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Re: **PRR 2020-2200-259 (AZ-AG-20-2828)**

Dear Mr. Evers:

Thank you for contacting the Arizona Attorney General's Office ("AGO"). This letter serves as the response to your public records request dated November 23, 2020.

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Here is the draft letter, which will be filed by Joe Kanefield. Please let me know if you have any concerns. We plan to file in the next few minutes.

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Thanks, Beau,

That makes sense.

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Bruce,

Thank you very much for getting back to me so quickly. It is going to be in letter format per Denise's 4:17 email, but we'll circulate it to you in that format.

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The DNC respondents consent to that. Thanks and we'll look for the draft stipulated motion. Best,

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Mr. Elias and Ms. Amunson,

Would Respondents consent to pushing the deadline for Petitioners' (both the State Petitioners and Republican Party Petitioners') principal briefs by 2 weeks? This would make our deadline 11/30, and also push the amicus deadline to 12/7. Your briefs would be due 1/13, amici would be due 1/20, and reply briefs would be due 2/12.

If this is acceptable, we will prepare a stipulated motion.

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By this email, dated November 30, 2020, the Brief for Private Petitioners, in *Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee*, No. 19-1257, and *Arizona Republican Party v. Democratic National Committee*, No. 19-1258, is being electronically served on the counsel of record identified below. The printed briefs have been filed and are being served today. Please let me know if you have any trouble with the attached document.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits voting practices that "result[] in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen ... to vote on account of race or color." 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). Such a discriminatory "result" occurs if an election is not "equally open to participation" by racial minorities, giving them "less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice." *Id.* § 10301(b).

Arizona gives all citizens an equal opportunity to vote in person or by mail, and authorizes ballots to be turned in by a family member, household member, or caregiver. In the decision below, however, the Ninth Circuit held that Arizona violated § 2 by (1) requiring in-person voters to cast ballots in their assigned precincts; and (2) prohibiting "ballot-harvesting," *i.e.*, third-party collection and return of ballots. The court held that because racial minorities disproportionately vote out-of-precinct and use ballot-harvesting, the Act compels the State to allow those practices.

The questions presented are:

1. Whether § 2 of the Voting Rights Act compels states to authorize any voting practice that would be used disproportionately by racial minorities, even if existing voting procedures are race-neutral and offer all voters an equal opportunity to vote.

2. Whether the Ninth Circuit correctly held that Arizona's ballot-harvesting prohibition was tainted by discriminatory intent even though the legislators were admittedly driven by partisan interests and by supposedly "unfounded" concerns about voter fraud.

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PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING AND RULE 29.6 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Private Petitioners, who were Appellees in the Ninth Circuit, are the Arizona Republican Party, Bill Gates, Suzanne Klapp, Debbie Lesko, and Tony Rivero. Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich and Secretary of State Katie Hobbs were also Appellees in the Ninth Circuit. The State of Arizona was an Intervenor in the Ninth Circuit.

Respondents, who were Appellants in the Ninth Circuit, are the Democratic National Committee, DSCC (Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee), and the Arizona Democratic Party.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29.6, Petitioner Arizona Republican Party certifies that it has no parent corporation and that no publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of its stock.

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INTRODUCTION

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act ("VRA") forbids voting qualifications, standards, and practices that—even if not intentionally discriminatory—"result[]" in "denial or abridgement" of the right to vote "on account of race or color." 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). As Congress elaborated, such a discriminatory result occurs if a State's political processes are "not equally open to participation" by minorities, in that they "have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice." *Id.* § 10301(b).

That provision was designed and historically used to challenge the dilution of minority voting strength, through political districting or "at-large" voting. But over the past decade, a proliferation of lawsuits have sought to stretch § 2 to challenge ubiquitous, race-neutral "time, place, and manner" voting regulations, such as how voters may register, when they can vote early or absentee, and what they must show to prove their identities. Although such routine rules leave the voting process equally open to everyone, the theory behind these suits—part of a concerted effort to use the federal courts to radically transform the Nation's voting practices for partisan advantage—is that unless a voting regime is proportionately utilized by racial minorities, it is a discriminatory denial of the right to vote. On that reading, the VRA *compels* states to adopt any hypothetical voting procedure that would *maximize* participation by racial minorities, even if the existing processes are race-neutral, do not block anyone from voting, serve important interests, and offer all voters an equal chance to participate in the political process.

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Below, the Ninth Circuit adopted that sweeping construction. It held that a voting rule implicates § 2 if eliminating it would increase racial proportionality in voting. The court then applied that rationale to invalidate two typical, race-neutral voting rules in Arizona: one that requires in-person voters to vote at their assigned precincts, and another that forbids the dubious practice of "ballot-harvesting," the collection and return of ballots by third parties. In the court's view, Arizona must allow people to vote *outside* their precincts and must allow *strangers* (usually partisan operatives) to collect ballots from voters simply because minorities have disproportionately voted in those ways, even though Arizona's rules apply equally and impose no barrier beyond the normal "burden" of casting one's own ballot in the assigned precinct.

The Ninth Circuit's interpretation of § 2 is wrong. As other Courts of Appeals have recognized, ordinary race-neutral regulations of the time, place, or manner of voting do not "deny or abridge" the right to vote on account of race. If voters have an equal "opportunity" to vote, federal law does not require the adoption of other protocols that would maximize participation by racial minorities. Minorities may be *less likely* to vote for a host of reasons, but that does not implicate § 2 or its "opportunity" standard, which is concerned with ensuring an "open" process, not with equalizing outcomes. The Ninth Circuit's approach would subject nearly all ordinary election rules to § 2 challenge, and mandate court-ordered overhauls of state voting rules to achieve racial proportionality. A boon to one political party, to be sure, but a construction of the statute irreconcilable with its plain text—and one that would violate the Constitution.

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The Ninth Circuit also erred by holding (this time by only a bare *en banc* majority) that Arizona's ban on ballot-harvesting was motivated by discriminatory intent. The trial court, whose findings govern absent clear error, found that a majority of legislators voted for the law out of sincere anti-fraud concerns. Yet the Ninth Circuit inferred a racist purpose from *partisan* motives, its belief that fear of fraud was "unfounded," and the unprecedented notion that "racially-tinged" actions of one legislator and one private individual could be attributed to the legislature under a "cat's paw" agency theory. That reasoning defies this Court's precedent and threatens to further devolve our courts into instruments of a partisan agenda.

OPINIONS BELOW

The Ninth Circuit's *en banc* opinion (JA.576) is reported at 948 F.3d 989. The district court's opinion (JA.242) is reported at 329 F. Supp. 3d 824.

JURISDICTION

The Ninth Circuit issued its *en banc* decision on January 27, 2020. JA.576. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

PROVISIONS INVOLVED

> **(a)** No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color, or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in section 10303(f)(2) of this title, as provided in subsection (b).

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> **(b)** A violation of subsection (a) is established if, based on the totality of circumstances, it is shown that the political processes leading to nomination or election in the State or political subdivision are not equally open to participation by members of a class of citizens protected by subsection (a) in that its members have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.

52 U.S.C. § 10301.

STATEMENT

A. Section 2 and Its History.

As originally enacted, § 2 of the VRA was no more than "a restatement of the Fifteenth Amendment." *Chisom v. Roemer*, 501 U.S. 380, 392 (1991). The statute provided only that "[n]o voting qualifications or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied … to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color." 42 U.S.C. § 1973 (1965); *cf.* U.S. Const. amend. XV ("The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged … on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."). Accordingly, "unlike other provisions of the Act, [§ 2] did not provoke significant debate in Congress." *Chisom*, 501 U.S. at 392.

In *City of Mobile v. Bolden*, 446 U.S. 55 (1980), this Court, consistent with the text of § 2 and its original understanding, held that vote-dilution claims under § 2 require a finding of discriminatory *intent*, just like the constitutional standard does. *See id.* at 61.

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Justice White dissented. In his view, the objective factors that the Court had identified in a prior set of vote-dilution cases were sufficient to *infer* "purposeful discrimination." *Id.* at 101 (White, J., dissenting); *see, e.g.*, *White v. Regester*, 412 U.S. 755, 765-66 (1973) (identifying history of discrimination, racial appeals, polarized voting, lack of minority officeholders, and low minority registration as bearing on whether multi-member districts were "invidiously" discriminatory).

Congress agreed with Justice White and amended the statute to codify an "objective" standard to govern "illegal dilution of the minority vote." S. Rep. No. 97-417, at 27 (1982). The amended text of § 2 is a near-verbatim transcription of *Regester*'s denunciation of rules that "effectively exclude[]" minority groups from political power. *Compare* 52 U.S.C. § 10301(b) ("violation ... is established" if "political processes ... are not equally open to participation" by the protected minority, "in that its members have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice"), *with Regester*, 412 U.S. at 766-67 (invalidating "political processes leading to nomination and election [that] were not equally open to participation by the group in question," in that "its members had less opportunity than did other residents in the district to participate in the political processes and to elect legislators of their choice.").

Since the 1982 amendments, this Court has heard a number of § 2 cases involving vote dilution. Beginning with *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 44 (1986), this Court has held that, as amended, § 2 prohibits vote dilution, and the standard is not a legislature's intent but rather the three *Gingles* preconditions,

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supplemented with the multi-factor analysis laid out in the Senate Report—which analysis was itself derived from the pre-*Bolden* vote-dilution cases. *See* S. Rep. No. 97-417, at 28-29. These factors, of course, were originally devised to smoke out multi-member districts that "invidiously excluded" minority groups by diluting their votes. *Regester*, 412 U.S. at 769.

This Court has never reviewed a time, place, or manner rule under § 2. Until recently, there were very few such § 2 cases even in lower courts. *See Frank v. Walker*, 768 F.3d 744, 752 (7th Cir. 2014) ("[M]ost case law concerning the application of § 2 concerns claims that racial gerrymandering has been employed to dilute the votes of racial or ethnic groups.").

B. Arizona's Voting Practices.

Arizona administers one of the most convenient and open voting systems in the country. It gives voters three options for casting ballots: early voting by mail, early voting in-person, and Election Day in-person voting. The early-voting period is 27 days. JA.259. No excuse is needed to vote early, and about 80% of Arizona voters did so in 2016. *Id.* Voters can request early ballots or receive them automatically by joining a Permanent Early Voter List. *Id.* Early ballots can be returned in person or by postage-free mail. JA.260.

For in-person voting on Election Day, Arizona's counties have two options: They can use a traditional precinct-based system, which requires voters to vote at their assigned precincts. JA.262-63. Or they can use a "vote center" system, which allows voters to appear at any designated center in the county. *Id.* Like most states that use a precinct-based system—which most do, as Judge Bybee noted in his dissent

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below (JA.727)—Arizona discounts in-person votes cast in the wrong precinct. JA.261-62.

Precinct-based voting serves important purposes. It ensures that voters receive ballots reflecting only the candidates and issues for which they are eligible to vote. JA.306. It also allows officials to estimate how many voters will show up at each polling place, which helps reduce waiting times. *Id.*

In Arizona, voters in precinct-based systems are assigned to polling places near where they live. JA.304. Before Election Day, registered voters receive notices by mail identifying their polling place. *Id.* Arizona also sends voters a pamphlet (in English and Spanish) on how to locate their polling places. *Id.* Several Arizona counties operate online polling-place locators. *Id.* If a polling place changes, voters are notified by mail. *Id.*

If a voter arrives at a precinct but is not on the register, officials must direct the voter to the correct precinct. JA.305. The voter may still cast a provisional ballot, but must be told that it will count only if the precinct is correct. *Id.*; Ariz. Sec'y of State, *2019 Elections Procedures Manual* 187-88 (Dec. 2019).

Maricopa County, which is Arizona's most populous, implemented this protocol by providing poll workers with access to countywide voter data and training them to advise voters in the wrong precinct of their correct polling place location. JA.119. Pima County (the second most populous) requires poll workers to contact its recorder's office to obtain a voter's correct polling place location. JA.113-14.

In the 2016 election, 2,661,497 people voted in Arizona; only 3,970 (or 0.15%) voted out of precinct.

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JA.298. Some 665,374 voters were minorities, 1,924 of whom voted out-of-precinct. *See* JA.200, 205. Thus, roughly 99.7% of minority voters voted without going to the wrong precinct.

C. Ballot-Harvesting and H.B. 2023.

In 2016, Arizona joined many other states by prohibiting "ballot-harvesting." Under Arizona's law, known as H.B. 2023, voters may submit a ballot via a caregiver, family member, household member, mail carrier, or election official only. A.R.S. § 16-1005(H). Otherwise, nobody may "knowingly collect[] voted or unvoted early ballots from another person." *Id.*

Experts have long recognized the opportunity for fraud created by absentee voting and ballot-harvesting. In 2005, former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker chaired a bipartisan Commission on Federal Election Reform, which called absentee ballots "the largest source of potential voter fraud." Comm'n on Fed. Election Reform, *Building Confidence in U.S. Elections* 46 (Sept. 2005). "Absentee balloting is vulnerable to abuse in several ways." *Id.* Among other things, "[c]itizens who vote at home, at nursing homes, at the workplace, or in church are more susceptible to pressure, overt and subtle, or to intimidation." *Id.*

The Carter-Baker Report therefore recommended that, with narrow exceptions, states "should prohibit [third parties] from handling absentee ballots." *Id.* at 47. In particular, "[t]he practice in some states of allowing candidates or party workers to pick up and deliver absentee ballots should be eliminated." *Id.* Many experts also recognize the need for restrictions. For example, election-law scholar Richard L. Hasen

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has recommended "tighten[ing] rules related to the handling of absentee ballots" by third parties. *Election Meltdown: Dirty Tricks, Distrust, and the Threat to American Democracy* 134 (2020).

This is not merely a theoretical risk, and fraud need not be widespread to be consequential. Many well-documented episodes of voter fraud associated with ballot-harvesting, including recently, have resulted in overturning elections:

- A ballot-harvesting operation resulted in invalidation of a May 2020 city council election in Paterson, New Jersey. *See McKoy v. Passaic Cnty. Bd. of Elections*, No. PAS-L-1751-20 (N.J. Super. Ct. Aug. 19, 2020).
- Ballot-harvesting fraud in North Carolina caused a 2018 congressional election to be invalidated. JA.745-46.
- In 2004, Indiana ordered a new primary in East Chicago after rampant ballot fraud that involved "inducing ... the infirm, the poor, and those with limited skills in the English language, to engage in absentee voting." *Pabey v. Pastrick*, 816 N.E.2d 1138, 1145 (Ind. 2004).
- Miami's 1997 mayoral election was invalidated due to a "pattern of fraudulent, intentional and criminal conduct" in relation to absentee ballots. *In re Election for City of Miami*, 707 So. 2d 1170, 1171 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 1998).
- Absentee-ballot fraud caused a Philadelphia election to be overturned in 1994. *Marks v. Stinson*, 19 F.3d 873, 877 (3d Cir. 1994).

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- There are numerous other recent examples of documented absentee-voting fraud across the United States.[1]

Because of such risks, numerous states have banned or restricted ballot-harvesting. JA.739-42. Arizona's legislature likewise passed H.B. 2023 to reduce the opportunity for such fraud. JA.352.

D. This Litigation, the Ninth Circuit's Early Injunction, and This Court's Stay Order.

In April 2016, Plaintiffs—the Democratic National Committee, DSCC (Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee), and Arizona Democratic Party—filed suit challenging Arizona's policy of not counting out-of-precinct ballots and H.B. 2023's prohibition of ballot-harvesting. Plaintiffs claimed that both policies have a discriminatory "result" under § 2 of the VRA, and

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[1] Patricia Mazzei et al., *Hialeah Absentee-ballot Broker Cabrera Arrested; State Attorney Recuses Herself from Ongoing Case*, MIAMI HERALD (Aug. 2, 2012); Patricia Mazzei, *Jeffrey Garcia, Ex-aide to Rep. Joe Garcia, Pleads Guilty, Will Serve 90 Days in Jail*, MIAMI HERALD (Oct. 21, 2013); Press Release, *Work of AG Paxton's Election Fraud Unit Results in Arrests of 4 Members of Organized Voter Fraud Ring in North Fort Worth*, Office of Tex. Att'y Gen. (Oct. 12, 2018); Sue Necessary, *Gregg County Commissioner, Others Arrested in Alleged 'Ballot Harvesting' Scheme*, KLBK (Sept. 25, 2020); David A. Fahrenthold, *Selling Votes Is Common Type of Election Fraud*, WASHINGTON POST (Oct. 1, 2012); Press Release, *Former Hoboken City Council Candidate Convicted of Conspiring to Use Mail to Promote Voter Bribery Scheme*, U.S. Dep't of Justice (June 25, 2019); Press Release, *Former Mayor of Martin Sentenced to 90 Months for Civil Rights Offenses, Fraud, Vote Buying and Identity Theft*, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Dec. 16, 2014); Nataly Keomoungkhoun & Marc Ramirez, *Carrollton Mayoral Candidate Jailed on 109 Felony Counts in Vote Fraud Case*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS (Oct. 8, 2020).

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alleged that the ban on ballot-harvesting constituted discrimination based on political party. The Arizona Republican Party and several elected officials (private petitioners here) intervened as defendants.

Plaintiffs sought a preliminary injunction, but the district court denied it. *Feldman v. Ariz. Sec'y of State's Office*, 208 F. Supp. 3d 1074 (D. Ariz. 2016). In late October 2016, a divided panel of the Ninth Circuit affirmed. 840 F.3d 1057. But then, less than a week before the election, the Ninth Circuit voted to rehear the case *en banc* and, two days later, preliminarily enjoined the enforcement of H.B. 2023. *Feldman*, 843 F.3d 366. This Court stayed that injunction the next day. 137 S. Ct. 446.

Plaintiffs subsequently abandoned their partisan discrimination claim and replaced it with a claim that the ban on ballot-harvesting was enacted with *racial* discriminatory intent. Dkt. 233, *DNC v. Reagan*, 329 F. Supp. 3d (D. Ariz. 2018) (No. 2:16-cv-01065).

E. The District Court's Decision.

After a ten-day bench trial in October 2017, the district court ruled in Defendants' favor on all counts.

First, the court found that Arizona's policy of not counting out-of-precinct ballots did not result in less voting opportunity for minorities compared to non-minorities. In the 2016 election, only 3,970 out of 2,661,497 voters (or 0.15%) had ballots invalidated for voting out-of-precinct. JA.334. Although this small sample included disproportionately more minorities, Arizona did not "cause the observed disparit[y]" by giving minorities less *opportunity* to vote in their assigned precincts. JA.336. Plaintiffs offered "no evidence" that, *e.g.*, "precincts tend to be located in

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areas where it would be more difficult for minority voters to find them, as compared to non-minority voters." *Id.* In fact, Plaintiffs did not challenge *at all* "the manner in which Arizona and its counties allocate or relocate polling places, inform voters of their assigned precincts, or train poll workers." JA.302.

Second, the court rejected Plaintiffs' challenge to H.B. 2023 because the ban on ballot-harvesting applied equally to all voters and did "not impose burdens beyond those traditionally associated with voting." JA.331. Not a single voter "testified that H.B. 2023's limitations on who may collect an early ballot would make it significantly more difficult to vote." *Id.* There were "no records of the numbers of people who, in past elections, have relied on" third-party ballot collection, and "no quantitative or statistical evidence comparing the proportion that is minority versus non-minority." JA.321. Even crediting merely anecdotal evidence that, in past elections, "minorities generically were more likely than non-minorities to return their early ballots with the assistance of third parties," that disparity did not show that they lacked equal "opportunity" to vote. JA.330-31. Rather, if minorities were more likely to vote through ballot-harvesting, it was because "[t]he Democratic Party and community advocacy organizations" had targeted their "ballot collection efforts" toward minority voters. JA.329.

