3. • Does sovereign immunity protect government health officials involved in acts of atrocity?

A response to this inquiry is requested.

Sincerely,

Carl Tuttle

Lyme Endemic Hudson, NH

Cc: The Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

Daniel Dutko, Lead attorney of the Lisa Torrey vs. IDSA lawsuit

Reference:

¹ **Lyme disease antiscience** Published Sept 1, 2011

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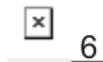
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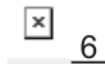
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"This was scheduled very quickly over the weekend and we look forward to meeting," President Trump said of their meeting today. "We have many things to discuss, including borders and trade, and unfortunately drugs and drug trafficking and we're gonna have a good long session."

On coronavirus, the president said:

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"Some additional people were reported. They're in good shape, but we have some additional people that were reported. Not very many in the United States."

"Also I'm meeting with the pharmaceutical companies later on this afternoon, we have a big meeting with the biggest companies...We're talking about a vaccine, maybe a cure, it's possible, we'll see about that...We've asked them to accelerate whatever they're doing in terms of a vaccine...This meeting was set up before and that was about drug prices...We brought the numbers down, the first time in 51 years that the drug prices, prescription, have come down."

On whether it's safe to hold a rally amid the coronavirus outbreak:

"Well this was set up a long time ago and others are. You could ask that to the Democrats...They're all having rallies, that's what they're doing, they're campaigning...I think it's very safe."

On his rally tonight more generally:

"Tonight as you know we'll be going to North Carolina, we have a big rally scheduled, and that should be—I think thousands of people are already up there waiting. So we're gonna have hopefully a good time. We're gonna make a lot of good predictions there also."

On Venezuela:

"One of the things we're talking about is Venezuela. They're treating the people of Venezuela unbelievably badly,. They don't have water, they don't have food, they don't have anything, and we are talking about that. That's a big topic of discussion."

Pool was ushered out of the Oval at 10:48.

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Dear All,

Below are the journal articles I have read and online articles I have read re: SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 this morning:

My wife has found a webinar online which she believes would be useful for the American population as a Public Service Announcement. Her book club agreed unanimously. See pdf attached above.

SHEA has a complete **summary of all the COVID-19 news and actions taken through 28 February** at : https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=d20a664b-8e5e7f37-d20a5774-0cc47adc5fa2-2c312ef0ac0debd0&u=https://contentsharing.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?ep=N8_79D-p--sUGwsLnJINQYJ2WCRJVBc5Ov0edxZzlytvaR-1M_af9w1Pw-Y2RtkjElwKIOA-0s0UQsbWB5nxaF27GGVf51-X52LCV_ir6okPrJ2cFdI728bpF5foX2ej.

SHEA keeps working day and night to keep us safe and informed and **CDC** informed as well.

Washington Post has a column today that reminds President Trump that the **truth is the best route to take in an epidemic where 'fake news' travels fast**. Author refers to the 1918 Influenza epidemic in Spain and then America. See:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2020/02/29/1918-flu-coronavirus-trump/?itid=hp_ed-picks_retro-flu-0301%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans

NYT has two columns this morning on the benefit/loss ratio of quarantine in Italy. One column by a writer in Milan says **quarantine and restrictive measures are the way to go and we will adjust**. Another column by a Harvard historian refers to what happened in Medieval Times and says **watch out for xenophobia**. Both writers are correct in my opinion. See:

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/02/opinion/italy-europe-coronavirus-.html?te=1&nl=david-leonhardt&emc=edit_ty_20200302&campaign_id=39&instance_id=16407&segment_id=21786&user_id=e37b7ca2e8bae8d104574a7b4a01f953®i_id=6869412220200302 and <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/28/sunday-review/coronavirus-quarantine.html>

Washington Post has column today on the **high death rate from COVID-19 in Iran** and the poor response of the country to this deadly virus. Kaplan blames the poor response on politics and religion. But blame is less important than determining if the greater mortality in Iran c/w rest of the world is due to a **change in the SARS-Cov-2 genome or just poor epidemiologic work and medical care**. See: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/coronavirus-and-the-tragedy-of-iran-11583101054>. **No flights to foreign countries from Iran should be the WHO recommendation until we know more about Iran's SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 in my opinion.**

WSJ says that **Dr. Scott Gottlieb** predicts that up to 20,000 persons will be able to be tested for SARS-CoV-2 each day within two weeks.

See: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/private-health-care-to-the-rescue-11583106176>

That's not good news. We need to be able to test at least 142,000 persons per day-the average daily attendance at Disneyworld in Orlando in 2018. Spring Break begins in days.

Now for the **BAD NEWS:**

AuntMinnie.com reports from JAMA that patients recovered from COVID-19 may still be 'carriers' of the virus by RT-PCR testing. See: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=9f62f70b-c336ee77-9f62c634-0cc47adc5fa2-bee5c1e18cee7e27&u=https://www.auntminnie.com/index.aspx?sec=sup&sub=cto&pag=dis&temlD=128291>. I cannot get to the JAMA article online; I am hoping you can evaluate it.

Becker's... just reported online that **Big Pharma has run out of a component of a COVID-19 drug but won't tell the FDA what the component is.** According to the report, this is legal. And it's legal for medical devices as well.