Third, the court also rejected Plaintiffs' claim that H.B. 2023 was enacted with discriminatory intent. The court found that "the majority of H.B. 2023's proponents were sincere in their belief that ballot collection increased the risk of early voting fraud, and that H.B. 2023 was a necessary prophylactic measure to bring early mail ballot security in line with in-

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person voting." JA.350. Some legislators were motivated by *partisanship* and others were perhaps mistaken about the existence and scope of voter fraud in Arizona, but the court found "the legislature acted in spite of opponents' concerns that the law would prohibit an effective GOTV strategy in low-efficacy minority communities, not because it intended to suppress those votes." JA.358.

F. The Ninth Circuit's Decision.

While a divided Ninth Circuit panel affirmed, the *en banc* court then reversed.

The majority held that Arizona's practices impose a "disparate burden" on minorities under § 2 because they vote out-of-precinct and use ballot-harvesters at a higher rate than whites. Accordingly, not counting out-of-precinct votes results in a "higher percentage of minority votes than white votes [being] discarded," and prohibiting ballot-harvesting likewise "results in a disparate burden on minority voters" because "third parties collected a large and disproportionate number of early ballots from minority voters" in the past. JA.622, 659, 662.

Having found these "disparate burdens," the court proceeded to a second step of analysis, looking for a "legally significant relationship" to the "social and historical conditions" affecting minority voters in the state. JA.613. The court considered "factors ... laid out in the Senate Report accompanying the 1982 amendments to the VRA." *Id.* Disagreeing with the district court's application of these factors, the court discerned a discriminatory result based on "Arizona's history of discrimination dat[ing] back to 1848," the existence of "racially polarized voting," the "effects" of

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historical discrimination, the existence of "racial appeals" in campaigns, the low "number of minorities in public office," and officials' lack of "responsiveness to the needs of minority groups." JA.625-54.

Finally, the Ninth Circuit found clear error in the district court's finding that no discriminatory purpose tainted H.B. 2023. The court did not disturb the factual finding that most legislators voted for the ban for a "sincere," "non-race-based" purpose of combating "fraud in third-party ballot collection." JA.677. Nevertheless, a bare majority of the *en banc* court attributed racially discriminatory intent to the bill "under the familiar 'cat's paw' doctrine," based on supposedly racial motives of a state senator and a private individual who had helped sparked the debate over ballot-harvesting fraud. *Id.* The Ninth Circuit imputed what it saw as their "discriminatory purpose" to the entire legislature. *Id.*

Judge O'Scannlain dissented. With respect to in-precinct voting, he rejected "the suggestion implicit in the majority opinion that any facially neutral policy which may result in some statistical disparity is necessarily discriminatory." JA.709. Voting in one's own precinct imposes only "burdens traditionally associated with voting." JA.701. On ballot-harvesting, Judge O'Scannlain agreed with the trial court that Plaintiffs had "no evidence" that "minority voters have less opportunity" to elect representatives of their choice "than non-minority voters now that ballot collection is more limited." JA.711. He would have held that they did not satisfy the threshold § 2 inquiry.

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With respect to discriminatory intent, Judge O'Scannlain criticized the majority for ignoring the clear-error standard of review, for inferring *racial* motives from one senator's *partisan* motives, and for imputing those motives to the entire legislature as a "cat's paw." JA.715-20.

Judge Bybee dissented separately, noting that the challenged practices are ordinary "[t]ime, place, and manner restrictions" that do not deny or abridge the right to vote and thus "stand on different footing from status-based restraints on vote qualifications and legislative malapportionment." JA.723. By ignoring that basic distinction, the majority endangers countless ordinary election rules. JA.726.

SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

I. Ordinary race-neutral regulations of the time, place, and manner of voting do not violate § 2.

A. By its plain terms, § 2 applies only to voting practices that result in "denial or abridgement" of the right to vote on account of race. 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). But ordinary rules that set the time, place, and manner of voting do not "deny" or "abridge" the right to vote. They simply define the process by which all voters must *exercise* that right. As long as those rules are race-neutral and impose nothing more than the ordinary burdens traditionally associated with voting, there is no "denial" or "abridgement." And as long as the rules are equally applied, the electoral system is "equally open" and gives everyone equal "opportunity" to participate. *Id.* § 10301(b). It does not matter if different racial groups vote at different rates under the equally open system, because § 2 guarantees only equal *opportunity*, not equal *outcome*.

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B. Under the Ninth Circuit's contrary reading, a discriminatory "result" can be shown any time a voting practice can be connected to a racial disparity in voting rates. That is untenable not only because it violates the text of § 2, but also because it threatens to sweep away all manner of ordinary voting rules for the sake of racial balancing. Any ordinary time, place, or manner rule must be eliminated if doing so would reduce racial disparities. That is the only way the court below could reach the remarkable conclusion that § 2 compels Arizona to allow voters to vote outside their assigned precincts, and to authorize the dubious practice of ballot-harvesting. In essence, the Ninth Circuit's reading transforms § 2 from a sensible ban on voting rules that *discriminate* against minorities into a radical mandate to adopt any rules that *maximize* minority turnout. That is not what the statute says, and not what the statute does.

C. The history of the "results test" confirms that the Ninth Circuit's reading is wrong. Congress enacted the test to target invidious vote *dilution*, not ordinary time, place, and manner rules. In-person and in-precinct voting rules were ubiquitous in 1982; nobody dreamed they could be attacked under § 2 based on equally-ubiquitous racially disparate voting rates. To the contrary, Congress made clear that it wanted the results test to require only an equally open system, not racially proportionate outcomes.

D. The Ninth Circuit's reading also renders § 2 unconstitutional. Forcing states to alter ordinary race-neutral election rules in order to achieve racial proportionality would exceed Congress's power to enforce the Fifteenth Amendment's ban on intentional discrimination. It would also violate Equal Protection

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principles by requiring states to engage in constant race-conscious tinkering to comply with § 2. In the vote-dilution context, the Court has sought to avoid these problems by limiting § 2 violations to *deviations* from ordinary districting principles that have a clear dilutive effect, which at least arguably supports an inference of invidious discrimination. But if § 2 is construed to target *ordinary* time, place, and manner rules to achieve racial balancing even where no invidious intent can be plausibly inferred, it crosses the line of what the Constitution allows.

II. The Ninth Circuit erred in overturning the trial court's finding that Arizona's ban on ballot-harvesting was not enacted with discriminatory intent. The trial court found the legislature enacted the ban for sincere anti-fraud purposes; that was certainly not clearly erroneous, and it legally defeats Plaintiffs' claim. But the Ninth Circuit relied on an inapposite "cat's paw" theory to attribute the supposed discriminatory intent of one or two people who *argued in favor* of the law to the entire state legislature that *enacted* it. That vicarious imputation of discriminatory intent has no basis in the law. Compounding the error, the Ninth Circuit's unfounded inference of discriminatory intent wrongly conflated *partisan* motives with *racial* ones. That would condemn any rule motivated by political concerns (which is to say, virtually any rule) that has a racially disparate impact. The Court should reverse this aspect of the judgment below too.

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ARGUMENT

I. ARIZONA'S ELECTION RULES COMPLY WITH § 2'S RESULTS TEST BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL VOTERS.

This case concerns the meaning and application of § 2 of the VRA, which prohibits the use of any "voting qualification or prerequisite," or any voting "standard, practice, or procedure," that "results in a denial or abridgement of the right ... to vote on account of race or color." 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). Elaborating on that test, Congress directed that a violation is established if the "political processes leading to nomination or election ... are not equally open to participation by members of a class of citizens ... in that its members have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice." *Id.* § 10301(b).

As the "opportunity ... to elect" language suggests, and as the statutory history confirms, this "results" test was designed and adopted by Congress principally to address claims of vote *dilution*—*i.e.*, the structuring of electoral systems or districts in a way that reduces the electoral strength of minority voting blocs. *See supra* at 4-6. Since the 1982 amendments to the VRA, this Court has confronted vote-dilution claims many times and has developed a familiar (albeit not uniformly accepted) framework to govern them. *See Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30; *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 556 U.S. 1 (2009); *Holder v. Hall*, 512 U.S. 874, 891-92 (1994) (Thomas, J., concurring in the judgment) (rejecting premise that § 2 prohibits "dilutive election methods"). This case, however, is not about vote dilution.

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Section 2, of course, is not limited to vote *dilution* (opportunity "to elect"). It also prohibits vote *denial or abridgement* (opportunity "to participate"). Most obviously, § 2 forbids the use of "voting qualifications" that "den[y]" the right to cast a vote, if their impact falls adversely on minorities. Limiting the franchise to people who own a home or hold a college degree, for example, would run afoul of § 2 if minority voters have lower home ownership or graduation rates. Whatever their intent, those criteria would "result" in racially disparate denial of the right to vote, as minority voters as a group would have "less opportunity" than whites to "participate in the political process." But this case is not about voting qualifications either.

So what is this case about? Rather than the design of the electoral system, or the requirements for voter eligibility, this case asks how § 2 applies to the rules that govern *how* citizens vote—the time, place, and manner of exercising that right. *See Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Ariz., Inc.*, 570 U.S. 1, 8, 16 (2013) (distinguishing regulation of "*how* federal elections are held" from regulation of "*who* may vote in them"). In the statutory parlance, when does a voting "practice" or "procedure" render the process "not equally open," and deprive minority voters of the "opportunity ... to participate" in that political process?

Petitioners' position is simple: Race-neutral time, place, or manner regulations that are *equally applied* and impose only the *ordinary burdens of voting* do not implicate § 2—period. Those rules do not "deny" the right to vote to any eligible voter. Nor can they be said to "abridge" the right to vote relative to any objective benchmark; they simply direct how, when, and where the right can be exercised. And if those rules treat all

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citizens equally, they are, by definition, "equally open" and do not afford minority voters "less opportunity" to participate. Importantly, that holds true regardless of the rates at which voters of different races end up participating. Disparate *participation* does not imply disparate *opportunity*, and § 2 is an equal-opportunity statute, not an equal-outcome mandate.

Plaintiffs' view, however—adopted by the Ninth Circuit majority below—is dramatically different. On their construction, *any* voting rule implicates § 2 if it can be tied to racially disproportionate *outcomes*. Every detail of the process—whether it is registration protocols, early-voting availability, rules for voting by mail, absentee-ballot eligibility, polling times and locations, or anything else—is subject to § 2 challenge if plaintiffs can show that more minorities would vote under alternative rules. The only thing that stands between bare disparate impact and § 2 liability, on the Ninth Circuit's approach, is a court's application of the "Senate Factors"—a set of subjective, non-exclusive considerations that were designed for vote-dilution cases and usually have nothing at all to do with the voting practices being challenged. *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 36-37 (listing nine factors).

The difference between these two interpretations of § 2 controls this case. On Petitioners' view, there is no serious question: It does not violate § 2 for Arizona to require voters to cast ballots in their own precincts or to limit third-party collection of ballots. Those race-neutral rules apply equally to everyone and impose only the ordinary, inherent burdens of voting. They neither abridge the right to vote nor deprive minorities of an equal opportunity to participate.

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Meanwhile, according to the Ninth Circuit, the fact that minority voters were historically more likely to vote in the wrong precinct and to have their ballots targeted for harvesting was enough to constitute a discriminatory "result," which must be invalidated if an unidentified number of wholly inapposite Senate Factors (*e.g.*, racially polarized voting, or lack of health insurance for children) are satisfied.

With the legal issue and its results in this case now framed, Petitioners explain below why their view of the law is correct and the Ninth Circuit's is wrong. *First*, § 2's plain text forecloses the "equal-outcome" interpretation. *Second*, the lack of a limiting principle on the Ninth Circuit's construction would plunge the courts into never-ending micromanagement of state election protocols for the purpose of racial balancing. *Third*, the statute's history and context demonstrate that ordinary, race-neutral time, place, and manner rules were not its target. *Fourth*, the Court should not read § 2 to exceed Congress's power or to set the VRA on a collision course with the Equal Protection Clause.

A. Section 2's Text Requires Inquiry into Voter Opportunity, Not Outcomes.

The question that divides the parties here is what constitutes a proscribed "result" under § 2—*i.e.*, what may a voting "standard" not "result" in. The Ninth Circuit opined that voting practices may not result in less than proportionate *participation* by minority voters. Thus, if minorities disproportionately vote in the wrong precinct or with ballot-harvesting, then the rules requiring in-precinct voting and banning ballot-harvesting have a forbidden, disparate "result."

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That interpretation is at war with § 2's language. The statute does not prohibit voting practices that "resul[t]" in disproportionate participation, only those that result in a "denial" or "abridgement" of the right to vote. 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). It targets laws that render the "political processes" not "equally open" by giving minorities "less opportunity." *Id.* § 10301(b). So the question is whether the system is "equally open" to minorities, not whether they proportionately avail themselves of the equal opportunity. Stated differently, § 2 asks whether the voting practice gives minorities "less opportunity" to vote *than non-minorities*, not whether they have "less opportunity" *than under some alternative regime*. If a voting rule disproportionately affects minorities because they disproportionately fail to comply with it, that is of no moment as long as they had an equal "opportunity" to vote under an "equally open" system. A more detailed analysis of subsections (a) and (b), set forth below, makes this clear.

1. As noted, subsection (a) forbids only practices that "resul[t] in a *denial or abridgement* of the right ... to vote." 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a) (emphasis added). The word "denial" refers to *qualifications* to vote, which quite literally exclude individuals from the franchise. By contrast, a rule governing the time, place, or manner of voting cannot be said to "deny" anyone the right to vote; it just directs *when, where, and how*. As this Court explained in *Inter Tribal Council*, there is a difference between "*how*" elections occur and "*who*" may vote in them. 570 U.S. at 16. Indeed, there are distinct constitutional provisions that govern these two separate areas in the context of federal elections. *See* U.S. Const. art. I, § 4, cl. 1 ("The Times, Places and

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Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof ...."); *id.* § 2, cl. 1 (outlining the "Qualifications" for the federal electorate).

Since time, place, or manner rules do not result in "denial," that leaves "abridgement." But, as this Court has explained, "abridge"—"whose core meaning is 'shorten'—necessarily entails a comparison" to some objective benchmark. *Reno v. Bossier Par. Sch. Bd.*, 528 U.S. 320, 333-34 (2000) ("*Bossier II*"). "It makes no sense to suggest that a voting practice 'abridges' the right to vote without some baseline with which to compare the practice." *Id.* at 334; *see also Holder*, 512 U.S. at 880 (opinion of Kennedy, J.) (explaining, in vote-dilution context, that the court "must have an idea in mind of how hard it should be for minority voters to elect their preferred candidates under an acceptable system"). In other words, the court must evaluate the challenged practice "relative to what the right to vote *ought to be*." *Reno*, 528 U.S. at 334.

How should courts define what the right to vote *ought* to be? There are only two workable, justiciable approaches (and they complement one another). One is to look to what this Court has called, in the related context of constitutional challenges invoking the right to vote, "the usual burdens of voting." *Crawford v. Marion Cnty. Election Bd.*, 553 U.S. 181, 198 (2008) (plurality op.). Unless a time, place, or manner rule imposes burdens markedly beyond the "usual" ones, the right to vote has not been *abridged*. The rule merely defines the process for *exercising* it. There must always be some such process, because voting is a right that (unlike, for example, the right to speech) can only be exercised within a state-regulated system.

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Accord Burdick v. Takushi, 504 U.S. 428, 433 (1992) ("Common sense, as well as constitutional law, compels the conclusion that government must play an active role in structuring elections."); *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 788 (1983) ("[T]here must be a substantial regulation of elections if they are to be fair and honest and if some sort of order, rather than chaos, is to accompany the democratic processes.").

In other words, "[e]lection laws will invariably impose some burden upon individual voters," as the state must determine when and where voting will occur, how voters must register, what kind of ballots they must use, etc. *Burdick*, 504 U.S. at 433. Because such "usual burdens of voting" are an inherent *part* of the right to vote, they cannot be said to *abridge* the right to vote. *Crawford,* 553 U.S. at 198; *cf. Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472, 484 (1995) (prisoners' liberty interests under Due Process Clause must be measured "in relation to the ordinary incidents of prison life").

There is another way in which time, place, or manner rules might cognizably "abridge" the right to vote: If they are not race-neutral, either facially or as applied. In that scenario, the right to vote has been abridged relative to how it is defined by the state itself for non-minorities. *See, e.g.*, *Brown v. Post*, 279 F. Supp. 60 (W.D. La. 1968) (officials took steps to help white voters cast absentee ballots, but did not make similar efforts to help similarly situated black voters). If all polling places are open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., there is no "abridgement" of the right to vote, even if holding the polls open until 10 p.m. would increase minority participation. But if polling places are open until 8 p.m. in white neighborhoods, even as they close at 4 p.m. in minority neighborhoods, one could

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reasonably characterize the earlier closure as *abridging* the right, compared to the benchmark the state has set in white neighborhoods.

In short, § 2 refers only to a denial or abridgement of the right to vote, and a time, place, or manner rule neither denies nor abridges that right so long as it is race-neutral and consistent with the ordinary burdens of voting. Under that rule, Plaintiffs' claims fail: Arizona's rules are race-neutral both on their face and as applied (*any* vote cast in the wrong precinct is rejected, and *nobody* may engage in ballot-harvesting) and impose only the ordinary burdens of voting (*i.e.*, going to an assigned precinct or transmitting a ballot via mail, caregiver, or family or household member). On the latter point, it should be dispositive that both in-precinct rules and ballot-harvesting bans are common, and that 99.7% of minorities voted in Arizona without going to the wrong precinct. *See supra* at 8.

In contrast, Plaintiffs' baseline for abridgement is some hypothetical alternative that benefits minorities relative to the status quo. Their challenge compares Arizona's law to a hypothetical set of rules that *allows* for voting out of precinct and ballot-harvesting. That cannot possibly be correct, or else *every* voting rule would count as an "abridgement" of the right to vote relative to some hypothetical universe in which the rule did not exist. The requirement to register would abridge the right relative to a system without registration. Allowing 23 days of early voting would abridge compared to 35 days. An 8 p.m. closure of the polls would abridge the right relative to a 9 p.m. closure. That construction of "abridgment" has no limiting principle and would force the state to facially prefer minorities on account of race by adopting any

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and every hypothetical regime that would increase minority voting. Yet, as this Court has admonished, "[f]ailure to maximize cannot be the measure of § 2." *Johnson v. De Grandy*, 512 U.S. 997, 1017 (1994).

For these reasons, a race-neutral time, place, or manner rule that imposes only the ordinary burdens of voting neither denies nor abridges the right to vote under § 2, regardless of the rates at which different racial groups happen to participate under that system or would participate under an alternative regime.

2. Subsection (b)'s text reinforces that conclusion. Critically, it requires a § 2 plaintiff to establish that the "political processes" are "not *equally open* to participation" by members of a racial group, in that they have "less *opportunity*" than other voters "to participate in the political process." 52 U.S.C. § 10301(b) (emphases added). The statutory focus on procedural openness and equal "opportunity" confirms that the usual race-neutral rules governing the when, where, and how of voting are outside § 2's scope.