See: https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/pharmacy/us-sees-1st-coronavirus-related-drug-shortage.html?origin=PharmacyE&utm_source=PharmacyE&utm_medium=email&oly_enc_id=0573J6191345F30



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This is ridiculous. We have a public health emergency declared by President and WHO. Mr. Trump can take care of this situation this morning when he/Azar/Fauci, et. al. meet with Big Pharma. The law should be suspended by Executive Action. **If the company won't give the needed information to Drs. Fauci and Redman, get a Presidential warrant and raid their offices using the FBI/CDC.**

RGL, M.D.

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Bob and Anne

These are questions that business groups submitted in advance.

WH has asked us to identify which ones our principals will answer.

I took a first crack at that.

Could you confirm you are comfortable with the ones I indicated for you and advise on my uncertain ones?

Laura

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To print for AMA if we haven't already. Sorry catching up

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Hi Beth and Judy,

Passing along the EM for the call today.

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Lewis I need to talk to you ASAP about who if not you I need to speak to about a FDA EUA permitting use of non-surgical N-95 by healthcare workers. This is time sensitive. Thanks in advance. Best. Bob

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On Mar 1, 2020, at 10:25 PM, Radonovich, Lewis (CDC/NIOSH/NPPTL/RB) <mto5@cdc.gov> wrote:

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Good afternoon sir,

Dr Hassell was already added and yes I will add her to future threads. Thanks sir.

V/r

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Rafael,
Can you please add Dr. Nicki Pesik to this thread? Also added Chris Hassell. Thank you.
-John

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Good morning all,

Please see notes below for today's sync with DoD:

Rafael,

Please see below for updated recommendations for topics that may be asked at the DoD Sync. Please review to make sure we are on track.

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THE EPIDEMICS IN SOUTH KOREA, ITALY, IRAN AND JAPAN ARE OUR GREATEST CONCERN; WHO MISSION HAS ARRIVED IN IRAN TO DELIVER SUPPLIES AND HELP GOVERNMENT - WHO'S TEDROS

INDICATIONS THAT SURVEILLANCE MEASURES ARE WORKING IN SOUTH KOREA AND THE EPIDEMIC CAN STILL BE CONTAINED THERE - TEDROS

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OF THE 62 COUNTRIES WHO HAVE REPORTED CORONAVIRUS CASES, 38 HAVE REPORTED 10 OR FEWER CASES - WHO'S TEDROS

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IN ITALY, VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ARE ALIGNED WITH A VERY CLEAR POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND SURVEILLANCE IS NOW BOOSTED, "WE BELIEVE THEY CAN STILL CONTAIN IT" - WHO'S TEDROS

IN SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG, MEASURES HAVE NOT INVOLVED WALLING OFF CITIES, YET THEY HAVE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN SUPPRESSING AND DRIVING DOWN VIRUS TRANSMISSION - WHO'S RYAN

SURRENDERING (TO THE VIRUS) IS NOT RIGHT, SO WE HAVE TO GIVE IT OUR BEST USING CONTAINMENT STRATEGY IRRESPECTIVE OF NUMBER OF CASES - WHO'S TEDROS

WHO'S TEDROS - "STIGMA TO BE HONEST IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE VIRUS ITSELF. LET'S REALLY UNDERLINE THAT. STIGMA IS THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY, FOR ME IT IS MORE THAN THE VIRUS ITSELF."

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All – This was postponed at the last minute. No new time right now, but will keep an eye out for an update.

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FYI – CDC telebriefing TODAY at 12pm. I will dial in and take notes.

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Who Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director,
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Stephen M. Hahn, M.D., Food and Drug Administration
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When 12 p.m. ET Monday, March 2, 2020

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Vice President Mike Pence will speak to both Republican and Democratic senators Tuesday about the coronavirus at their weekly lunches, according to his spokesperson and a senior Democratic aide.

The vice president's visit to the Hill comes as Congress is getting ready to introduce a multibillion-dollar supplemental package to respond to the coronavirus. Congressional appropriators are finalizing an emergency package that will likely provide about \$7 billion to \$8 billion, according to a source familiar with the talks.

"Senate Democrats are looking forward to the opportunity to directly press Vice President Pence about the Trump Administration's efforts to combat the coronavirus and keep Americans safe," said a senior Democratic aide.

The House is expected to vote on the measure this week, with the Senate likely following suit next week.

Over the weekend, authorities in Washington State announced two coronavirus-related deaths — the first two fatalities reported in the nation. Meanwhile, several states including Rhode Island, Florida, Illinois and New York are reporting new cases.

Caitlin Emma contributed to this report.

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AT THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE POLICY CONFERENCE

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Washington, D.C.

10:51 A.M. EST

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, hello, AIPAC! (Applause.) To members of Congress, Israeli ministers, members of the Knesset, and especially to all my fellow Americans who have come here today from near and far: It is great to be back at AIPAC, the largest gathering of friends of Israel anywhere in the world. (Applause.)

Thank you all for that warm welcome. And how about another round of applause for the team that put this extraordinary 2020 Policy Conference together? (Applause.) Betsy Korn, Mort Fridman, and the core of AIPAC, my friend, Howard Kohr! (Applause.)

It's great to be with you all, but it's especially great to be here with so many college students from around the country. (Applause.) If any of you get in trouble with your professors for skipping class -- (laughter) -- just tell them you were here in Washington protesting. (Laughter.) But tell them you weren't protesting against Israel, you were protesting in your nation's capital for Israel! (Applause.) So, good to be with so many friends.

And speaking of friends, allow me to bring greetings from another friend of mine -- (applause) -- and a man I believe is the greatest friend of the Jewish people and the State of Israel ever to sit in the Oval Office of the White House. I bring greetings from the 45th President of the United States of America, President Donald Trump! (Applause.)

We gather today from all across our nation to celebrate a relationship that has never been stronger. But we also gather at a time of concern for millions of Americans as our nation deals with the impact of the coronavirus. So allow me to address that for just a moment.

First, to be clear, President Donald Trump has no higher priority than the health and safety of the American people. (Applause.)

Last month, following word of the outbreak of the coronavirus in China, our President took unprecedented action to protect the health of Americans. He declared a public emergency. We suspended all travel to the United States from China. And we initiated unprecedented quarantine efforts for Americans that were returning, even as the President

established the White House Coronavirus Task Force, which he's -- has literally met every single day since.

And the President has directed me to lead a whole-of-government approach to address the coronavirus in this country, and we are doing just that. (Applause.)

And while the risk to the American public remains low, as the President said last week, you can be assured we're ready for anything.

As of today, we have 43 cases that have been detected in the United States, and another 48 cases among Americans who have been repatriated from China. The vast majority of Americans who have contracted the virus, I'm pleased to report, are recovering and doing well. But several patients -- (applause) -- but several patients remain hospitalized. And, sadly, the American people learned this morning that another coronavirus patient -- a man with an underlying health condition -- has passed away. And we send our deepest condolences to his family.

I would encourage all of you gathered here today to keep in your prayers all of those impacted by this disease across our country and around the world. And here at home, also keep in your hearts and prayers the extraordinary healthcare providers that serve this nation every day. (Applause.)

We're all in this together. It's always a good idea to practice common sense to protect your health and the health of your family, but especially so today. But I want to assure you, at President Trump's direction, we will continue to bring the full resources of the federal government to bear to protect the American people. And we will always put the health and safety of America first. (Applause.) So, thank you for that.

As President Trump declared in his historic visit to Jerusalem, as evidenced again here today, the bond between our two peoples is "woven together in the fabric of our hearts." And so it shall always be.

Under this President, if the world knows nothing else, the world knows this: America stands with Israel. (Applause.)

In January, it was my great honor, on behalf of the President and the American people, to address a ceremony in Jerusalem marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. We paid tribute, along with more than 50 countries, to the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust, in what President Trump rightly called the “dark stain on human history” -- the greatest evil ever perpetuated by man against man in the long catalogue of human crime.

But just as we honored the dead, we also honored the faith and resilience of the Jewish people who, just three years after walking in the valley of the shadow of death, rose up from those ashes to reclaim a Jewish future and rebuild a Jewish State. (Applause.)

And I’m proud to say, as Vice President of the United States, the American people have been with them every step of the way since 1948. (Applause.)

We stand with Israel today for the same reasons the American people have always stood with Israel. We stand with Israel because her cause is our cause, her values are our values, her fight is our fight. We stand with Israel because we believe in right over wrong, in good over evil, in liberty over tyranny.

And we stand with Israel because we cherish that ancient promise that Americans have always cherished throughout our history: that those who bless her will be blessed. (Applause.)

President Trump promised the United States would ensure that Israel would always have the resources and tools she needed to defend herself by herself. And today, I’m proud to report that American support for the security of the State of Israel is greater than ever before and the State of Israel is stronger than ever before in its history. (Applause.)

President Trump has also taken one action after another to evidence our support for

Israel. This President promised to shut down the PLO office in Washington if the Palestinian Authority did not take immediate steps to stop funding terrorists who murder innocent Israeli civilians. And when the PLO did not act, President Donald Trump shut it down. The PLO office in Washington is closed, and today, the Taylor Force Act is the law of the land. (Applause.)

This President also promised that America would no longer allow the United Nations to be a forum for invective against Israel. (Applause.) And this President delivered when he withdrew the United States from the so-called Human Rights Council at the U.N. and ended all U.S. contributions to UNRWA. (Applause.)

Our administration will never tolerate the suppression, persecution, or silencing of the Jewish people. We've stood up to anti-Semitism on the world stage and we've stood up to it here at home as well.

Last December, President Trump signed the strongest executive order ever written to fight anti-Semitism when he banned taxpayer dollars from any institution of higher education that traffics in anti-Semitic hate. (Applause.) Our message to America's colleges and universities is clear: If you want billions of dollars in taxpayer support, reject anti-Semitism and reject it now. (Applause.)

And President Trump has repeatedly done what no American President before him had the courage to do, like when he recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights. (Applause.) Like when he rejected half a century of peace-process dogma and proclaimed that Israeli civilian settlements in the West Bank are not illegal. (Applause.) And as I had the joy of seeing firsthand, just a few short weeks ago when I visited Israel in January, I had the honor to meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu -- (applause) -- at the new American embassy in Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel. (Applause.) What a joy.