Section 2 "speaks in terms of an opportunity—a chance—to participate and to elect, not an assured ability to attain any particular result." *Holder*, 512 U.S. at 925 (Thomas, J., concurring in the judgment); *see also* Random House Dictionary of the English Language 1359 (2d ed. 1987) (defining "opportunity" as "chance, or prospect"). The "most natural reading" is thus that minorities must be "given the same free and open access to the ballot as other citizens and their votes [must be] properly counted." *Holder*, 512 U.S. at 925 (Thomas, J., concurring in the judgment). Section 2 is accordingly satisfied if every voter has "the same chance as others to register and to cast his ballot." *Id.*

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Again, the statute's reach is thus more robust in the context of voter qualifications. If an individual is "denied" the ability to vote—for example, because he owns no property in the district—then, by definition, he has less "opportunity" to participate in the process. And if that eligibility standard has a disparate racial effect, then members of that group lack "the same" access to the ballot as other citizens. *Id.*

Moving to time, place, or manner regulations, it is possible to imagine (rare) practices that would erect greater barriers to minority participation. If a state sends unsolicited ballot applications to residents of white neighborhoods, for example, but not to residents of black neighborhoods, that would amount to giving the latter less "opportunity" to participate, even if race was not the motive for the disparity. *See Brown*, 279 F. Supp. 60. Or, as noted above, the same would be true if black neighborhoods had shorter hours to vote than white neighborhoods; the political process would then not be "equally open" to all voters. In these examples, the state's rules are giving white voters a greater "opportunity" to participate in the process, by treating different voters *differently*.

When it comes to race-neutral time, place, or manner rules, however, the state is not providing any disparate opportunities and its political processes are "equally open" to all voters. If everyone must register to vote, fill out an absentee request by a particular date, or—as relevant here—show up to the right precinct, or deliver a ballot only through certain agents, the state is not depriving anyone of an equal chance to participate. It is simply defining the process *all* voters must follow to participate, consistent with the ordinary burdens inherent in the process.

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The Ninth Circuit's core fallacy was conflating the *opportunity* to vote with ultimate *participation* in the process. In its view, the fact that minorities tended to vote out-of-precinct more often than non-minorities (albeit in miniscule amounts), and the fact that minorities' ballots were harvested more often than whites' ballots (because Plaintiffs had targeted their communities for such harvesting), meant that Arizona's rules gave less "opportunity" to minority voters and left its political system not "equally open" to them. *See* JA.622, 659, 662.

That effectively writes out of the statute the words "equally open" and "opportunity." An opportunity is just a "chance." *Holder*, 512 U.S. at 925 (Thomas, J., concurring in the judgment). There is a difference between *having* an opportunity and *taking* it. Every person has an equal "opportunity" to attend free public high school through graduation, even though some might choose, for any number of reasons, to drop out before completion. Likewise, a racial disparity in voting rates does not mean there exists a disparity in opportunity to vote—only that some racial groups took advantage of the opportunity to a greater degree. *Cf. League of United Latin Am. Citizens v. Perry*, 548 U.S. 399, 428 (2006) ("*LULAC*") (in vote-dilution case, a Latino-preferred candidate's loss did not prove the district "was not a Latino opportunity district," because fact that "group does not win elections does not resolve the issue"). Again, the "ultimate right" that § 2 protects "is equality of opportunity," not equality of outcome. *De Grandy*, 512 U.S. at 1014 n.11. A system can be "equally open" regardless of *utilization* rates.

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The difference between opportunity and outcome is textually significant. Had Congress wanted disparate participation alone to trigger § 2, it could have referred to processes with "equal participation," rather than those "equally *open to* participation." And it could have spoken of "less participation," rather than "less *opportunity* ... to participate." The lower court reading leaves those terms superfluous. *United States v. Menasche*, 348 U.S. 528, 538-39 (1955) ("It is our duty 'to give effect, if possible, to every clause and word of a statute.'"). And it wrongly turns an "equal-treatment requirement" into an "equal-outcome command." *Luft v. Evers*, 963 F.3d 665, 672 (7th Cir. 2020).

The Ninth Circuit might more charitably be read as construing "opportunity" to encompass not only *legal* entitlement to vote but also the practical *likelihood* of voting. On that account, the requirement to vote in an assigned precinct would deprive minorities of an equal "opportunity" because socioeconomic conditions make it harder for them to identify the correct precinct (*e.g.*, they move more frequently or face language barriers). This is akin to saying that lower-income individuals have a reduced "opportunity" to attend public high school, notwithstanding that it is open to all, because they are less likely to complete their education for socioeconomic reasons.

But "opportunity" cannot bear that linguistic stretch, particularly given the surrounding text. Section 2 reaches only situations where the "*State*" has enacted a voting "*standard, practice, or procedure*" that "results in"—*i.e.*, causes—"less opportunity" for minorities, or causes the voting system not to be "equally open." 52 U.S.C. § 10301 (emphasis added). Thus, § 2 forbids only unequal opportunity resulting

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from the voting practice itself, not from external socioeconomic or other factors. Section 2 requires the "political process" to be "equally open"—but imposes no requirement to alter "equally open" systems to ameliorate extrinsic factors that disparately inconvenience minorities. In short, as Justice Brennan explained, § 2 protects only against inequality "proximately caused by" the challenged electoral practice. *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 50 n.17.

Consequently, so long as voting rules do not reduce minority voters' "(legal) opportunity to participate," it does not matter if those rules "reduce the likelihood that they will use the opportunities" available to them. *Luft*, 963 F.3d at 672-73. Section 2 "does not require states to overcome societal effects of private discrimination that affect the income or wealth of potential voters." *Frank*, 768 F.3d at 753. Any other rule would require states to actively *prefer* minority voters by structuring electoral systems to maximize their participation. Such a preferential regime is not required by § 2 and would in fact be unconstitutional, because preferences cannot be used to ameliorate societal discrimination. *See infra* Part I.D.

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Reading subsections (a) and (b) together leaves no doubt about § 2's scope. The statute is offended when the state disproportionately renders minority voters ineligible to participate in the process or subjects them to different rules that yield a lesser "opportunity" to participate. By contrast, when race-neutral time, place, or manner rules define the process for exercising the right to vote, and impose only the usual burdens of voting, there has been no "denial or abridgement" of

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the right and no reduction in anyone's "opportunity" to participate in the process, regardless of race or color. Contrary to the opinion below, racially disparate participation rates do not alter that conclusion, because § 2 does not require the states to equalize voter convenience or to guarantee equality of outcome. Again, the statute is concerned only by state rules that deprive minorities of an equal chance to participate; it does not authorize global inquiries into whether different groups, for reasons having nothing to do with the challenged voting practice, are more or less likely to *exercise* their equal rights. For these reasons, the Arizona rules at issue do not run afoul of § 2, and this Court should reverse the decision below.

B. The Ninth Circuit's Construction Would Enlist the Courts in a Partisan Project of Maximizing Minority Voting Rates.

For reasons just explained, an "abridgement" of the right to vote under § 2 properly invites comparison to the baseline of voting's usual burdens (and the norm of race-neutrality), and the law's focus on "opportunity" is properly construed to refer to legal access to the ballot. The contrary reading adopted below—treating the baseline as any *hypothetical* regime, and looking broadly to any extrinsic factors that affect voter *convenience*—also would carry radical consequences. Indeed, the implications of the Ninth Circuit's approach are already being felt, as that decision and its rationale are exploited for partisan gain by a barrage of lawsuits challenging nearly every aspect of states' voting procedures. The Court should reject the misguided construction of § 2 that spawned this cynical effort to turn federal civil rights laws into a get-out-the-vote program for one political party.

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On the Ninth Circuit's construction, § 2 is triggered whenever minority voters—for whatever reason—do not participate to the same extent as non-minorities. That would "swee[p] away almost all registration and voting rules" across the nation. *Frank*, 768 F.3d at 754. "No state has exactly equal registration rates, exactly equal turnout rates, and so on, at every stage of its voting system." *Id.* And it is always easy enough to hypothesize an alternative that would mitigate the disparate impact. Section 2 is thus transformed from a *prohibition* on voting rules that treat minorities *worse* into a *mandate* to adopt any rules that *maximize* participation by minorities.

For example, "if whites are 2% more likely to register than are blacks, then the registration system top to bottom violates § 2," and the VRA would compel its elimination. *Id.* Likewise, "if white turnout on election day is 2% higher, then the requirement of in-person voting" is discriminatory under § 2, and must be replaced with an alternative (*e.g.*, voting by mail). *Id.* If minorities are less likely to vote on election day, § 2 would entitle them to the privilege of early voting—as many days as it would take to equalize participation across races. And if all of that does not succeed in eliminating the disparate impact, the state could be required to send civil servants, census-style, to each home to collect ballots. All of these radical changes would be compelled by federal law.

This is particularly true because § 2's text does not authorize any justification or exemption for practices with a proscribed "result" if they serve a necessary or compelling government interest, analogous to Title VII's "business necessity" inquiry. Thus, the Ninth Circuit's radical interpretation of adverse results

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cannot be ameliorated by excusing practices if they are sufficiently essential; nothing in the statute appears to allow for such an affirmative defense.

Nonetheless, the Ninth Circuit, in its continuing voyage away from the text, added a "second step" to the first step of adverse impact, whereby the court applies the "Senate Factors" to evaluate "social and historical conditions" of discrimination. *See Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 47. Plaintiffs claim that this second step ameliorates the draconian consequences of the first, because it means that § 2 liability is not *automatic*.

But it may as well be. The first step—identification of a disparate burden—is a "near-perfect" predictor of bottom-line result. Nicholas O. Stephanopoulos, *Disparate Impact, Unified Law*, 128 YALE L.J. 1566, 1592 (2019). And that is not surprising, because the second step is a "totality of [the] circumstances" inquiry involving nine factors that are "neither comprehensive nor exclusive"; no particular factor or number of them need be satisfied. JA.616. As explained above, Congress drew these factors from this Court's vote-dilution cases; they were "designed" to smoke out "alleged dilution." S. Rep. No. 97-417, at 2, 29-30. In vote-denial cases, they have no conceivable relevance to whether the challenged procedure is discriminatory, and operate instead as a grab-bag of inapt grievances, ripe for outcome-oriented picking. In short, in the ballot-access context, the factors "are nothing but puffery used to fill out an impressive verbal formulation and to create the impression that the outcome ... rests upon a reasoned evaluation of a variety of relevant circumstances." *Holder*, 512 U.S. at 939 (Thomas, J., concurring in the judgment).

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This case is the best illustration. Below, the Ninth Circuit invoked: Arizona's mistreatment of Indians in territorial times; a literacy test repealed *fifty years ago*; disparities in "employment, home ownership, and health"; the fact that minorities "hold [only] 25 percent" of public offices in the state; "underfund[ing]" of Arizona's "public schools" and lack of robust "health insurance coverage for children"; and racial disparities in *registration*, even though the policies at issue inherently affect only registered voters. JA.625, 629, 644, 647, 652, 653.

Beyond finding no support in the statutory text or common sense, this "second step" is so manipulable as to confirm the dangers of adopting the Ninth Circuit's wide-ranging "first step." If any voting rule that has an adverse impact on participation triggers liability, subject only to a judge's assessment of this inapposite checklist and evaluation of amorphous "social and historical conditions," then every commonplace voting rule is indeed under serious threat.

And this is not merely an academic risk. Different political affiliation among racial groups is a reality across the country. *See N.C. State Conf. of NAACP v. McCrory*, 831 F.3d 204, 221-22 (4th Cir. 2016). As a result, virtually any change in voting rules that increases Democratic turnout will increase minority turnout as a byproduct, and vice versa. Construing § 2 to require changes in voting rules that increase minority participation would thus effectively mandate any change that would help Democrats—and ban any change that would help Republicans. It is no accident that the Democratic Party has undertaken a well-funded, coordinated effort to weaponize § 2 for partisan gain by targeting all sorts of routine time,

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place, and manner rules. Indeed, at least a dozen such lawsuits have been launched this year alone, arguing that § 2 requires same-day registration, early voting, late voting, no-fault absentee voting, straight-ticket voting, and extension of deadlines for mail-in ballots, among other things.[2]

There is no question that Congress has the power to supplant state laws regulating the time, place, and manner of federal elections, and may act to enforce the constitutional prohibitions of racial discrimination in this context. But the background default under the Constitution is "that state legislatures ... bear primary responsibility for setting election rules," and federal judges should not be "tinkering" with the details of electoral administration. *Democratic Nat'l Comm. v. Wisc. State Legislature*, No. 20A66, 2020 WL 6275871, at *2 (U.S. Oct. 26, 2020) (Gorsuch, J., concurring in denial of application). And the dangers of federal judicial intrusion increase when federal law is construed to consistently benefit one political party. *See Rucho v. Common Cause*, 139 S. Ct. 2484, 2498-99 (2019). The Court therefore properly exercises "great caution" before approving any "intervention in the American political process." *Vieth v. Jubelirer*, 541

[2] *Bruni v. Hughs*, No. 5:20-cv-35 (S.D. Tex.); *Conn. State Conf. of NAACP Branches v. Merrill*, No. 20-cv-909 (D. Conn.); *Clark v. Edwards*, No. 3:20-cv-308 (M.D. La.); *People First of Ala. v. Merrill*, No. 2:20-cv-619 (N.D. Ala.); *Middleton v. Andino*, No. 3:20-cv-1730 (D.S.C.); *Thomas v. Andino*, No. 3:20-cv-1552 (D.S.C.); *Williams v. DeSantis*, No. 1:20-cv-67 (N.D. Fla.). *League of Women Voters v. Va. State Bd. of Elections*, No. 6:20-cv-24 (W.D. Va.); *Edwards v. Vos*, No. 3:20-cv-340 (W.D. Wis.); *Tex. Democratic Party v. Abbott*, No. 5:20-cv-438 (W.D. Tex.); *Harding v. Edwards*, No. 3:20-cv-495 (M.D. La.); *Yazzie v. Hobbs*, No. 3:20-cv-08222 (D. Ariz.).

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U.S. 267, 306 (2004) (Kennedy, J., concurring in the judgment). Thankfully, Congress did not authorize, by enacting § 2, the one-way ratchet of intrusion that the Ninth Circuit endorsed.

C. Section 2 Was Not Aimed at Race-Neutral Time, Place, or Manner Rules.

The statute's history and context confirm that race-neutral regulations of the where, when, and how of voting do not implicate § 2. Section 2 originally captured only intentional discrimination, as it was an uncontroversial "restate[ment]" of the Fifteenth Amendment. *Bolden*, 446 U.S. at 61. When Congress amended § 2, it cast a wider net, principally to catch vote dilution, but it did not transform § 2 into a statute that would, unbeknownst to anyone, blow up nearly every election administration system in the country.

The 1982 amendments were specifically "designed" to undo this Court's vote-dilution decision in *Bolden* and "codify[] the leading pre-*Bolden* vote dilution case, *White v. Regester*." S. Rep. No. 97-417, at 2, 15. *Regester* looked to a series of factors (indicative of intentional discrimination) to identify dilutive voting structures that "invidiously excluded [minorities] from effective participation in political life." 412 U.S. at 769. *Bolden* held that those factors were insufficient without a specific finding of intent, but Justice White (the author of *Regester*) dissented and argued that intentional discrimination could be inferred from those factors. 446 U.S. at 101 (White, J., dissenting). Congress sided with Justice White and amended § 2 to impose an "objective" results test derived from this Court's earlier cases. S. Rep. No. 97-417, at 27. The Senate Report emphasized that the amendments were

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directed at vote dilution, flatly declaring *Regester*'s multi-factor test to "be indicative of ... dilution." *Id.* at 29. Indeed, the new statutory text was taken nearly verbatim from *Regester*. *See supra* at 5.

The statutory history shows not only what Congress *wanted* to do in 1982, but also what it did *not* want to do—namely, mandate proportionality. This forecloses Plaintiffs' position too. The version of the 1982 amendments proposed by the House would have prohibited "all discriminatory 'effects' of voting practices," but "met stiff resistance in the Senate," which feared that it would "lead to requirements that minorities have proportional representation." *Miss. Republican Exec. Comm. v. Brooks*, 469 U.S. 1002, 1010 (1984) (Rehnquist, J., dissenting) (citing H.R. Rep. No. 97-227, at 29 (1981)). So Congress changed the wording. In implementing the "results" test, it made explicit that it was access to *opportunity*, not the ultimate *outcome*, that was guaranteed. As explained by Senator Dole (who offered the compromise text, *id.* at 1010-11), § 2 would "[a]bsolutely not" threaten voting mechanisms "if the process is open, if there is equal access, if there are no barriers, direct or indirect, thrown up to keep someone from voting." 128 Cong. Rec. 14133 (1982). The amended text makes this clear by relying on *Regester*'s "opportunity" language and explicitly *rejecting* a requirement of proportionality. 52 U.S.C. § 10301(b). Seeing as Congress explicitly disavowed proportionality in vote-dilution cases—the set of cases it was specifically contemplating—the statute cannot be read to mandate proportionality in *non*-dilution cases. Plaintiffs' position thus rejects the "balance Congress struck." *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 84 (O'Connor, J., concurring in the judgment).

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Perhaps even more striking, Plaintiffs' construction would mean that nearly every electoral system in the country has been under a cloud of illegality since 1982. At that time, there were material racial disparities in voter registration and participation. *See* U.S. Census Bureau, *Historical Reported Voting Rates*, Table A-1. And voting rules were far stricter and more inflexible than today. In 1982, virtually every state required advance registration. Mark Thomas Quinlivan, *One Person, One Vote Revisited: The Impending Necessity of Judicial Intervention in the Realm of Voter Registration*, 137 U. PA. L. REV. 2361, 2372 (1989). Only three allowed no-excuse absentee voting.[3] And some states that permitted limited absentee voting prohibited ballot-harvesting.[4] Not until the decision below did any court suggest that *all* of these rules were invalid. *Cf. Chisom*, 501 U.S. at 396 n.23 ("[J]udges as well as detectives may take into consideration the fact that a watchdog did not bark in the night.").

Indeed, this theory was never even *imagined* before recent years. Every § 2 case in this Court has related to vote dilution; even lower courts have rarely seen § 2 cases involving time, place, and manner regulations. Those challenges have recently become common, but only as a result of a concerted effort to use voting laws to favor partisan interests. *Supra* Part I.B. Section 2's history makes clear that it was meant to guarantee equal access, not to ensure proportionate outcomes, and certainly not to secure partisan advantage.

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[3] Cal. Elections Code § 1003 (1978); Haw. Rev. Stat. § 15-2 (1981); Wash. Rev. Code § 29.36.010 (1974).

[4] *E.g.*, Ark. Stat. Ann. § 3-910 (1981); N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 657:17 (1979); Ohio Rev. Stat. § 3509.05 (1980).

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D. The Ninth Circuit's Construction Would Render § 2 Unconstitutional.

Congress enacted § 2 under its power to enforce the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits only "purposeful discrimination," not laws that merely "resul[t] in a racially disproportionate impact." *Bolden*, 446 U.S. at 63, 70. The statutory "results" test thus goes well beyond the constitutional provision that it purports to enforce, and this Court has never addressed whether that expansion "is consistent with the requirements of the United States Constitution." *Chisom*, 501 U.S. at 418 (Kennedy, J., dissenting); *see also De Grandy*, 512 U.S. at 1028-29 (1994) (Kennedy, J., concurring in the judgment) (same). Whatever the answer to that question may be in the abstract, the expansive interpretation of § 2 advanced by Plaintiffs in this case would render it plainly unconstitutional, and that alone is enough to reject it.