And just five weeks ago, President Trump also released his vision for peace, prosperity, and a brighter future for Israelis and Palestinians. It is the most serious, realistic, and

detailed plan ever presented, and one that could make Israelis, Palestinians, and the region safer and more prosperous. (Applause.)

The American people have always prayed for the peace of Jerusalem. And so we will continue to do. We believe our vision provides the very basis for historic progress toward true and lasting peace. Under President Trump's plan, Israel will not have to take any additional security risks, not a single Israeli will be uprooted from their home, and Jerusalem will remain the united, recognized capital of the State of Israel. (Applause.)

Peace will require compromise, but I promise you: America will never compromise the safety and security of the Jewish State of Israel. (Applause.)

So we've been standing with our most cherished ally and we've been standing up to our enemies. As the world and the region understands better every day, Israel isn't the problem in the Middle East; we all know who is. (Applause.)

Seventy-five years ago, America and Britain defeated Nazi Germany before Hitler could get nuclear weapons. Yet five years ago, under the prior administration, misguided leaders of those very same nations signed a deal that would virtually ensure that Iran would obtain the same weapons.

Then, something extraordinary happened: The American people elected a leader -- decisive and unafraid -- as their President. And President Trump kept his word when he withdrew the United States from the disastrous Iran nuclear deal. (Applause.) Like the Hebrew prophet Job said, America said, "Thus far shall ye come but no further." (Applause.)

Our President made that decision in the best interests of the United States and Israel. But he also believed it was in the best interests of peace because we believe a lasting peace can only be built on a foundation of truth.

With the support of our friend Israel, the United States is working to build, as the

President said, as we speak, “a coalition of nations who share the aim of stamping out extremism and providing our children a hopeful future that does honor to God.” (Applause.)

And what followed the President’s historic decision: The United States implemented a maximum pressure campaign to change Iran’s malign behavior and we will hold the regime accountable for its destructive actions. (Applause.)

And the campaign is working; the Iranian people are ~~proecessing~~ [protesting] against the regime, the Iranian economy is reeling under unprecedented U.S. sanctions, and now Iran must choose between caring for its people or continuing to fund its proxies sowing violence the region.

Now, the President has made it clear: The United States of America is ready to embrace peace with all who seek it, and we truly hope for a better and more prosperous future for the people of Iran. (Applause.)

But I’ll make you this promise: We will continue to oppose Iran’s malign influence. We will continue to bring pressure on their economy. And under President Donald Trump, America will never allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon. (Applause.)

Quite a contrast from the recent past, isn’t it? The last administration was sending pallets of cash to terrorists in Iran. This President has taken the fight to radical Islamic terrorists on our terms, on their soil. (Applause.)

Last year, American forces captured the last inch of territory beneath the ISIS flag’s caliphate. And last fall, American Special Forces took down their leader without one American casualty. (Applause.)

And when militants stormed our embassy in Baghdad on New Year’s Eve, this President sent in the Marines and said, “No more Benghazi.” (Applause.)

And when American lives were threatened by the most dangerous terrorist in the world, President Donald Trump took action, and Qasem Soleimani is gone. (Applause.)

Now, you all deserve to know that every one of the leading Democrats running for President criticized President Trump's decision to take out Soleimani.

Bernie Sanders even called the President's decision to take out Soleimani, in his words, quote, "assassinating a government official."

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I've got news for Bernie Sanders: Soleimani was not some government official; he was a terrorist. And President Trump was right to take him down. (Applause.) That's what leadership looks like. That's the leadership of President Donald Trump. (Applause.)

The days are over when the Jewish people were powerless to face threats of annihilation. And today, the United States stands shoulder to shoulder with Israel in defense of our common civilization and against common threats.

Rebuilding American deterrence to preserve peace through strength is the very centerpiece of President Trump's national security strategy. In this administration, we understand weakness arouses evil. And history shows the free world is safest when America is strongest. (Applause.)

And I promise you: We will never negotiate with those who seek the destruction of Israel. We will never negotiate with those who commit terrorism against Israel. Not now, not ever. (Applause.)

So, like all of you, we've stood with our most cherished ally as never before and we've stood up to Iran. But now, my friends, we've reached a fateful moment in our history. All over the world, anti-Semitism is on the rise -- on college campuses, in the marketplace, even in

the halls of Congress.

Anti-Semitism is a unique hatred -- uniquely potent, persistent, uniquely responsible for unconscionable acts of violence -- which is why we must root anti-Semitism out from every part of our society. It is not just a threat to Jewish Americans and Jews around the world, it is a threat to us all. (Applause.)

But like the vile ideology that it is, anti-Semitism has changed forms in recent days. No longer does it give vent to hatred of the Jewish religion or hatred of the Jewish people on every occasion; now it often propagates as simply hatred of the State of Israel.

So let me be clear about one point: It is the position of the United States government that anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism. (Applause.)