First, even if Congress may use its enforcement power to proscribe certain discriminatory "results," it may do so only as a "congruen[t] and proportional[] ... means" to "remedy or prevent" the unconstitutional "injury" of intentional discrimination. *City of Boerne v. Flores*, 521 U.S. 507, 519-20 (1997). After all, the enforcement power does not allow Congress to "alter[] the meaning" of the Constitution by changing the substantive standard from intentional discrimination to disparate impact. *Id.* at 519. Accordingly, to ensure that § 2 stays within the bounds of the Fifteenth Amendment, the results test must be "limited to those cases in which constitutional violations [are] most likely." *Id.* at 533.

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In the vote-dilution context, for example, § 2 is properly interpreted to invalidate voting schemes only where there is a strong inference of discriminatory purpose. As Justice White explained in his dissent in *Bolden*, the original results test was designed to target "objective factors" from which "discriminatory purpose can be inferred." 446 U.S. at 95. The amendments to § 2 were meant to "restore" that test. *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 43-44 & n.8. That is why the first *Gingles* "pre-condition" requires showing that minority voters could constitute a "geographically compact" majority under "traditional districting principles." *Abrams v. Johnson*, 521 U.S. 74, 91-92 (1997). Districts *normally* encompass "geographically compact" groups, so failure to draw such a district for a minority community creates an inference of intentionally discriminatory dilution. Conversely, the Court has made clear that § 2 does not require states to engage in *preferential* treatment by *deviating* from traditional districting principles in order to *create* majority-minority districts. *LULAC*, 548 U.S. at 434.

The same must hold true in the vote-denial context: Section 2 must remain congruent and proportional to the Fifteenth Amendment by forbidding voting rules that would generate a fair inference of intentional discrimination. Properly interpreted, the results test is legitimate enforcement legislation, because it prohibits only voting practices that depart from an objective benchmark by imposing more than the usual burdens of voting or proximately depriving minorities of the equal "opportunity" to vote. If such practices "remain unexplained," one arguably "can infer" they are purposefully "discriminatory." *Furnco Constr. Corp. v. Waters*, 438 U.S. 567, 576 (1978).

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But § 2 cannot be a freestanding ban on ordinary voting laws that lead to racially disparate outcomes. If § 2 were interpreted, in line with the Ninth Circuit's approach, to require departure from ordinary race-neutral election rules to *enhance* minority voting, that is plainly not a "congruent and proportional" means of combating purposeful discrimination. It would require racial discrimination in *favor* of minorities.

Second, interpreting § 2 to require states to boost minority voting participation would also violate the Equal Protection Clause by compelling race-conscious state action. Again, vote-dilution cases mark the path: Subordinating "traditional race-neutral districting principles" to enhance minority voting strength violates the Constitution. *Shaw v. Hunt*, 517 U.S. 899, 907 (1996). By the same token, § 2 cannot displace race-neutral voting procedures for the "predominant" purpose of maximizing minority-voter convenience. *Miller v. Johnson*, 515 U.S. 900, 916 (1995). Yet, on the Ninth Circuit's view, any ordinary voting law that is less convenient for minorities presumptively constitutes a discriminatory "result"; and § 2's text flatly prohibits all such "results," *regardless* of the state's justification. That interpretation would thus prioritize race *uber alles*, banning even the most strongly justified electoral procedures if minorities do not proportionately utilize them. That too is constitutionally impermissible. *Cf. Ricci v. DeStefano*, 557 U.S. 557, 595 (2009) (Scalia, J., concurring).

Moreover, requiring states to adjust race-neutral voting laws to compensate for underlying social inequalities would violate the basic constitutional requirement that race-based remedial action cannot be undertaken for the sake of racial balancing, and

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must be justified by "some showing of prior discrimination by the *governmental unit* involved." *Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ.*, 476 U.S. 267, 274 (1986) (plurality op.) (emphasis added). By contrast, "remedying past societal discrimination does not justify race-conscious government action." *Parents Involved in Cmty. Sch. v. Seattle Sch. Dist. No. 1*, 551 U.S. 701, 731 (2007).

For these reasons, Plaintiffs' sweeping construction of § 2 raises (at a minimum) serious constitutional questions and must be rejected if "fairly possible." *NFIB v. Sebelius*, 567 U.S. 519, 563 (2012). That is particularly true because the Constitution expressly grants the states the primary power to establish the time, place and manner of holding elections (and enforce voter qualifications). *Inter Tribal Council*, 570 U.S. at 8, 16. Because Plaintiffs' interpretation dramatically intrudes on this realm and rearranges "the usual constitutional balance of federal and state powers," it must be rejected unless Congress's intent to achieve this result is "unmistakably clear." *Gregory v. Ashcroft*, 501 U.S. 452, 460 (1991). Congress did not provide any clear indication that it meant § 2 to authorize federal judges to override ordinary race-neutral election procedures. As explained above, just the opposite is true. The Court should reverse.

II. Arizona's Ballot-Harvesting Law Is Not Intentionally Discriminatory.

In a misguided effort to insulate its decision from review, a bare majority of the *en banc* Ninth Circuit alternatively held that Arizona's legislature enacted H.B. 2023 with discriminatory *intent*. The court so held despite the district court's explicit, unchallenged

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finding that the legislature was motivated by a "sincere belief" that the bill was a necessary anti-fraud "prophylactic." JA.357. Bypassing the benign motivation of the legislature, the court relied on the supposed bias of two people (one not even a legislator) who helped start the debate that led, in turn, to the bill's enactment. This theory of vicarious legislative discrimination has no basis in law, is foreclosed by this Court's precedents, and would be unworkable. It also has no application to the facts found by the district court, subject to review for clear error only.

1. The Fifteenth Amendment and § 2 of the VRA prohibit intentional racial discrimination. But as this Court has made clear, a law is not discriminatory just "because it may affect a greater proportion of one race than of another." *Washington v. Davis*, 426 U.S. 229, 242 (1976). The legislature instead must act "'because of,' not merely 'in spite of,'" a disparate effect on a minority. *Pers. Adm'r of Mass. v. Feeney*, 442 U.S. 256, 279 (1979). The inquiry into legislative intent is guided by a series of familiar factors, *Vill. of Arlington Heights v. Metro. Hous. Dev. Corp.*, 429 U.S. 252, 266 (1977), against the fundamental backdrop principle that the "good faith of a state legislature must be presumed," *Miller*, 515 U.S. at 915.

Whether there is an "intent to discriminate" is "a pure question of fact," subject to clear-error review on appeal. *Pullman-Standard v. Swint*, 456 U.S. 273, 287-88 (1982). The district court's findings on intent thus cannot be disturbed unless "the reviewing court ... is left with the definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed." *Anderson v. City of Bessemer City*, 470 U.S. 564, 573 (1985). And this Court's review asks "not whether the [Ninth] Circuit's

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interpretation of the facts was clearly erroneous, but whether the *District Court's* finding was clearly erroneous." *Id.* at 577 (emphasis added).

2. In this case, the district court found—after a full trial—that the "legislature was motivated by ... a sincere belief that mail-in ballots lacked adequate prophylactic safeguards as compared to in-person voting." JA.350, 357. In enacting the bill, the "legislature as a whole" acted "*in spite of* opponents' concerns about [H.B. 2023's] potential effect on [get out the vote] efforts in minority communities," not *because of* those effects. JA.350 (emphasis added). Thus, the court concluded, "H.B. 2023 was not enacted with a racially discriminatory purpose." *Id.*

The district court's careful analysis of the record defies any suggestion of clear error. *First*, considering "the historical background" of the bill, the court explained that Senator Shooter and an anti-ballot-harvesting video created by a private citizen named LaFaro played a prominent role in "spurr[ing] a larger debate" about mail voting. JA.350-51. Although neither made entirely accurate allegations, the legislature as a whole developed a "sincere belief that mail-in ballots lacked adequate prophylactic safeguards." JA.357. *Second*, the district court found no problematic "substantive or procedural departures from the normal legislative process." JA350, 353. For instance, the court found nothing abnormal about the substance of H.B. 2023, which was in some ways more restrictive and in some ways less restrictive than past bills aimed at ballot-harvesting (and was similar to laws in many other states, JA.739). JA.355. *Third*, as to "the relevant legislative history," the district court found that, even though there was no specific, "direct"

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evidence of ballot-collection fraud in Arizona, its supporters were "sincere in their beliefs that this was a potential problem that needed to be addressed." JA.352. *Fourth*, the court explicitly found that the "legislature enacted H.B. 2023 *in spite* of" potential disparate impact on minorities, "not *because of* that impact." JA.356 (emphasis added).

To be sure, the district court opined that a few individual legislators (including Senator Shooter) had pursued "partisan interests." *Id.* But "both the Fifteenth Amendment and § 2 ... address *racial* discrimination, not *partisan* discrimination." JA.357. (emphasis added). And in any event, the court found that "many proponents acted to advance facially important interests in bringing early mail ballot security in line with in-person voting security." *Id.*

Overall, the court found that the legislature was motivated by "a sincere belief"—whether correct or "misinformed"—that "mail-in ballots lacked adequate prophylactic safeguards as compared to in-person voting." *Id.* Nothing in the record suggests these factual findings were erroneous, much less "implausible." *Anderson*, 470 U.S. at 575. And they legally defeat the intentional discrimination claim.

3. The Ninth Circuit nonetheless reversed. In its view, the legislature's admittedly non-racial motives were tainted by the supposed racial motives of the individuals who brought the ballot-harvesting issue to its attention. Specifically, Senator Shooter was supposedly motivated by racial animus in opposing ballot-harvesting, as was LaFaro, who created the anti-ballot-harvesting video. Because Senator Shooter and the LaFaro video played a role convincing the

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legislature that ballot-harvesting was facilitating fraud, the Ninth Circuit *imputed* their supposedly racist motives to the entire legislature. That is, while accepting the district court's finding that the legislature acted out of a "sincere," non-racial motivation, the *en banc* majority still found discriminatory intent, because the "reason[]" that legislators came to this "sincere" belief depended on arguments pressed by allegedly racially motivated actors. JA.675-77. That novel theory of intentional discrimination is foreclosed by both the applicable law and the factual findings.

a. The Ninth Circuit's rationale of imputed racial intent is, legally, a non-starter. To reach the paradoxical conclusion that legislators who acted for admittedly benign reasons nonetheless intentionally discriminated on the basis of race, the court invoked a wholly inapposite doctrine developed in *employment discrimination cases*. JA.677-78. Under a "cat's paw" or "rubber stamp" theory, the improper motivation of one employee can (sometimes) taint the activities of an unbiased employee of the same company. But that is because when "an agent of the employer ... causes an adverse employment action[,] the *employer causes it*." *Staub v. Proctor Hosp.*, 562 U.S. 411, 421 (2011) (emphasis added).

This type of agency-based theory makes no sense in the legislative context, where the legislators are not "agents" of the legislature such that the motives of individual legislators (much less private citizens like LaFaro) can be imputed to the legislature as a whole. Each legislator acts on behalf of the constituents who elected them, not on behalf of the legislature. And what "motivates one legislator to

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make a speech about a statute is not necessarily what motivates scores of others to enact it." *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. 367, 384 (1968).

In short, evidence of *how* legislators came to a particular, good-faith, non-discriminatory motivation cannot taint that motive or the resulting bill. Here, the district court found that the legislature acted based on a sincere concern that prophylactic anti-fraud measures were necessary to protect the integrity of the democratic process in Arizona. JA.357. That should be the end of it.

The Ninth Circuit's theory is not only unheard of, it would run afoul of this Court's precedents and be a nightmare both in "concept[] and practic[e]." *Va. Uranium, Inc. v. Warren*, 139 S. Ct. 1894, 1906 (2019). "Proving the motivation behind official action is often a problematic undertaking." *Hunter v. Underwood*, 471 U.S. 222, 228 (1985). And those inevitable difficulties would become insurmountable (and the inquiry exceedingly abstract) if plaintiffs could hunt for animus lurking in *every* distant but-for cause that potentially contributed to a good faith, race-neutral motive for a legitimate, race-neutral action. That inquiry would also diminish "the presumption of legislative good faith." *Abbott v. Perez*, 138 S. Ct. 2305, 2324 (2018). Given that legislatures are not bound by the intent of *past legislatures*, *see id.*, it is untenable to think they can be hamstrung by the supposedly racial intent of political activists.

b. Even if this outlandish theory could apply *somewhere*, the Ninth Circuit improperly ignored the district court's findings in applying the theory *here*.

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To start, the Ninth Circuit conflated partisanship with race. Although it referred to "racial polarization" in voting when ascribing "discriminatory" motives to Shooter, LaFaro, and their unidentified "allies," JA676, 678, that phrase simply denoted stronger Latino identification with the Democratic Party. The court had no justification for inferring that *race* rather than *partisanship* was at play. The district court explicitly found the *latter*. JA.356 ("Rather, some individual legislators and proponents were motivated in part by partisan interests."). Of course, race often "correlates closely with political party preference," *Abbott*, 138 S. Ct. at 2314, but plaintiffs must prove *racial* discrimination, so it is their burden to "disentangle race from politics," *Cooper v. Harris*, 137 S. Ct. 1455, 1473 (2017). That did not happen here. For instance, "Shooter was … motivated by a desire to eliminate what had become an effective *Democratic* … strategy." JA.351 (emphasis added). Maybe so, and maybe in opposing that strategy he pressed false allegations for selfish reasons, but the Ninth Circuit did not even attempt to explain how the factual finding of *partisan* motive was implausible or somehow implied *racial* motive. *See Luft*, 963 F.3d at 671. Likewise, although the district court noted that the LaFaro video could be understood as "racially-tinged," the district court made no finding that LaFaro (who was not even a legislator) was motivated by racial animus. JA.351.

To fill that gap, the Ninth Circuit reasoned that "there was 'no direct evidence of ballot collection fraud,'" so any preventive measure was "not necessary, or even appropriate," and thus must have been illicitly motivated. JA.675, 689. It is not the court's role to

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second-guess policymakers about the necessity or wisdom of anti-fraud measures. *See Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351, 364 (1997). States may "respond to potential deficiencies in the electoral process with foresight rather than reactively" and need not "sustain some level of damage before … tak[ing] corrective action." *Munro v. Socialist Workers Party*, 479 U.S. 189, 195 (1986). Indeed, in *Crawford*, this Court held that an Indiana voter-ID law was valid, even though the "record contain[ed] no evidence of [voter impersonation] fraud actually occurring in Indiana at any time." 553 U.S. at 194. *Crawford* refutes the Ninth Circuit's view that, absent direct evidence of Arizona-based fraud, the legislative motive must have been illicit. There is plentiful evidence regarding the dangers of ballot-harvesting fraud, as the Carter-Baker Commission found, and as recent events around the Nation have shown. JA.742-46; *supra* at 9-10. The Arizona legislature need not labor under the illusion that its state is uniquely immune.

The other evidence on which the Ninth Circuit relied was no better. For instance, the court cited a "long history of race-based voting discrimination" "dating back to Arizona's territorial days." JA.674, 679. But "unless historical evidence is reasonably contemporaneous with the challenged decision, it has little probative value." *McCleskey v. Kemp*, 481 U.S. 279, 298 n.20 (1987). This Court properly refuses to "accept official actions taken long ago as evidence of current intent." *Id.* This and similar evidence—which the district court considered and rejected as establishing improper intent—casts no doubt on the district court's findings, and certainly does not justify a holding of "clear error."

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Arizona's legislature enacted H.B. 2023 based on a sincere belief that prophylactic measures were needed to prevent fraud. No one has challenged that fact, nor could they. This Court should not permit the Ninth Circuit's creative attempts to circumvent that clear, correct finding, which dictates rejection of Plaintiffs' intent challenge to the statute.

CONCLUSION

The Court should reverse the decision below.

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Ms. McNerney,

I am counsel of record for Petitioners State of Arizona and Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich. We strongly prefer oral argument in the January sitting for four reasons.

First, argument in the February sitting dates (February 22–March 3) would create a conflict with my other critical professional responsibilities. The Arizona Legislature will be in session then, and that period is when the Legislature's budgetary processes—including appropriating the budget for Office of the Attorney General—is intense. Given my role in the Attorney General's Office, the burdens on my time during peak budgeting windows are typically intensive and unpredictable. And this year those demands are likely to be acute given coronavirus-related issues and the fact that the Legislature adjourned early in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Second, our understanding is that these consolidated cases typically would be heard in the January sitting if ordinary processes are followed. Respondents point to the possibility of conflicts from other unspecified election litigation before the January sitting, but such litigation is handled by counsel—not the Secretary of State herself—and Respondents are represented by two national firms that are well equipped to multi-task. In any case, the Electoral College meets this year in mid-December, so any litigation related to the presidential election should wrap up well before the January sitting. And the Attorney General's Office has been litigating election cases—both before and after Election Day—but still has been able to prepare our principal brief by the deadline. There is no specific showing warranting departure from regular order here.

Third, a February-sitting argument might result in a realignment of the parties/amici in a manner that could prejudice State Petitioners and complicate oral argument preparation. State Petitioners understand that the United States intends to file an amicus brief and seek divided-argument time supporting petitioners. If argument is set in February or March, however, it is theoretically possible that a new administration could change the status quo on the eve of the argument, injecting unnecessary uncertainty into these proceedings.

Fourth, setting argument in February raises equitable concerns given the prior course of these proceedings. The Ninth Circuit stayed its mandate on February 11 and petitions for certiorari were due on April 27, 2020. Before the State Petitioners indicated any intent to seek an extension of their petition deadline, Plaintiffs stated on April 3, 2020 that they would be seeking immediate issuance of the mandate "to prevent delay in the Supreme Court's adjudication of the Attorney General's forthcoming petition for certiorari." Plaintiffs agreed not to seek such relief only after the State Petitioners committed not to take any extension in their petition deadline. Because Petitioners filed on their original April 27 deadline, the Court could have considered the State's petition in late June (since Respondents' brief in opposition was due June 1). But Plaintiffs and the Secretary of State later agreed to an extension for all briefs in opposition until July 1, and did not file until that date. A February argument date is only a possibility here because Plaintiffs took an extension that directly contradicted their prior position urging resolution of this case as soon as possible. Setting argument in February would thus be inequitable.

In sum, because Respondents have not provided any compelling basis for a deviation, and because such a departure would prejudice the State Petitioners, the Court should follow its usual practice and schedule this case for argument during the January sitting. Take care,

Joe

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Denise,

Thanks for your email. On behalf of the DNC Respondents, we also would prefer a February argument date, and can confirm that Ms. Amunson's representations are correct concerning the post-election litigation in which Respondents' counsel are involved. For that reason, we would appreciate a mutual two week extension on the current briefing schedule. Thank you,

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Denise,

Thank you for your email. On behalf of our client, Respondent Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, we would prefer a February argument date. Secretary Hobbs is charged with overseeing all elections in Arizona and certifying the results. Because Arizona has not yet finished counting all ballots and because the results of the presidential election in Arizona already are being challenged in litigation and more litigation is being threatened, attention understandably will be focused on these issues in the coming weeks. Moreover, Respondent Democratic National Committee and its counsel are litigating many of the post-election suits that have been filed around the country. I have copied Bruce Spiva, counsel for the Democratic National Committee, who can speak to those issues. Under the schedule needed to make a January argument date, this time period of active post-election litigation overlaps with the time period during which response briefs would need to be prepared.