Our President, the proud grandfather of three beautiful Jewish grandchildren -- (applause) -- made what may have been the strongest single statement against anti-Semitism ever uttered by an American President when, moments after the horrific massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, he said that America would seek the destruction of those who seek the destruction of the Jews. (Applause.) Never before has any American President spoken with such clarity and resolve to the wider world. (Applause.) It's true.

We all know the ancient hatred that they're stirring up. Anti-Semitism must be universally condemned. It must be fought. It requires more than watered-down resolutions; it requires action.

While might does not make right, in a world filled with evil, right without might assures the triumph of evil. And though Israel is today a global economic power that has benefited humanity in untold ways -- innovations in agriculture, medicine, information, and nano-technology -- all is not yet well, not even here at home.

The bipartisan consensus that has once supported our most cherished ally and has been so nobly and ably championed by you here at AIPAC is actually beginning to erode in one of

America's two major political parties.

Today, the leading candidate for the presidential nomination of the party of Harry S. Truman openly and repeatedly attacks Israel as a racist state and defames AIPAC as, of all things, as he said, a, quote, platform for "bigotry." Even more troubling, when Bernie Sanders smeared Israel at last week's debate, not a single candidate on that stage stood up to challenge him.

But I'll promise you: We will always call out those who try to cloak their animus towards Israel inside the phony mantle of friendship.

As 18,000 friends of Israel -- (applause) -- gathered here with each one of you, friends of Israel from all over this country -- Republicans, Democrats, independents, Jews and Christians, liberals and conservatives -- if we can agree on one thing, it should be this: Those who side with Israel's enemies must never be allowed to call themselves "friends of Israel." (Applause.) It is wrong to boycott and slander Israel. It is wrong to boycott and slander AIPAC. (Applause.)

And I say from my heart, in the days ahead, we must ensure the most pro-Israel President in history must not be replaced by one who would be the most anti-Israel President in the history of this nation. (Applause.) That's why we need four more years of President Donald Trump in the White House. (Applause.)

I'm honored to be with all of you today, as your Vice President, to assure you that President Trump and our administration and this country will stand with you today, tomorrow, and always. For we are, as you are, AIPAC proud. (Applause.)

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As we remember the long night of that past, the survivors and the faces of those who were lost, the heroes who stood against those evil times, we do well. In January, 50 nations in Israel gathered strong to say, just as we all say here today, from across this nation, with one voice: Never again. (Applause.)

Through pogroms, persecutions, and expulsions in the ghettos, and finally, even through the death camps, the Jewish people clung that ancient promise that He would “never leave you or forsake you” and that He would lead this people to inherit the land that he swore your ancestors to give them. And He has.

The Jewish people, in turn, have turned the desert into a garden, scarcity into plenty, sickness into health. They’ve turned hope into a future of security and prosperity. A tiny land -- a land with no natural resources, no rushing rivers or verdant valleys. A nation that, despite not knowing a single day of true peace, has, in two short generations, become one of the world’s most vibrant and successful countries. Israel is an inspiration to the world. (Applause.)

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It is an honor to be with you today. The United States of America is proud to stand with Israel and her people as cherished allies and friends.

Providence entrusted the United States to be the guardian of liberty and that is a trust we will never forsake.

And, ladies and gentlemen, Israel and the United States will always stand together because America and Israel are more than friends. We’re more than partners or allies. My friends, the United States and Israel are family. (Applause.) We’re *mishpucha*. (Applause.) It’s true.

We are a family descended from a common tradition. We are a family that upholds common values. And, together, our family shares a common destiny.

The American-Israeli alliance is stronger than ever before. Our friendship is greater than ever before. And our future is brighter than ever before.

And so we say to all those gathered here, to all who cherish Israel, to the people of Israel, the famous words of that Priestly Blessing: “May the Lord bless you and keep you; May his countenance shine upon you and be gracious unto you; and may all your ways be paths of peace.”

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Good afternoon all,

For everyone's awareness, on today's DoD sync it was mentioned that Joint Staff will now be leading the DoD Sync beginning this Wednesday. The DoD sync will now take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuesday and Thursday will reserved for the internal DoD task force meetings.

Hope this clarifies the frequency of the DoD sync moving forward. See you all Wednesday.

V/r

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Good morning all,

Please see notes below for today's sync with DoD:

Rafael,

Please see below for updated recommendations for topics that may be asked at the DoD Sync. Please review to make sure we are on track.

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Vice President Mike Pence today participated in a discussion with more than 50 of our Nation's governors to provide an update on the work of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, to continue coordination with governors and state and local officials to respond to and prepare for the coronavirus, and to thank governors and state and local leaders—particularly state and local health officials—for their leadership.

The Vice President, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex

Azar, and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Principal Deputy Director Dr. Anne Schuchat provided a status update on the Coronavirus, outlined ongoing Federal efforts, and discussed State and local actions with the governors.

Governor Larry Hogan, Chair of the National Governors Association, joined the Vice President in person, and other governors joined via video teleconference or phone.

The Vice President pledged to convene the governors for a teleconference on a weekly basis, and made assurances that Federal leaders will continue its close coordinate with our Nation's governors and other State and local leaders.





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Great Bob thanks for reaching out. And we stand by to assist.

Best. Bob

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Hi Bob and Joe,

It was good to connect last week re: accelerating the availability of Coronavirus Diagnostics and based on your feedback we've since connected both with the FDA & CDC.

In light of the increased number of cases of coronavirus in the US, I'm also following-up regarding ETO limitations within certain states creating capacity constraints for medical devices and am providing below:

1. • The draft language that you requested regarding the shortage of critical to health medical devices given the reduction in allowable volume of sterilization at our Georgia facilities. I've including a summary of timelines for product delivery.
2. • An assessment of the drug delivery devices needed to support vaccination in the event of a pandemic. The bottom line here is that we are NOT currently prepared should a vaccine or therapeutic be developed and need to be administered to the US population, but BD stands ready to partner with BARDA to address this deficit in capacity.

I have summarized our concerns below and potential solutions given the time sensitivity, but I would welcome another call with you or your team at your convenience.

Many thanks for all you are doing to address this public health threat and we look forward to supporting these important efforts,
Tom

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Tim Pataki, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Public Liaison

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Secretary Alex Azar, Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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This pressure could further intensify if coronavirus snowballs in the U.S. as it has elsewhere in the world, where mass quarantines have become status quo.

There's no word yet whether Congress will agree to include that language in the initial supplemental appropriations bill now under negotiation. Appropriators are still hammering out details of what's now a \$7 billion to \$8 billion funding package to fight the coronavirus, but an individual familiar with talks said the text of legislation could come as soon as Tuesday. A vote on the package is expected in the House later this week, and the Senate will likely follow next week.

In a letter last week, the American Hospital Association formally asked Congress to, among other things, “provide housing, care and monitoring of patients” who don’t require hospitalization but need to be isolated. The ask was part of a \$1 billion request for initial emergency funds. The American Nurses Association joined the petition.

“This includes persons with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infections who experience mild to moderate symptoms,” the letter said.

Meanwhile, insurers are scrambling to come up with their own requests of the government.

So far the only public guidance on coronavirus from America’s Health Insurance Plans, the insurance industry’s main trade group, reiterates that testing for the disease should be free and conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and that plans cover “reasonable, medically necessary health care costs related to infectious diseases and medical conditions.”

Plans haven’t fully defined which aspects of treatment they deem medically necessary and therefore eligible for payment, saying it’s too early. A representative for AHIP said insurers are evaluating if they have to loosen policy restrictions for coverage related to the coronavirus.

Amid the funding talks, public concern over unexpected bills related to coronavirus treatment continues to mushroom.

And the question of who’s going to pay for any quarantines outside the home comes amid warnings that the U.S. health care affordability crisis could exacerbate the disease if people avoid testing or treatment over cost concerns. Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Elizabeth Warren raised the alarm in a speech on Saturday.

“No one should face thousands of dollars in medical bills and lost wages if they’re put in mandatory quarantine by the government,” the Massachusetts senator said. “It’s not only the moral thing to do, it keeps us all safer.”

The Department of Health and Human Services and the CDC didn’t respond to requests for details on the administration’s plan for handling the quarantine matter.

The person familiar with talks in Congress confirmed lawmakers are working on one provision addressing cost concerns — a measure to guarantee affordability of any forthcoming vaccine for the virus.

The White House has fielded strong criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike over its reluctance to request more than its initial \$2.5 billion plan focused mostly on early containment over long-term strategies.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar has defended the early request, saying \$2.5 billion is meant to carry the country through Sept. 30, which marks the end of the current fiscal year, and that the administration will then work with Congress to expand funding for fiscal 2021. President Donald Trump has said he’s open to more funding.