If argument is instead scheduled for February, with the Court's permission, each side potentially could take two extra weeks for filing principal briefs, moving the current due date for the opening briefs of the Arizona AG and the Arizona Republican Party from November 16 to November 30 and moving the current due date for the response briefs of the Arizona Secretary of State and the Democratic National Committee from December 16 to January 13. Reply briefs would be due on February 12th (ten days before the first scheduled argument date of the February sitting). I sent an email to counsel for the Arizona AG and the Arizona Republican Party earlier today regarding this briefing schedule. The Arizona AG confirmed that they prefer a January argument date, and as of the time of sending this email, I have not received a response from the Arizona Republican Party.

I recognize that we are just a few days away from the current due date for opening briefs and therefore appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter this week.

Thank you,

Jessie

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Thank you, Drew, for looping in the others. And yes, it is clear from counsel that they had not previously communicated with the AG/you that they had requested February if possible.

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Thanks, Ms. McNerney,

I'm looping in our solicitor general, Beau Roysden, and Hashim Mooppan from the U.S. Solicitor General's Office, since I believe the United States would like to participate in oral argument. Both are cc'ed here.

We will set forth our position by email in the next day or two. To clarify one quick point though, neither Plaintiffs/Respondents nor Secretary Hobbs previously communicated with us their preference for argument in February, which we first discovered through Mr. Mooppan and you.

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Dear Counsel,

Thru recent conversations and email communication with counsel on both sides of these cases it has recently been made apparent that there are opposing positions on the scheduling of the argument in these cases. So that the Clerk can have all relevant points from counsel regarding their positions on the scheduling of the argument in these cases, January vs. February, I would appreciate if you would set your preferences/position out in writing to me and copying one another on it to ensure we are all on the same page. I hope to determine which month the argument will get scheduled for by weeks' end.

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Thank you for working with the Clerk thru this scheduling conflict and understanding that we cannot always accommodate all parties but we do our best to do so whenever possible.

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On behalf of the private petitioners, we would oppose (A) but we would not oppose (B).

Thanks,
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Counsel,

I hope this finds everyone well. I am writing with respect to divided argument in these cases. (We know you already filed a divided-argument motion to split the topside time between the petitioners.) Although no decision has been made about whether the federal government will seek leave to participate in oral argument in support of the petitioners, I've been asked to inquire what your position would be if we were to seek leave to participate in support of petitioners—either (A) splitting the 30 minutes equally three ways (10-10-10), or (B) enlarging the total topside time to 40 minutes and dividing it 15-15-10 (with the 10 minutes for us). Would you please let me know?

Thanks very much.

Best, Jonathan

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Here is the draft letter, which will be filed by Joe Kanefield. Please let me know if you have any concerns. We plan to file in the next few minutes.

Sincerely,
Beau
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Thanks, Beau,

That makes sense.

Bruce

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Bruce,

Thank you very much for getting back to me so quickly. It is going to be in letter format per Denise's 4:17 email, but we'll circulate it to you in that format.

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Beau,

The DNC respondents consent to that. Thanks and we'll look for the draft stipulated motion. Best,

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Mr. Elias and Ms. Amunson,

Would Respondents consent to pushing the deadline for Petitioners' (both the State Petitioners and Republican Party Petitioners') principal briefs by 2 weeks? This would make our deadline 11/30, and also push the amicus deadline to 12/7. Your briefs would be due 1/13, amici would be due 1/20, and reply briefs would be due 2/12.

If this is acceptable, we will prepare a stipulated motion.

Sincerely,
Beau Roysden
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Attachments: Pages from 180-1.pdf; Pages from rodden tr.pdf; Pages from Record on Appeal.pdf

Counsel,

We will be adding the three attached short record documents to the Joint Appendix (in addition to the documents that were in the petitioners' appendices).

Marc, Bruce, and Jessica, could you please let us know if Respondents intend to add anything to the Joint Appendix, or when you might be able to get back to us on that?

Many thanks and all best,

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Counsel,

I'm responding on behalf of Petitioners Brnovich and State of Arizona.

After speaking with the clerk's office, we agree with Anthony that we need to reprint everything in the Joint Appendix as if the Petitioners' appendices were never submitted.

We think we should use the Petitioner's Appendix in the Brnovich v. DNC case as the starting point and add material that other parties wish to add.

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We would also like to continue using Becker Gallagher, who prepared our Petitioner's Appendix; to reduce cost, it would be very helpful to receive additional material in word and formatted if possible (e.g. if it appeared in the Republic Party's Petitioner's Appendix).

We also would like to split the cost of printing amongst the parties.

Sincerely,
Beau Roysden

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> Counsel,
>
> Could you please let me know as soon as possible whether you would like any additional record material included in the joint appendix for the above-captioned consolidated cases, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 26? We plan to include the materials that were in our Pet.App., and we will let you know if we add anything else.
>
> (FYI, since we were not required to print and submit hard copies of the Pet.App. due to the special Covid-19 rules, we will print those materials now in the joint appendix.)
>
> Many thanks and all best,
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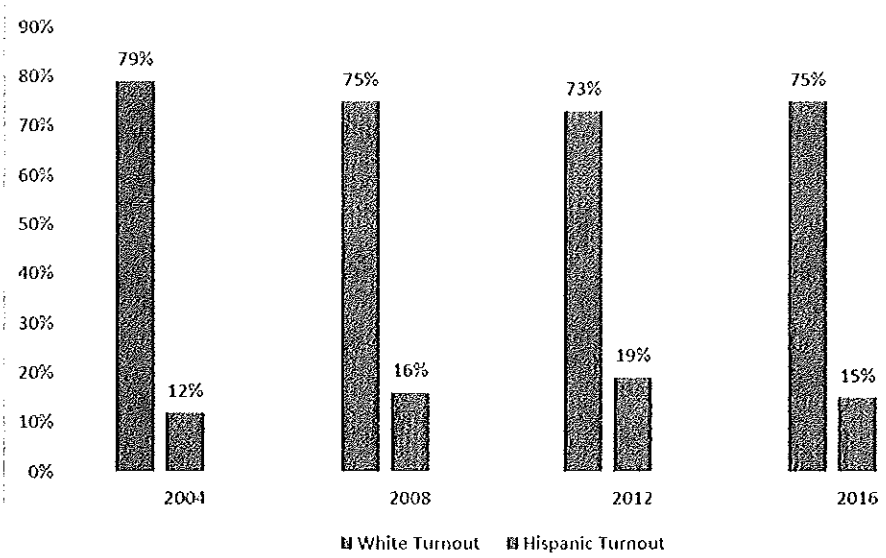
Chart 2
White vs. Hispanic Turnout: Percent of Electorate, Presidential Elections, Arizona, 2004 to 2016 *



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FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Arizona Democratic Party, et al.,	)	No. 16-CV-01065-PHX-DLR
Plaintiffs,	)	
vs.	)	Phoenix, Arizona October 5, 2017
Michele Reagan, et al.,	)	9:00 a.m.
Defendants.	)	

BEFORE: THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS L. RAYES, JUDGE

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OOP ballots, are these the numbers you used as the numerator in your calculations?

A. Yes.

MR. AHLER: Your Honor, may I use the easel again?

BY MR. AHLER:

Q. And it's going to start with white. The total OOP you calculated for white is 2,045.61?

A. Yes.

Q. Just to clarify, the reason it's not a whole number is because it's adding up different probabilities, as we mentioned?

A. Correct.

Q. And so if we round this, it would be 2,046?

A. Yes.

THE COURT: Which election is this again?

MR. AHLER: 2016 general election.

BY MR. AHLER:

Q. And for Hispanic, your total OOP number is 222.5246?

A. Yes.

Q. Or, I'm sorry, wrong row.

Your total OOP Hispanic is 1,161.836?

A. Yes.

Q. So we could round that up to 1,162?

A. Yes.

Q. African-American, your total OOP is 368.8156?

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A. Yes.
Q. We could round that up to 369?
Is that a "yes"?
A. Oh, yes. I'm sorry.
Q. And then the last group, Native Americans, your total OOP number is 222.5246.
A. Yes.
Q. Round that up to 223?
A. Sure.
Q. So all these -- these four numbers we've rounded up, not down; right?
A. Yes.
MR. AHLER: Can you pull up Exhibit 543.
THE COURT: Is this a good place for a break?
MR. AHLER: Sure, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Let's take our recess. Come back at a quarter till.
(Recess taken, 10:30 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.)
THE COURT: You may continue.
BY MR. AHLER:
Q. Dr. Rodden, when we left off, we were talking about some data for the 2016 general election.
MR. AHLER: If we could pull up Exhibit 543, which has been admitted into evidence.

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Leslie Feldman, et al., Plaintiffs, v. Arizona Secretary of State's Office, et al., Defendants.	Case No. CV-16-01065-PHX-DLR **DECLARATION OF BRAD NELSON**

I, Brad Nelson, declare:

1. I am the Elections Director for Pima County, Arizona. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and if called upon, could testify competently to them.

2. I have worked as Elections Director for Pima County for approximately fourteen years. As Elections Director for the second most populous county in Arizona, I oversee the production of ballots, manage poll worker training, and ensure accurate post-

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there are concerns that need to be addressed on-site, a troubleshooter—a worker with additional experience and training—will be sent to the polling place to offer additional assistance.

C. Procedures at Polling Places

16. When a voter arrives at a polling the place, the first group of poll workers the voter meets are the ID clerks. The ID clerks have a register in front of them that includes the names of everyone eligible to vote in that precinct. If the voter is not in the register, the clerk asks about name and address changes. Any voters who are not in the precinct register are sent to the special situations table.

17. Clerks at the special situations table will contact the county recorder's office by phone to find the correct polling place for any voter appearing at the polling place who is not listed in the precinct register. The clerk will then give the voter the information on the voter's correct polling place.

18. If a voter insists on voting at a polling place when their name does not appear in the precinct register, poll workers must allow them to vote a provisional ballot.

19. There is also a large sign in English and Spanish at all polling places in Pima County informing voters that under Arizona law any voter who casts a ballot in the wrong precinct will not have their vote counted. A true and correct copy of an image of that sign is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

D. Precinct Polling Place Specifics

20. Pima County has 248 precincts with 233 polling places for the 2016 general election. The number of polling places has dropped as more voters are opting to vote by mail.

21. The City of Tucson began using all-mail elections in 2011. Accordingly, Tucson no longer holds elections at polling places that differ from those used by the County.

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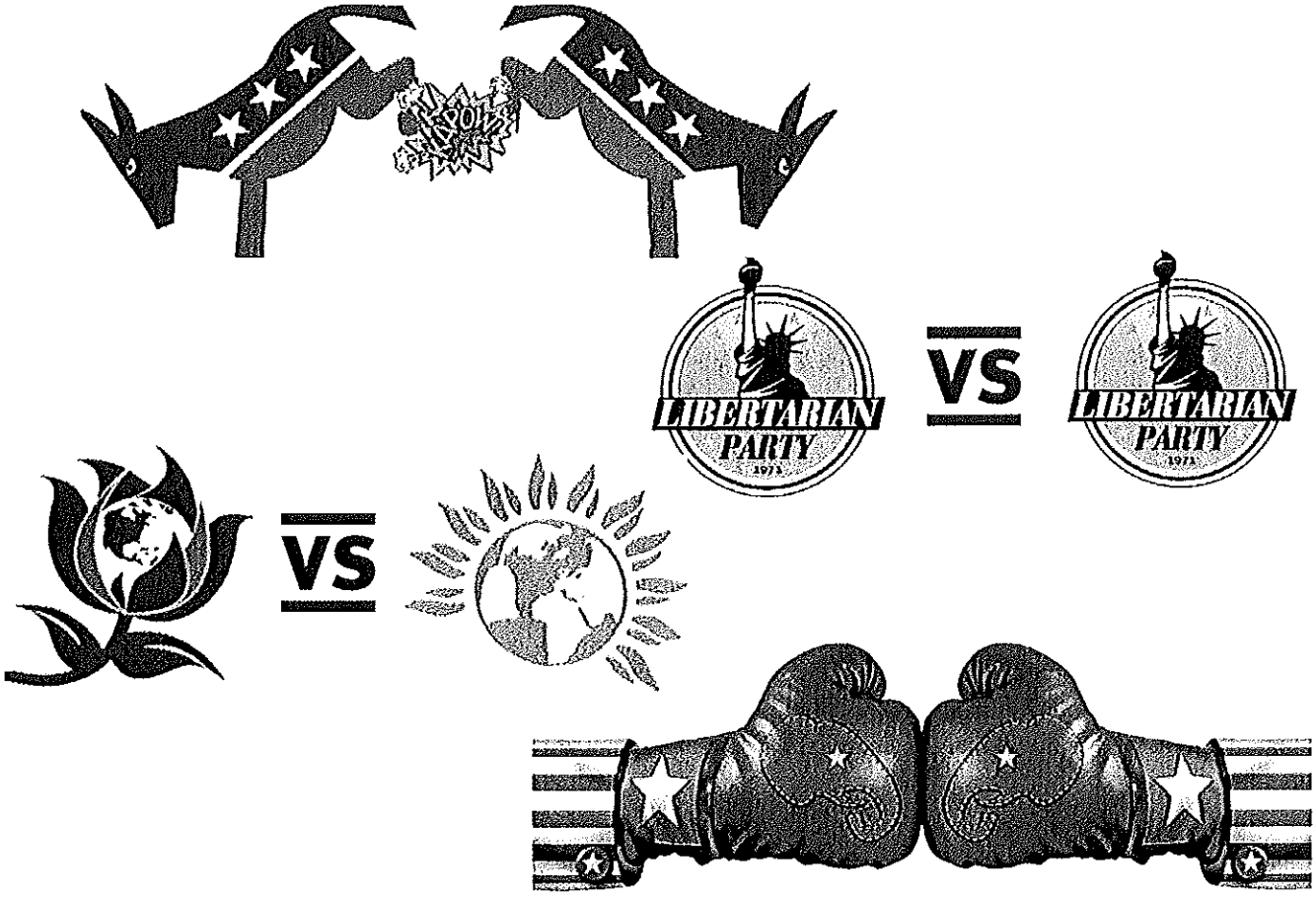
Board worker Training Manual

August 30, 2016

Primary Election



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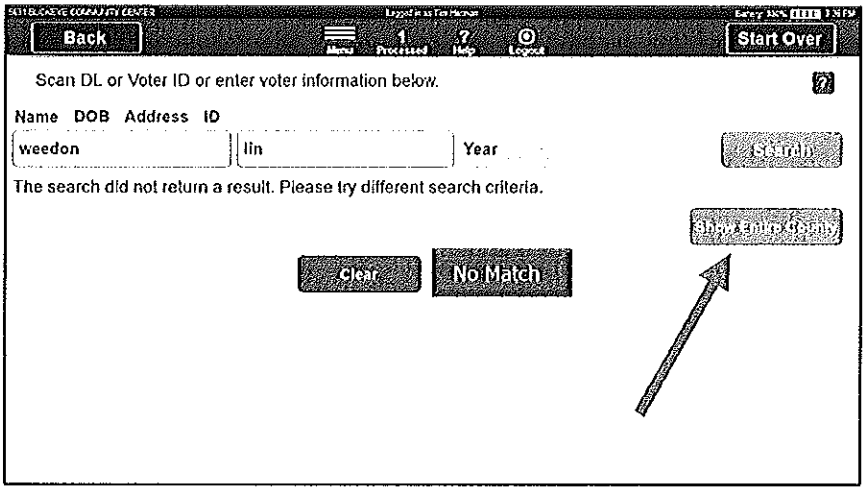
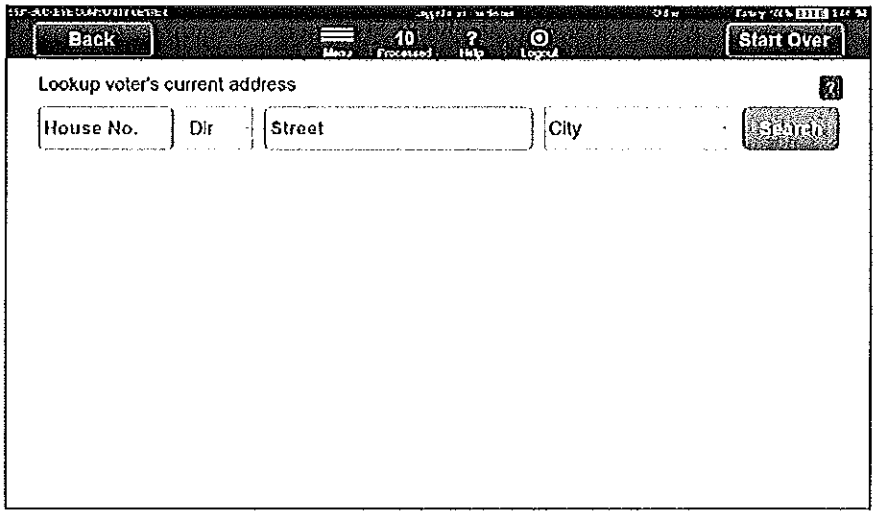
Looking up a Lost Voter:

If a voter's name is not found in the precinct in which you are working, tap on the green "Show Entire County" button. If the voter is then found, tap on the name. If the address on the screen is correct, the voter will be directed to the correct polling location (see next page).

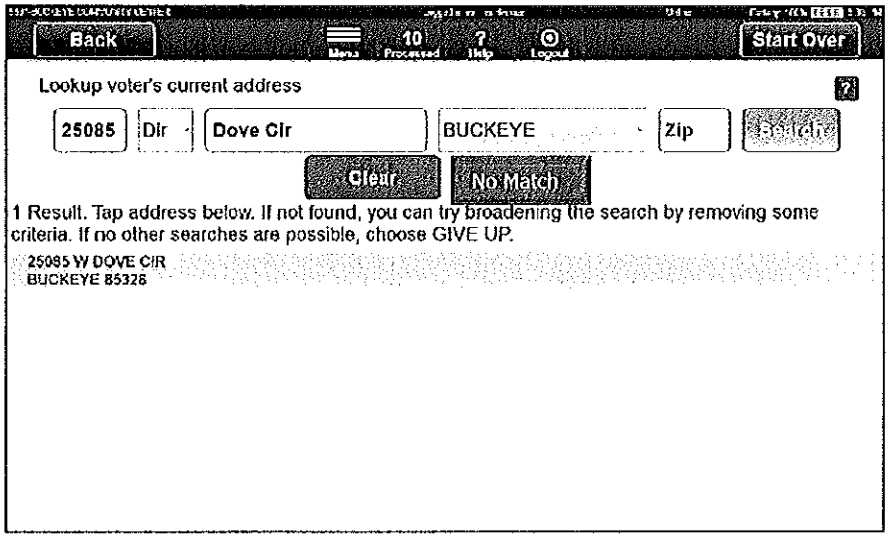


Searching by Address:

If a voter cannot be found by name, tap the red "No Match" button and it takes you to this screen. Type the voter's current address into the appropriate fields: house number, street direction, street name and city name, and tap the search button.



The address will come up on the screen. (If for some reason it does not, call the Hotline.) Tap on the address. If the address is located within your precinct, it will direct you to vote the voter a Provisional Ballot. Tap the "Vote Provisionally" button and turn to page 46.



If you wish to attempt another search, tap the red "Clear" button.

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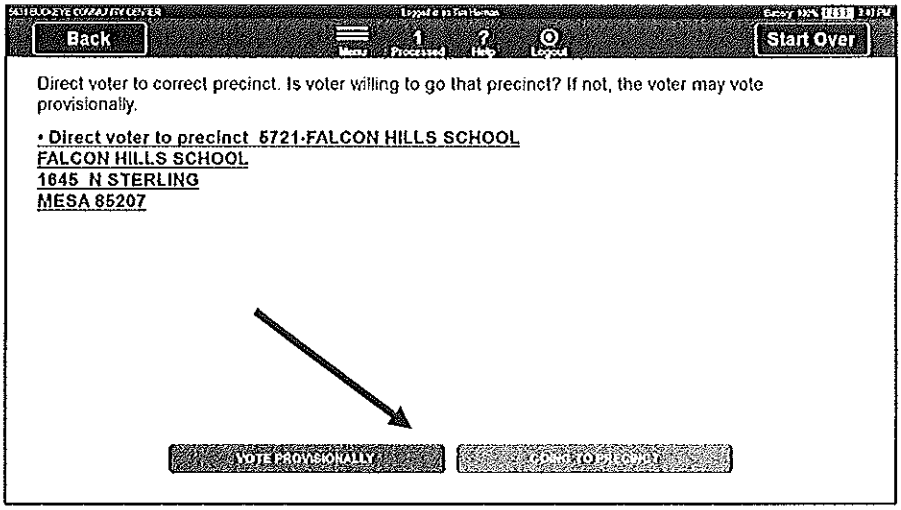
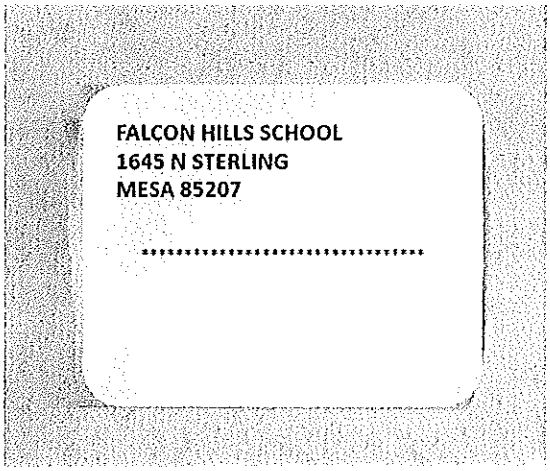
Directing a Voter to the Correct Polling Location:



If the address is found, but not located within the precinct, it will take you to a screen advising you to direct the voter to the correct precinct. If the voter will go to the correct precinct, tap on the green "Going to Precinct" button, and then tap on the actual polling place address. When the green "Print" button appears, tap that button and give the printed tape to the voter. If the voter refuses to go to the correct precinct, tap the red "Vote Provisionally" button and turn to page 46.



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Arizona Legislature Falls in Conservative Rankings during 2020 Session

CPAC Host Releases Scores of Arizona State Lawmakers

Alexandria, VA—Lawmakers of the Arizona Legislature voted more liberally in the 2020 session than in 2019, according to the just-released analysis published by The American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), host of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).

Review the scorecard to see the ratings of all Arizona state lawmakers and find out which votes ACUF scored.

During the 2020 session, six new lawmakers emerged as members of ACUF's "Coalition of the Radical Left" for opposing the conservative position on at least 90% of votes. Additionally, 26 fewer lawmakers were recognized for conservative voting records than were awarded in the 2019 session. The state's overall conservative score fell 7.5 points to 51%.

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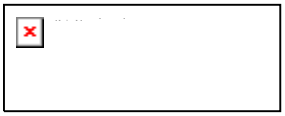

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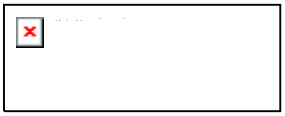

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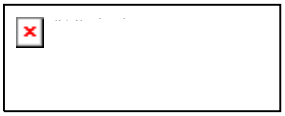

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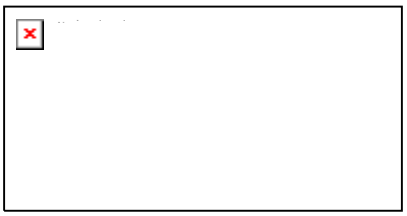

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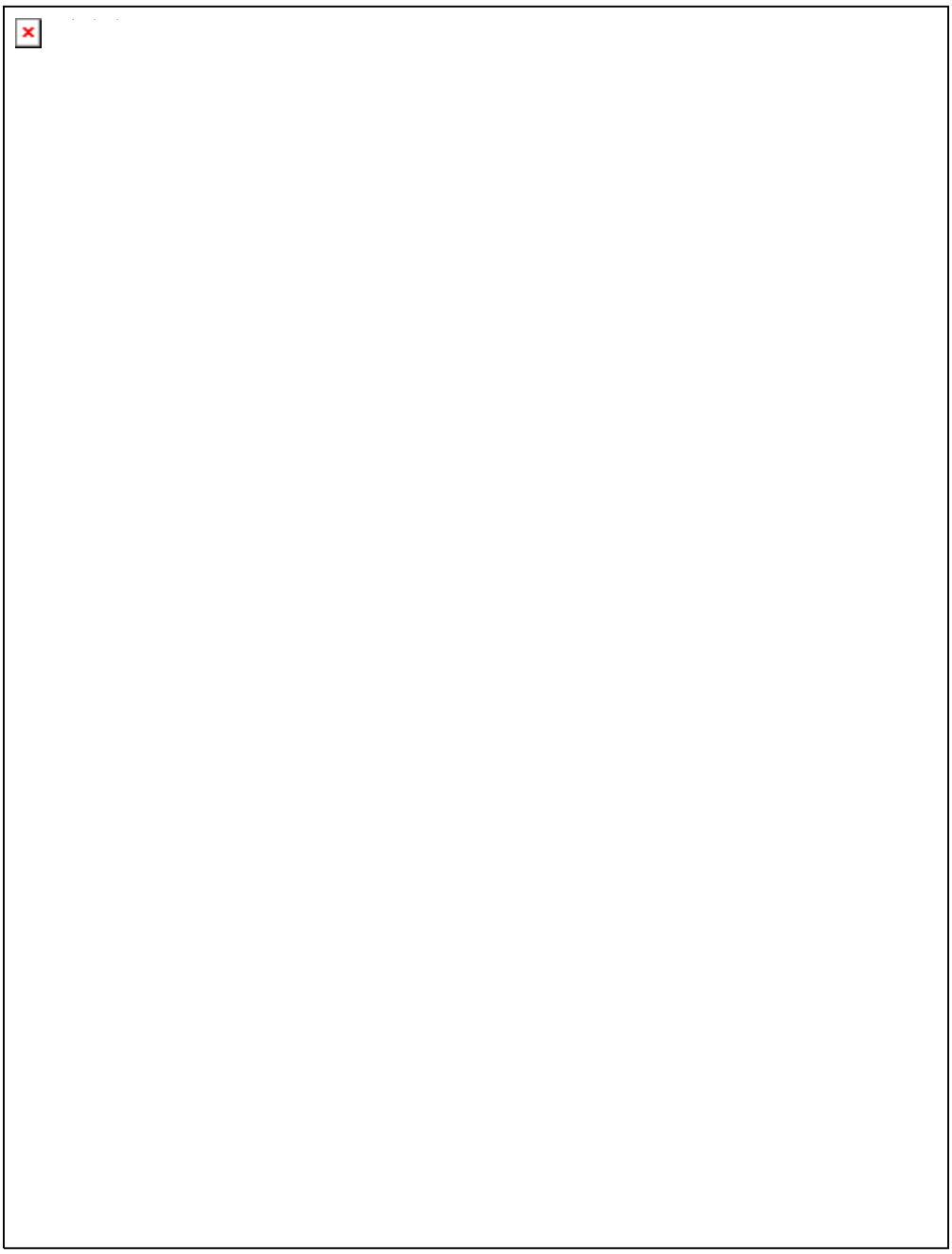

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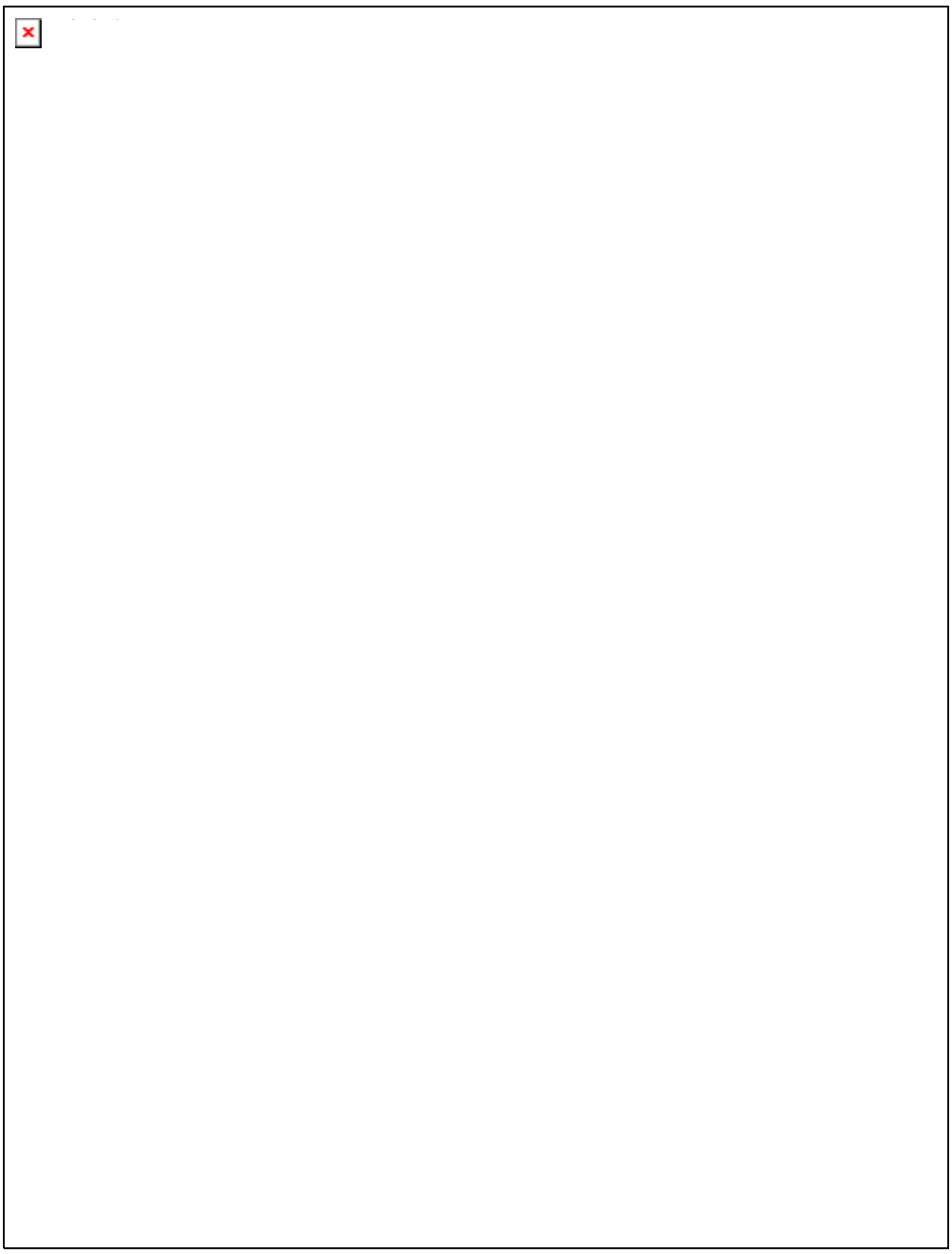

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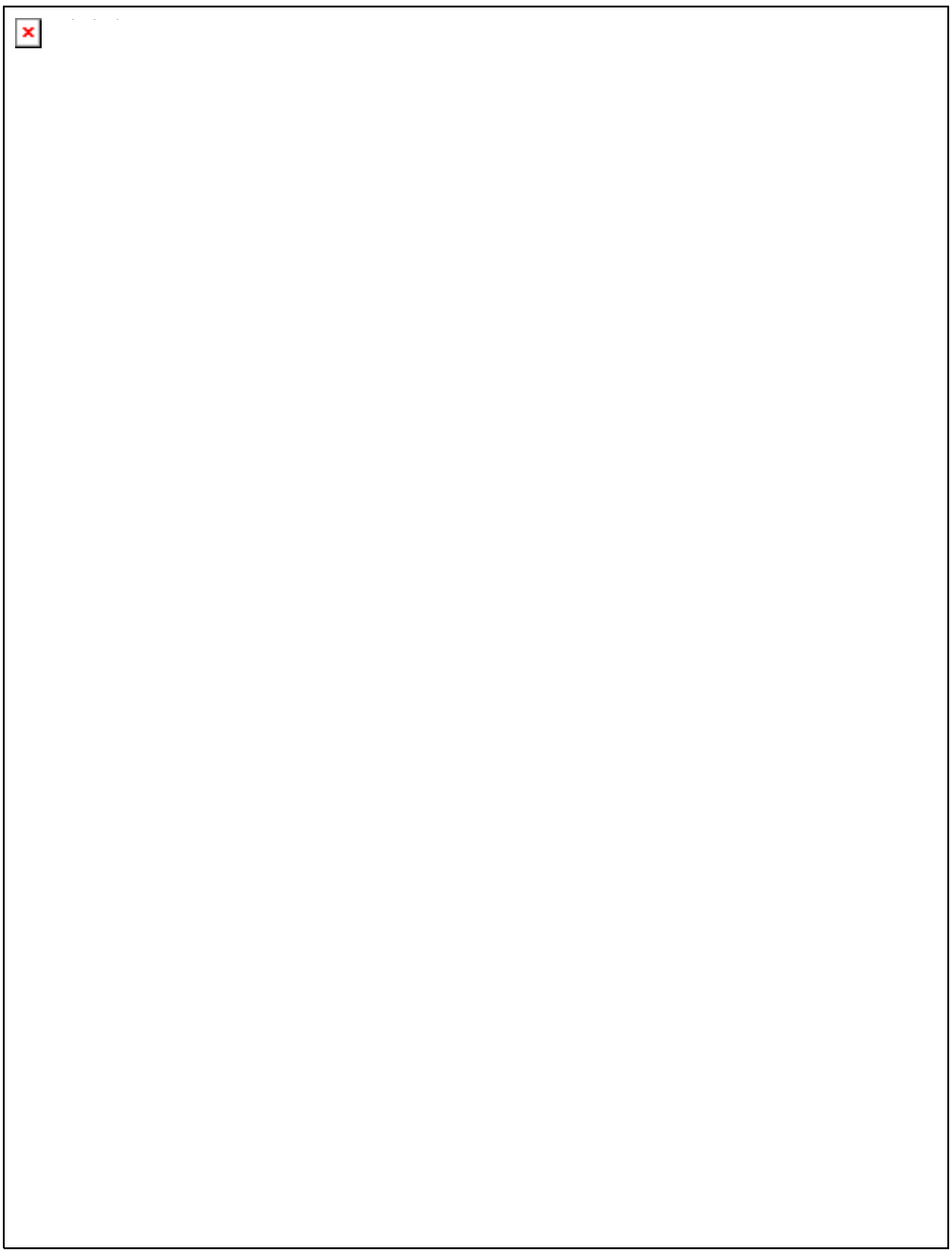

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The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs | January 14, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we want to thank you - the more than 500,000 State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal leaders across the country - for your service in your States and communities and partnership over the past four years. It has been the honor of a lifetime for us to serve as your liaison in the White House and to work together to better address shared challenges and advance shared opportunities.

Since the beginning of this Administration, our mission has always been to build a bridge of communication, coordination, and engagement with *all* levels of government. Opening up the Administration to unprecedented, bipartisan outreach and access promoted federalism and pushed decision-making back towards you - the officials closest to the people. We are proud that our office helped President Trump keep his inaugural promise of "transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People."

Through the White House *State Leadership Days Initiative*, we welcomed more than 5,000 local officials - including over 3,000 county officials- to the White House across **45 events** for briefings and discussions with Senior Administration Officials. The State Leadership Days established the foundation for unprecedented collaboration with local officials and culminated with President Trump **delivering remarks** to the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2020 Legislative Conference - the first President to address NACo since 1996. Find feedback from State Leadership Day attendees **here** (2017-18) and **here** (2019).

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Through conferences, summits, roundtables and other targeted engagements, we drove collaboration with our stakeholders on shared, bipartisan policies and priorities. Engagements included, but are not limited to:

- White House Business Session with our Nation's Governors (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Tribal, State & Energy Roundtable (2017)
- White House Infrastructure Summit with State & Local Officials (2017)
- Meeting with Local and State Officials on School Safety (2018)
- White House Women Municipal Leaders Conference (2018, 2019)
- Affordable Housing Roundtable (2018 & 2019)
- White House Opportunity Zone Conference (2019)
- Meeting with State Attorneys General (2019)
- Meeting with Our Nation's Sheriffs (2019)
- White House Mental Health Summit (2019)
- White House Summit on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans (2019)
- White House Summit on Human Trafficking (2020)
- White House Summit on Transforming America's Communities with our Nation's Mayors (2020)
- White House Opportunity Now Summit (2020)
- National Dialogue on Safely Reopening America's Schools (2020)
- White House Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit (2020)

These engagements do not capture the thousands of direct interactions with State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal officials over four years of service.

Through the *Governor's Initiative on Regulatory Innovation*, we extended the Administration's deregulatory accomplishments to the State, Local, and Tribal levels and worked alongside our stakeholders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country. Over 700 of you joined us as *champions* of this **Initiative** and worked to advance common sense solutions to occupational licensing and other regulatory barriers impacting the lives of your constituents.

We also worked collaboratively with stakeholders to advance a wide variety of shared priorities. They included the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), three United States Supreme Court Justice Confirmations, urban revitalization and

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rural prosperity through (e.g. opportunity zones and broadband), disaster recovery and resilience, border security, criminal justice reform, education empowerment and school choice, workforce and economic development, combating the opioid epidemic, supporting our Nation's veterans, and countless other issues to uplift the lives of your fellow citizens. To support these priorities and help stakeholders navigate Federal resources and programs, we developed comprehensive intergovernmental guidance, like the **Disaster Recovery & Resilience Guide** and the **Guide to Promoting Rural Prosperity in America**.

With our Nation's federally recognized Tribal governments, we prioritized engagement around shared policies and priorities. Significant engagement areas included missing and murdered indigenous persons through **Operation Lady Justice**, **addressing abuses** in the Indian Health Service (IHS), and **repatriating** culturally important remains and artifacts. IGA also supported the **re-establishment** of the White House Council on Native American Affairs to improve interagency coordination on policies and priorities important to our Tribal partners. Engagement culminated with of President Trump's policy vision for Indian Country – **Putting America's First Peoples First: Forgotten No More** - highlighted through a White House delegation **visit** to Arizona in October 2020.

In response to natural disasters and other emergencies, IGA supported the Federal government's preparedness, response, and recovery efforts in coordination with stakeholders in impacted States and communities. We worked diligently to ensure open lines of communication at all levels of government, provide pertinent guidance, and help deliver unprecedented financial resources and other support. Our team also supported the President and Senior Administration Officials' travel to impacted communities, such as Lynn Haven, FL, following Hurricane Michael, New Bern, NC following Hurricane Florence, and Paradise, CA following the Camp Fire, to meet directly with you and your constituents.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we organized 49 Governors-only briefing calls, 33 National Briefing calls with State, Local & Tribal leaders, dozens of Tribal-specific calls, and numerous State/Local/Tribal Association briefings. This led the Administration's overarching COVID-19 engagement that totaled more than 1,000 briefings touching over 250,000 contacts with State, Local, and Tribal officials in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. We also supported countless White House Coronavirus Task Force and Administration direct interactions with State, Local, and Tribal leaders to assist in their response and recovery efforts. While challenges remain, we hope that our efforts empowered you to better

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keep your constituents safe, healthy, and informed.