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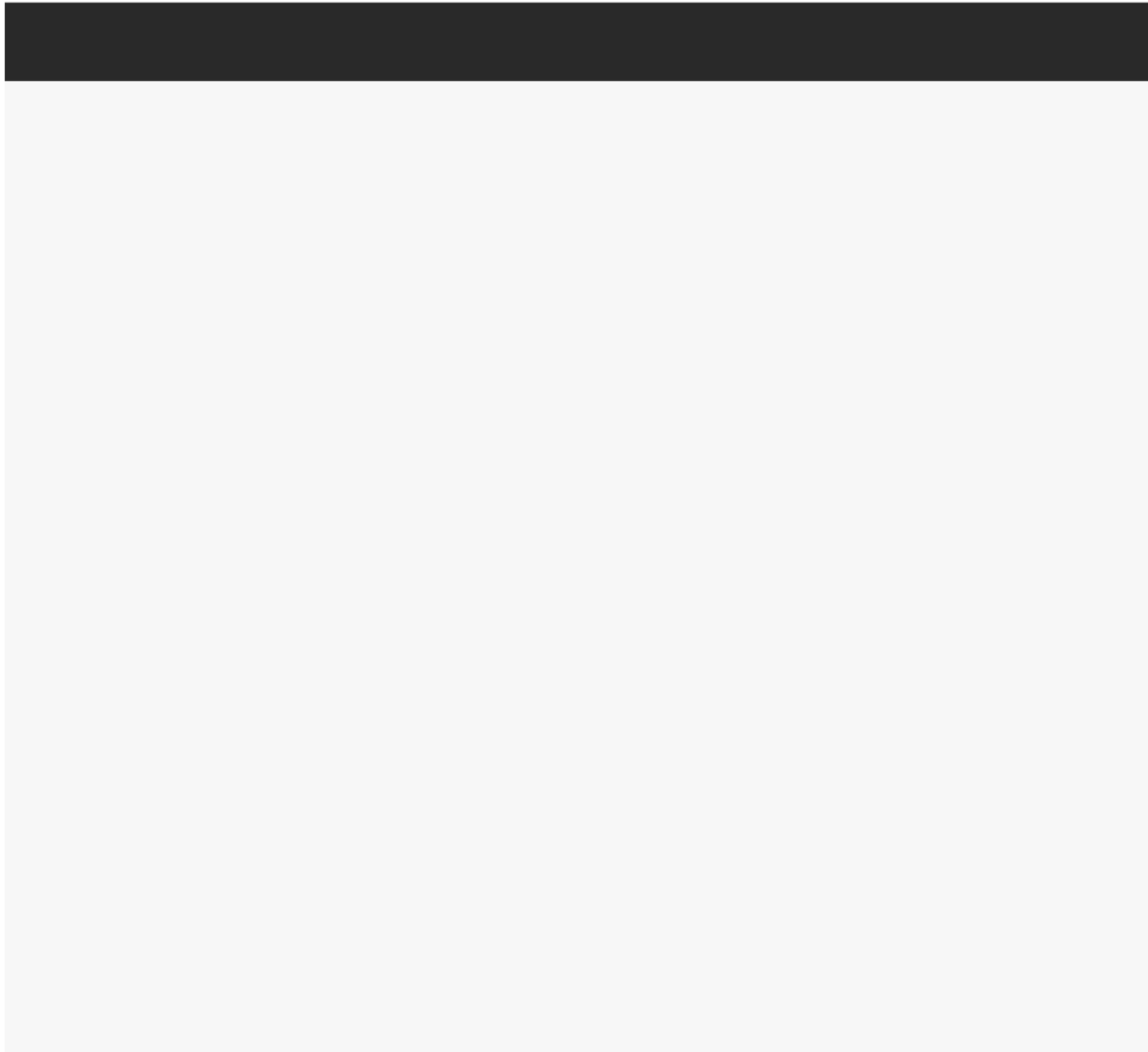
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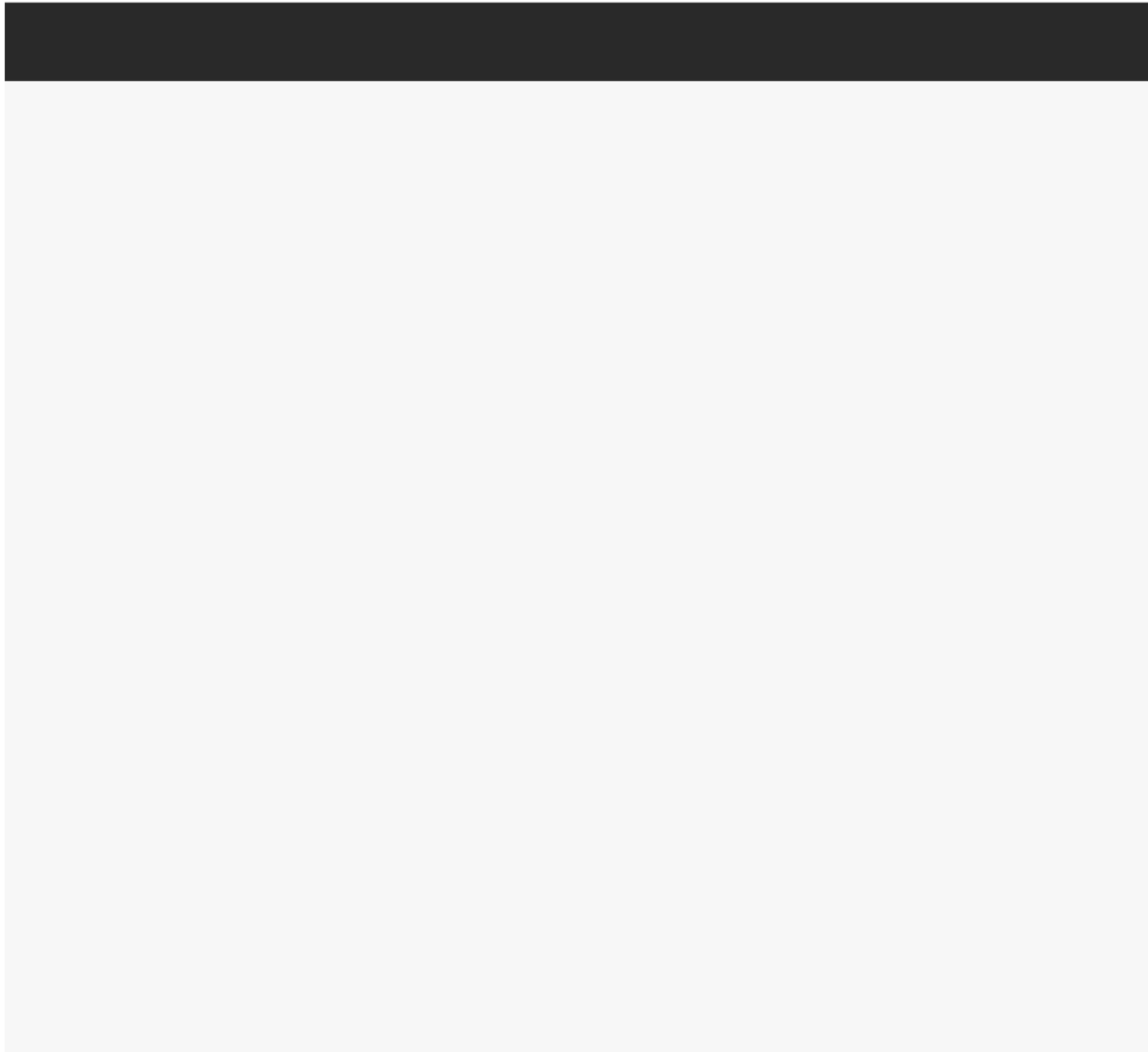
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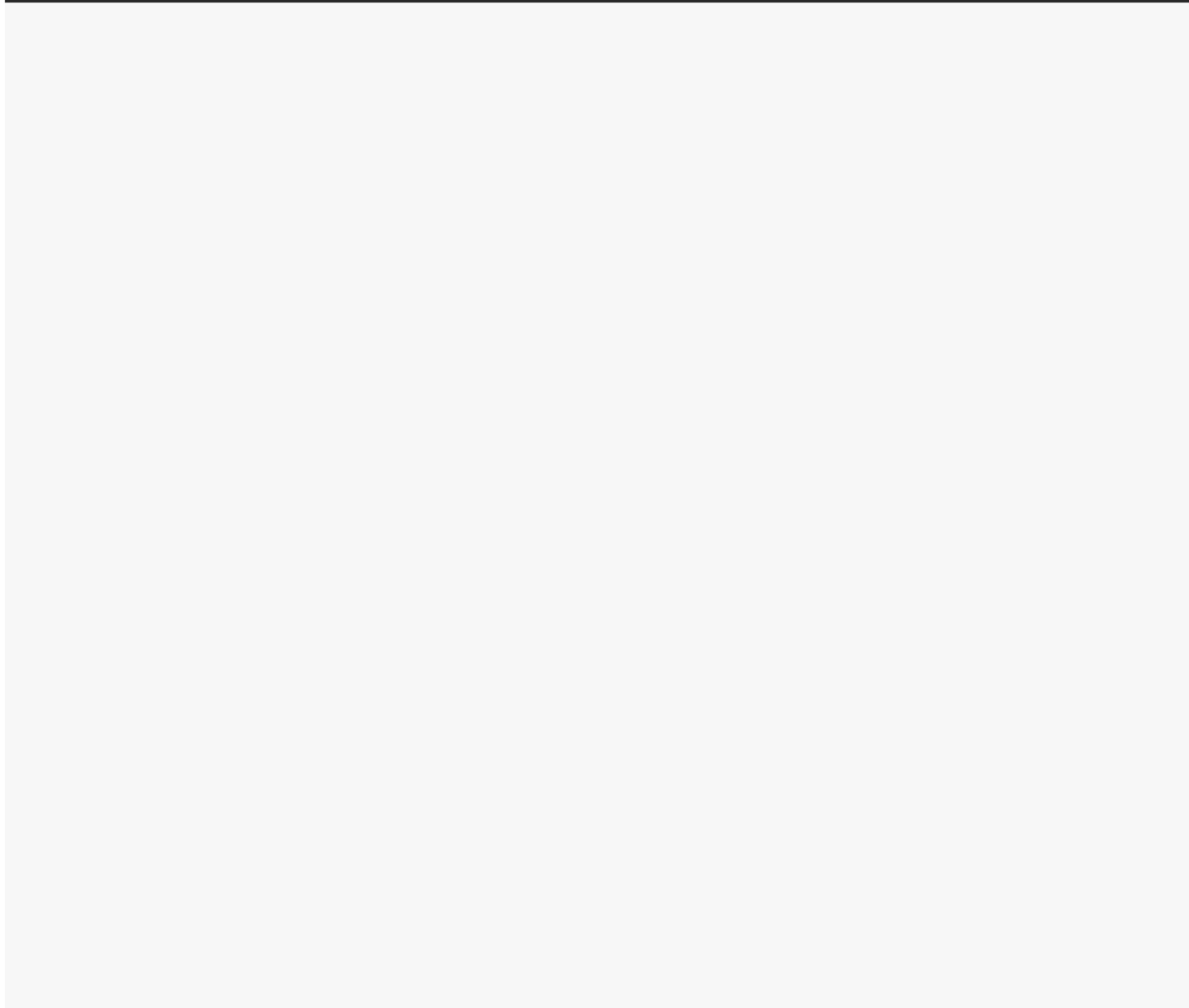
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Subject: URGENT: ASPR Stakeholder Call - 6pm

Team,

Updated message for participants' invitation below and docs that will go out with the invitation are attached. The distro list is complete.

Still need confirmation of CDC's speaker before sending out the invitation.

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-----BREAK: Invitation to Participants-----

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