In closing, we thank you - statewide officials, mayors and city council members, county commissioners, state legislators, sheriffs and law enforcement/first responders, Tribal leaders, and countless other stakeholders - for your support, partnership, and most importantly, service in your States and communities. We also want to recognize our past and present colleagues in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and those across the entire Federal family for their hard work and dedication to you. Our efforts would not have been possible without their support.

With the transition to the next Administration and a new IGA team, we trust that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs will remain committed to fostering and building the intergovernmental partnership with you, America's State, Local, and Tribal officials. Please note that our team will begin departing on Thursday, January 14. The office will fully transition to the next Administration on Wednesday, January 20. To ensure continuity in COVID-19 coordination, we will share contact information with the incoming IGA team for those stakeholders who previously registered for IGA COVID-19 engagements. We also plan to transition over the IGA.State@who.eop.gov email address.

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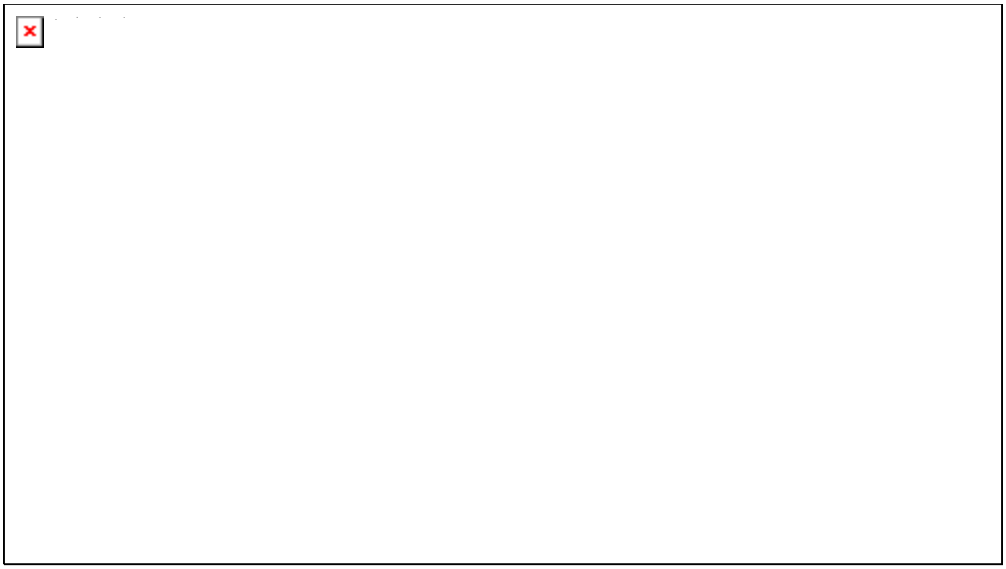

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ADM Brett Giroir, *Assistant Secretary of Health, HHS*: ADM Giroir provided an update on testing and protecting our most vulnerable citizens. Approximately 251 million tests have been completed nationally with likely another 70-80% of the tests not yet reported to the CDC. The Federal Government has the capacity to provide 170 million tests during the month of January alone and a significant amount of more tests will need to be used by the end of the month.

Additionally, as of January 5, 2021, 310 tests and sample collection devices have been authorized by the FDA under emergency use authorizations (EUAs). These include 235 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 64 antibody tests, and 11 antigen tests. There are 32 molecular authorizations that can be used with home-collected samples. There is one molecular prescription at-home test, one antigen prescription at-home test, and one over-the-counter (OTC) at-home antigen test.

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The HHS Protect Public Data Hub provides through up-to-date information on hospital reporting, therapeutics, and national testing.

🕮 **Read More: More Than 15.9 Million Shots Given: Covid-19 Vaccine Tracker, The U.S. has administered 5.48 million doses; Europe's rollout begins**

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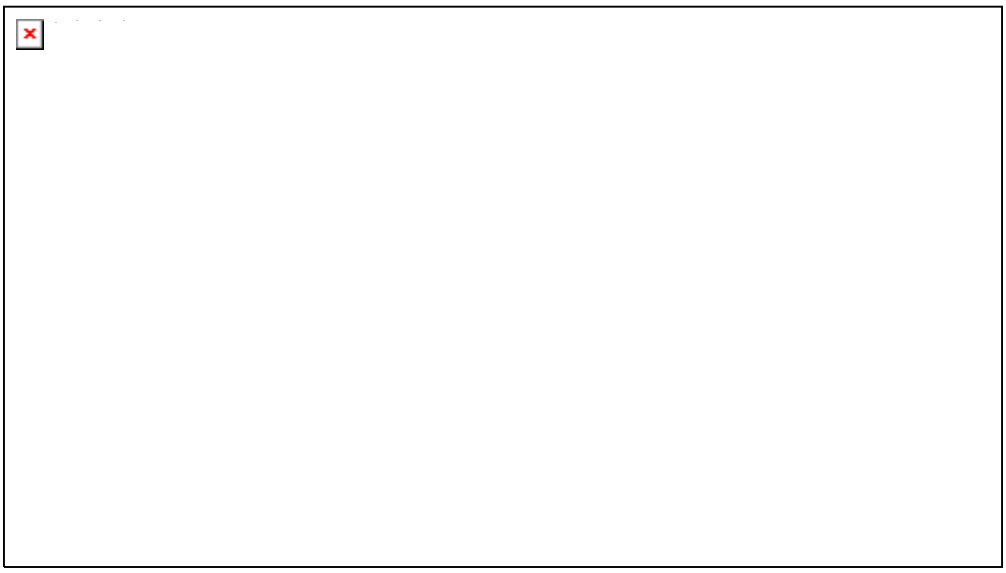

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Funding will provide critical support for testing and vaccination-related activities to jurisdictions before January 19, 2021:

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Governor Jim Justice, *West Virginia*: The Governor discussed practices implemented in West Virginia that other State and local leaders may want to consider for vaccine distribution rates. Governor Justice noted that he immediately directed first responders administering COVID-19 tests to utilize local pharmacies. He also ensured the state established schools in vaccinating teachers and school personnel in order to allow kids to return to school sooner. The Governor said the key is to keep the vaccine distribution messaging and coordination simple and focus on getting vaccines actually administered to senior communities.

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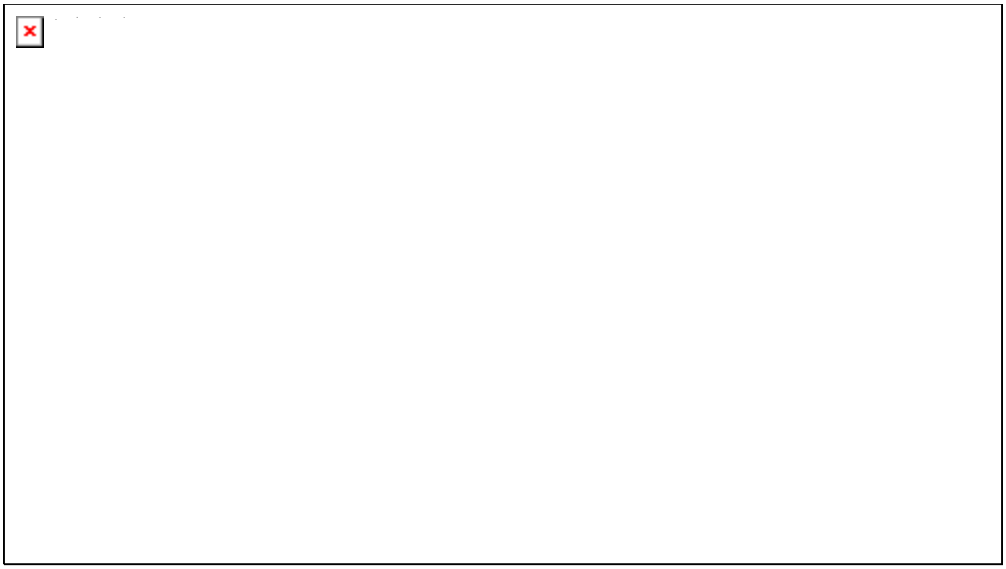

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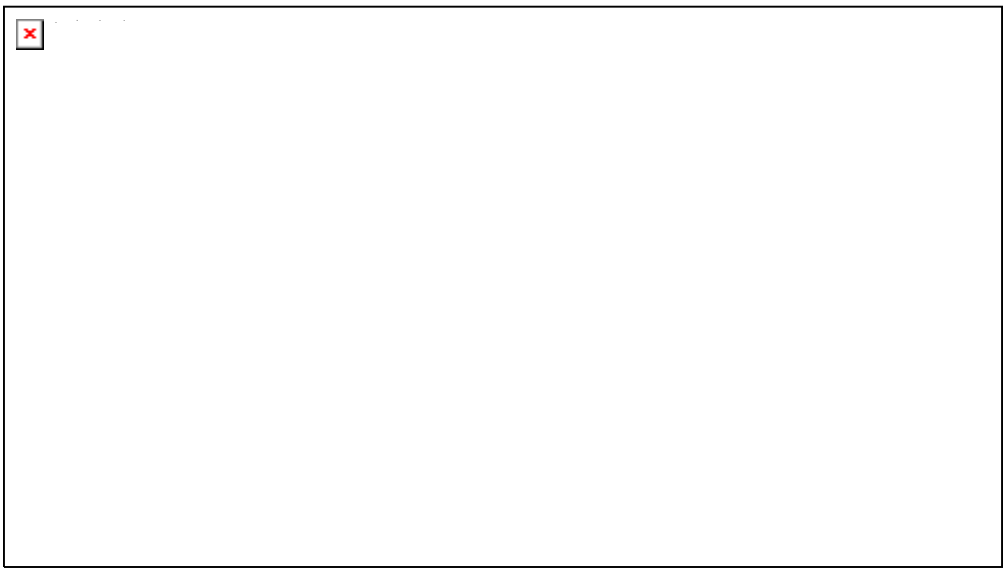

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On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with a readout of this week's 33rd COVID-19 National Briefing Call with Senior Administration Officials.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and Local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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Readout from the 33rd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. In addition to this week's recap, we would like to highlight several additional items and announcements.

- On January 5th, Vice President Mike Pence led a White House Coronavirus Task Force Meeting. The Task Force meeting focused primarily on vaccine distribution and implementation.
- HHS Secretary Alex Azar **renewed** the COVID-19 national public health emergency declaration, effective January 21, 2021. Read more about the declaration **here**.
- FEMA's Public Assistance program is supporting vaccine distribution and administration. Learn more **here**.
- SBA, in consultation with Treasury, announced that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) will reopen the week of January 11 for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. Read more **here**.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched a vaccination data page with jurisdiction-level data. The page tracks the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the United States. You can find the tracker **here**.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration **announced** that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 pandemic disaster declaration is extended through December 31, 2021.
- The U.S. Department of Education **announced** more than $4 Billion in emergency education grants for Governors to help students continue learning.
- HHS **finalizes** unprecedented regulatory reform through retrospective review - new rule requires Department to assess its regulations every 10 years

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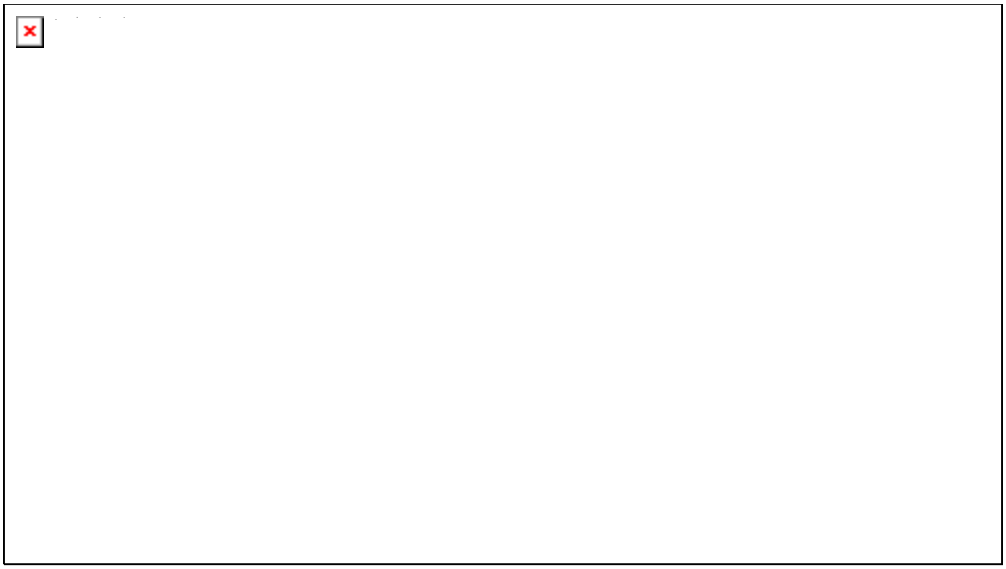

Vice President Mike Pence hosts Coronavirus Task Force Meeting on January 5th.

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HHS Secretary Alex Azar: It's important to continue taking steps to protect ourselves & loved ones:

✔Wash your hands

✔Watch your distance

✔Wear a mask

✔Ask your doctor about antibody therapies if you test positive & are 65+or at risk for severe disease

✔Get vaccinated when you can

Dan Kowalski, *Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury*: Dan reported that on December 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law H.R. 133, an Act making consolidated appropriations for

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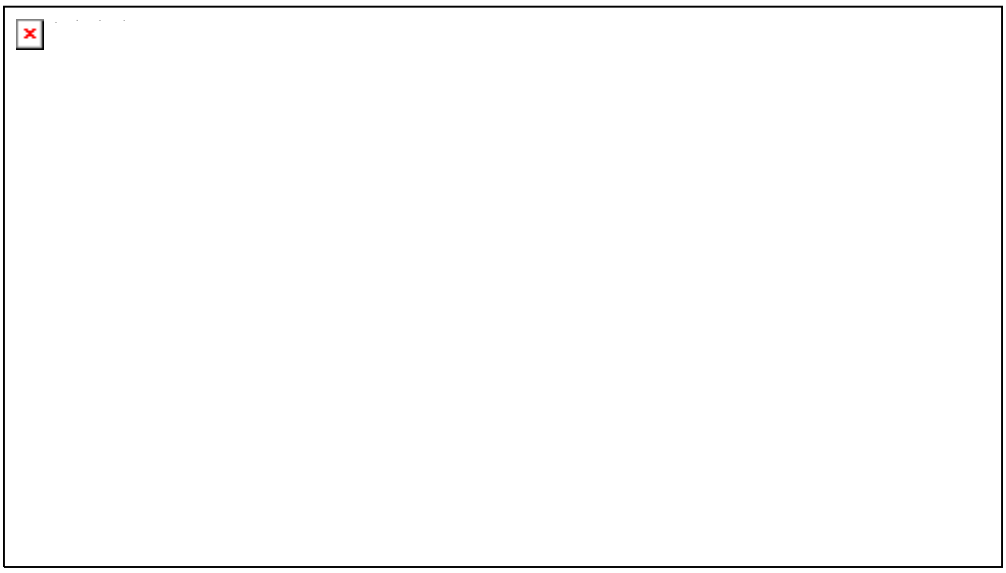

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On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we want to wish you a Happy New Year. We are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of last week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. You will also find a invitation for this week's White House IGA National COVID-19 Briefing Call. We will be joined by Senior Administration Officials from the White House Coronavirus Task Force and Operation Warp Speed for a comprehensive COVID-19 response and coordination update.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE (If you have previously registered for this call, you do not need to re-register)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

First Lady Melania Trump: As 2020 ends, we remember the loved ones lost & give thanks to our leaders, frontline workers & others who have come together to fight the global pandemic. The resilience of our country is strong. I send my best wishes for a #NewYear full of health & peace.

This week's recap includes:

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- COVID-19 Response and Coordination Update
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COVID-19 Response and Coordination Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in the

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most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history to respond to COVID-19. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Operation Warp Speed (COVID-19 Vaccines)

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Provides Operation Warp Speed / Vaccine Distribution Update (December 29, 2020) (**Tweet**)

- We have now allocated 19.88M first doses for delivery, with second doses on hand to be shipped in a few weeks, getting us to the goal of having enough doses available by the end of year for 20M Americans
- Data reported to the CDC significantly lags actual vaccinations administered. The CDC website says "A large difference between the number of doses distributed and the number of doses administered is expected at this point in the COVID vaccination program."
- We are grateful for the work jurisdictions and vaccinators are doing over the holidays, and we're working with jurisdictions who are already executing plans to ramp up rate of vaccinations and expand administration sites
- CDC **published** a COVID-19 vaccination playbook for jurisdictions in September, and has been working with them on their vaccination plans ever since -OWS is providing jurisdictions kits with the needed needles, syringes, and other supplies for vaccinations along with the vaccines
- CDC issued **$200M** to jurisdictions for flu/COVID vaccinations in September -CDC issued another **$140M** to jurisdictions for COVID vaccinations in December
- Across OWS, the DPA has been used 18 times. We have not hesitated to use the DPA, and Secretary Azar has made it clear he'll use every power at his disposal to ramp up vaccine production safely. There are, however, physical and operational limits to safe, quality, vaccine production.
- Vaccines are already free for Americans, thanks to the work of the Trump Administration -HHS has already launched a massive campaign to increase vaccine confidence and encourage uptake
- The first U.S. COVID-19 vaccine authorization was on **December 11** and the first U.S. COVID-19 vaccination was 15 days ago, on **December 14**
- As a reminder, distributing millions of safe and effective vaccines within a year after a novel virus hit our shores is a historic and remarkable accomplishment

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HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **Operation Warp Speed delivered by the end of 2020**

✔ 2 @US_FDA-authorized vaccines

✔ 5 vaccine candidates in Phase 3 clinical trials

✔ 20 million first doses allocated, with the second doses on hand ready to be shipped a few weeks later.

HHS/DOD Announce Additional Vaccine Procurement: On December 23, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Defense **announced** the purchase of an additional 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer. Pfizer will deliver at least 70 million doses by June 30, 2021 and the full 100 million doses no later than July 31, 2021. On December 11, the Trump Administration **announced** the purchase of an additional 100 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

CDC Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Data Tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched a vaccination data page with jurisdiction-level data. The page tracks the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the United States. You can find the tracker **here**. Note that data reported to the CDC significantly lags actual vaccinations administered, or as stated by the CDC, "A large difference between the number of doses distributed and the number of doses administered is expected at this point in the COVID vaccination program."

As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

5th COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Begins Phase 3 Clinical Trials

On Monday, December 28, The National Institutes of Health announced that a 5th COVID-19 vaccine candidate funded by NIH began enrollment for its Phase 3 clinical trial. The vaccine,

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developed by Novavax, will enroll up to 30k volunteers from the U.S. and Mexico.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **With Phase 3 clinical testing of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine candidate beginning in the U.S., we have now had five vaccine candidates in the #OperationWarpSpeed portfolio launch Phase 3 clinical trials before the end of 2020.**

The trial is being conducted in collaboration with **Operation Warp Speed** (OWS), a multi-agency collaboration overseen by HHS and the Department of Defense that aims to accelerate development, manufacture and distribution of medical countermeasures for COVID-19. Some of the U.S. trial sites participating are part of the NIAID-supported **COVID-19 Prevention Network** (CoVPN). The CoVPN includes existing NIAID-supported clinical research networks with infectious disease expertise and was designed for rapid and thorough evaluation of vaccine candidates and monoclonal antibodies for preventing COVID-19.

📖 **Read More**: **Phase 3 Trial of Novavax Investigational COVID-19 Vaccine Opens**

Testing Update

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Admiral Brett Giroir (Assistant Secretary for Health): **We continue to increase the capacity/diversity of #COVID19 testing. in December, we have available > 180 million tests. We have surpassed 2 million tests reported per day on 7 different dats. We have distributed > 122 million #BinaxNOW rapid tests to states and vulnerable.**

Additional Updates

Department of Veterans Affairs Vaccine Update: During the week of December 20, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) **announced** the expansion of its COVID-19 vaccination program to an additional 128 sites. On December 31, Secretary Robert Wilkie **announced** that the VA has administered initial COVID-19 vaccine doses to more than 5,000 veterans residing in

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its Community Living Centers and Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Centers and more than 50,000 health care employees. Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and the VA **here**.

SBA Extends COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application Deadline: On December 30, 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration **announced** that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 pandemic disaster declaration is extended through December 31, 2021. To date, the SBA has approved $197 billion in low-interest loans which provides working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses make it through this challenging time.

The Doctor Is In: U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams **released a new video** answering a common COVID-19 question – how many shots of the vaccine are needed? Over the next few weeks, the Surgeon General will be releasing videos answering the most common COVID-19 questions.

Vaccine Surveillance: FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn **explains in a new video** how all vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccines, must adhere to specific FDA guidelines for safety, including ongoing surveillance.

Colleges, Universities, and Higher Learning: CDC updated information for **colleges and universities** to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19.

Considerations for Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities: CDC updated information on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in **retirement communities and independent living facilities**.

Considerations for Community-Based Organizations: As some **community-based organizations (CBOs)** begin to resume or increase their level of activities, CDC offers the following considerations for ways these organizations can help protect individuals and communities and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination: CDC updated **FAQS about COVID-19 vaccination**.

Federal Appropriations, COVID-19 Relief Bills Signed

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On December 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, providing $1.4 trillion for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. In addition to funding the Federal government, the act delivers coronavirus emergency response and relief.

With the signing, the President released the following statement:

I will sign the Omnibus and Covid package with a strong message that makes clear to Congress that wasteful items need to be removed. I will send back to Congress a redlined version, item by item, accompanied by the formal rescission request to Congress insisting that those funds be removed from the bill

I am signing this bill to restore unemployment benefits, stop evictions, provide rental assistance, add money for PPP, return our airline workers back to work, add substantially more money for vaccine distribution, and much more.

🕮 **Read More**: **Statement from the President**

Treasury and IRS Begin Delivering the Second Round of Economic Impact Payments to Millions of Americans

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service will begin delivering a second round of Economic Impact Payments to millions of Americans as part of the implementation of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. The initial direct deposit payments began arriving as early as December 29 for some and will continue this week. Paper checks began to be mailed on Wednesday, December 30. This second round of payments will provide critical economic support to those who, through no fault of their own, have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible individuals will receive an Economic Impact Payment of up to $600 for individuals or $1200 for married couples and up to $600 for each qualifying child. Generally, if you have adjusted gross income for 2019 up to $75,000 for individuals and up to $150,000 for married couples filing joint returns and surviving spouses, you will receive the full amount of the second payment. For filers with income above those amounts, the payment amount is reduced.

This second round of payments will be distributed automatically, with no action required for

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The swift issuance of this second round of payments follows the successful delivery of more than $270 billion in CARES Act Economic Impact Payments earlier this year, providing crucial economic support to nearly 160 million Americans.

Eligible individuals may check the status of payments at **IRS.gov/GetMyPayment**. For more information about Economic Impact Payments, please visit **IRS.gov/EIP**.

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Appropriations Bill Enhances Conservation, Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Prevention

President Trump has made enhancing our nation's conservation initiatives a top priority, signing several historic conservation bills, including the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act and the Great American Outdoors Act. Unlike other Administration's before it, the Trump Administration succeeded in enacting permanent full and mandatory funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and put in place funding to address the long discussed but never solved the problem of the maintenance backlog at our national parks and other public lands. The President also opened or expanded 4 million acres of land to new hunting and fishing opportunities, recovered the most endangered or threatened species in history for the first term of an Administration and treated 5.4 million acres of land to prevent wildfires – a 49 percent increase in comparison to the last 4 years of the previous Administration.

Here are some notable highlights in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 that Interior supported to improve conservation:

- **Great American Outdoors Act** – Provides full funding through the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund for priority projects addressing the maintenance backlog at national parks, wildlife refuges, public lands and American Indian schools and full funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to protect and conserve lands and waters across the country as identified by Interior.
- **Wildfire Management** – Provides $992.6 million ($40.3 million more than 2020) for

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Interior wildfire management activities, including fire preparedness, fire suppression, fuels management, burned-area rehabilitation, fire facilities and fire science, in addition to $310 million ($10 million more than 2020) for the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund. The funding would allow Interior to provide grants to train non-Federal fire departments and similar groups to fight wildfires.

- **National Recreation and Preservation** – Provides two-year funding for the National Recreation and Preservation Account, allowing the National Park Service to more efficiently and effectively manage available resources and adjust for disruptions in a fiscal year.
- **Sage Grouse** – Provides $74 million for sage-grouse conservation.
- **Long Bridge Project** – Permits the National Park Service to convey lands for purposes of transportation and recreation for the Long Bridge project.
- **1908 Springfield Race Riot Site** – Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of areas associated with the 1908 Springfield Race Riot, which Secretary Bernhardt proclaimed as part of the African American Civil Rights Network on Aug. 21, 2020, and make recommendations on its possible inclusion as a unit of the National Park System.
- **New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Designation** – Redesignates the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia as the "New River Gorge National Park and Preserve" totaling approximately 7,021 acres expanding recreational access.

🕮 **Read More**: **President Trump Signs Omnibus Spending and COVID Relief Bill, Uplifting American Families, Investing in American Infrastructure and Enhancing American Conservation**

Executive Order on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare

On Tuesday, December 29, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a signature initiative of the Trump Administration, which ensures that American patients have access to the hospital pricing information they need when they need it, beginning January 1.

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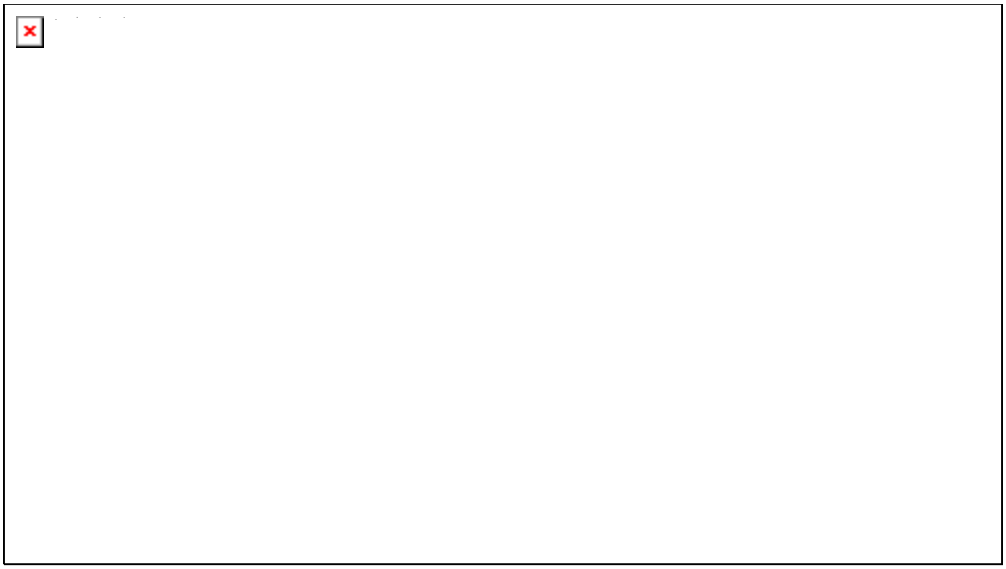

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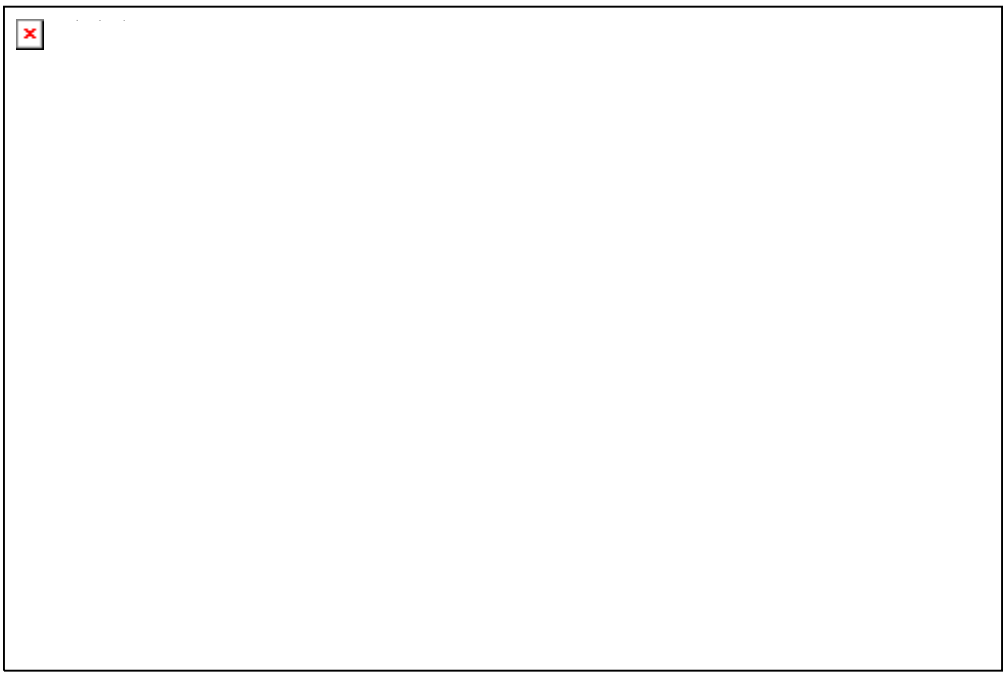

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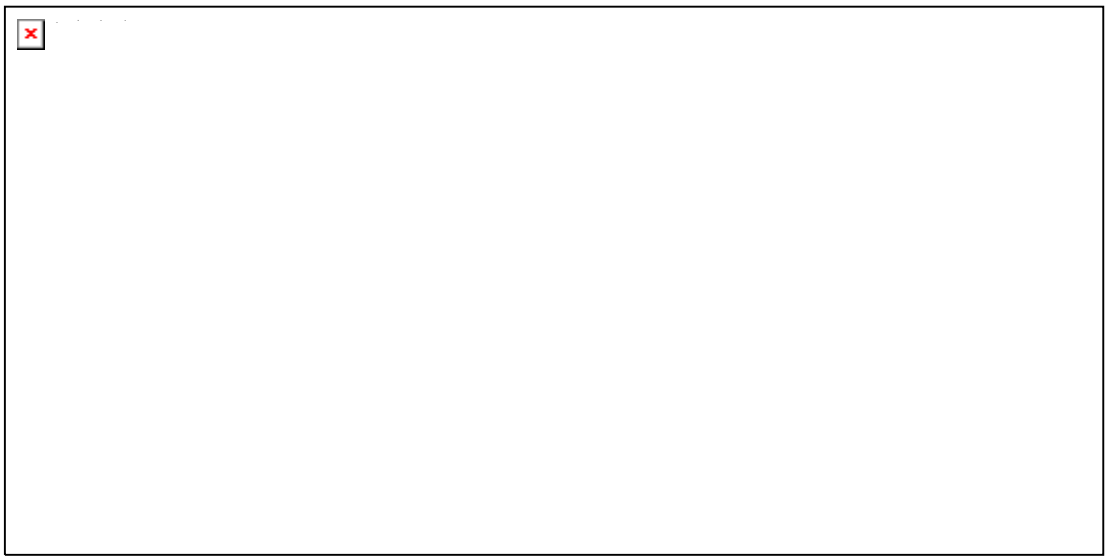

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- CDC issued **$200M** to jurisdictions for flu/COVID vaccinations in September -CDC issued another **$140M** to jurisdictions for COVID vaccinations in December
- Across OWS, the DPA has been used 18 times. We have not hesitated to use the DPA, and Secretary Azar has made it clear he'll use every power at his disposal to ramp up vaccine production safely. There are, however, physical and operational limits to safe, quality, vaccine production.
- Vaccines are already free for Americans, thanks to the work of the Trump Administration -HHS has already launched a massive campaign to increase vaccine confidence and encourage uptake
- The first U.S. COVID-19 vaccine authorization was on **December 11** and the first U.S. COVID-19 vaccination was 15 days ago, on **December 14**
- As a reminder, distributing millions of safe and effective vaccines within a year after a novel virus hit our shores is a historic and remarkable accomplishment

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HHS/DOD Announce Additional Vaccine Procurement: On December 23, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Defense **announced** the purchase of an additional 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer. Pfizer will deliver at least 70 million doses by June 30, 2021 and the full 100 million doses no later than July 31, 2021. On December 11, the Trump Administration **announced** the purchase of an additional 100 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

CDC Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Data Tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched a vaccination data page with jurisdiction-level data. The page tracks the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the United States. You can find the tracker **here**. Note that data reported to the CDC significantly lags actual vaccinations administered, or as stated by the CDC, "A large difference between the number of doses distributed and the number of doses administered is expected at this point in the COVID vaccination program."

As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

5th COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Begins Phase 3 Clinical Trials

On Monday, December 28, The National Institutes of Health announced that a 5th COVID-19 vaccine candidate funded by NIH began enrollment for its Phase 3 clinical trial. The vaccine,

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developed by Novavax, will enroll up to 30k volunteers from the U.S. and Mexico.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **With Phase 3 clinical testing of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine candidate beginning in the U.S., we have now had five vaccine candidates in the #OperationWarpSpeed portfolio launch Phase 3 clinical trials before the end of 2020.**

The trial is being conducted in collaboration with **Operation Warp Speed** (OWS), a multi-agency collaboration overseen by HHS and the Department of Defense that aims to accelerate development, manufacture and distribution of medical countermeasures for COVID-19. Some of the U.S. trial sites participating are part of the NIAID-supported **COVID-19 Prevention Network** (CoVPN). The CoVPN includes existing NIAID-supported clinical research networks with infectious disease expertise and was designed for rapid and thorough evaluation of vaccine candidates and monoclonal antibodies for preventing COVID-19.

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Testing Update

As of Dec. 28, 309 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by the FDA under emergency use authorizations (EUAs). These include 235 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 63 antibody tests, and 11 antigen tests. There are 32 molecular authorizations that can be used with home-collected samples. There is one molecular prescription at-home test, one antigen prescription at-home test, and one over-the-counter (OTC) at-home antigen test.

Admiral Brett Giroir (Assistant Secretary for Health): **We continue to increase the capacity/diversity of #COVID19 testing. in December, we have available > 180 million tests. We have surpassed 2 million tests reported per day on 7 different dats. We have distributed > 122 million #BinaxNOW rapid tests to states and vulnerable.**

Additional Updates

Department of Veterans Affairs Vaccine Update: During the week of December 20, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) **announced** the expansion of its COVID-19 vaccination program to an additional 128 sites. On December 31, Secretary Robert Wilkie **announced** that the VA has administered initial COVID-19 vaccine doses to more than 5,000 veterans residing in

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its Community Living Centers and Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Centers and more than 50,000 health care employees. Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and the VA **here**.

SBA Extends COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application Deadline: On December 30, 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration **announced** that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 pandemic disaster declaration is extended through December 31, 2021. To date, the SBA has approved $197 billion in low-interest loans which provides working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses make it through this challenging time.

The Doctor Is In: U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams **released a new video** answering a common COVID-19 question – how many shots of the vaccine are needed? Over the next few weeks, the Surgeon General will be releasing videos answering the most common COVID-19 questions.

Vaccine Surveillance: FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn **explains in a new video** how all vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccines, must adhere to specific FDA guidelines for safety, including ongoing surveillance.

Colleges, Universities, and Higher Learning: CDC updated information for **colleges and universities** to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19.

Considerations for Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities: CDC updated information on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in **retirement communities and independent living facilities**.

Considerations for Community-Based Organizations: As some **community-based organizations (CBOs)** begin to resume or increase their level of activities, CDC offers the following considerations for ways these organizations can help protect individuals and communities and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination: CDC updated **FAQS about COVID-19 vaccination**.

Federal Appropriations, COVID-19 Relief Bills Signed

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On December 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, providing $1.4 trillion for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. In addition to funding the Federal government, the act delivers coronavirus emergency response and relief.

With the signing, the President released the following statement:

I will sign the Omnibus and Covid package with a strong message that makes clear to Congress that wasteful items need to be removed. I will send back to Congress a redlined version, item by item, accompanied by the formal rescission request to Congress insisting that those funds be removed from the bill

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This second round of payments will be distributed automatically, with no action required for

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- **National Recreation and Preservation** – Provides two-year funding for the National Recreation and Preservation Account, allowing the National Park Service to more efficiently and effectively manage available resources and adjust for disruptions in a fiscal year.
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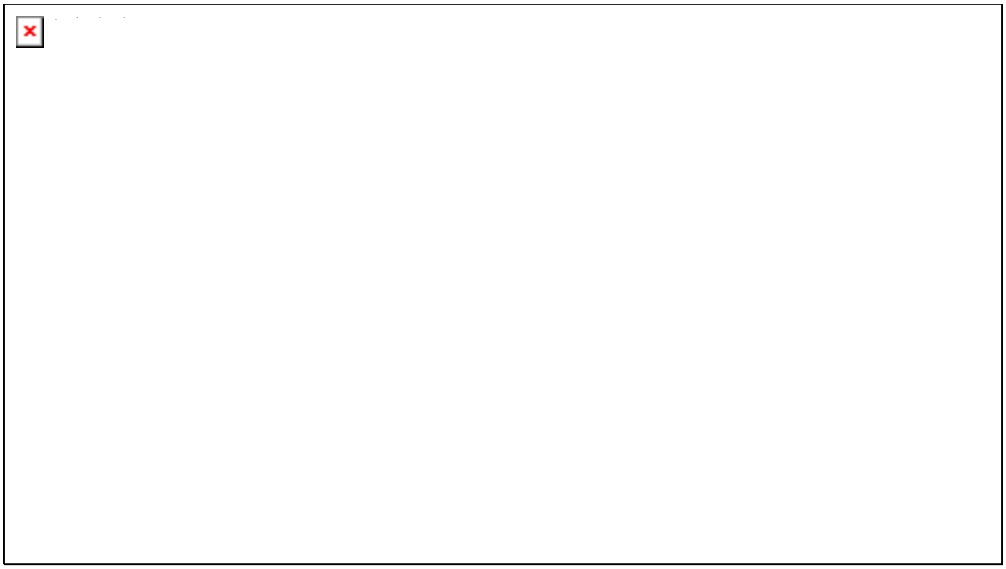

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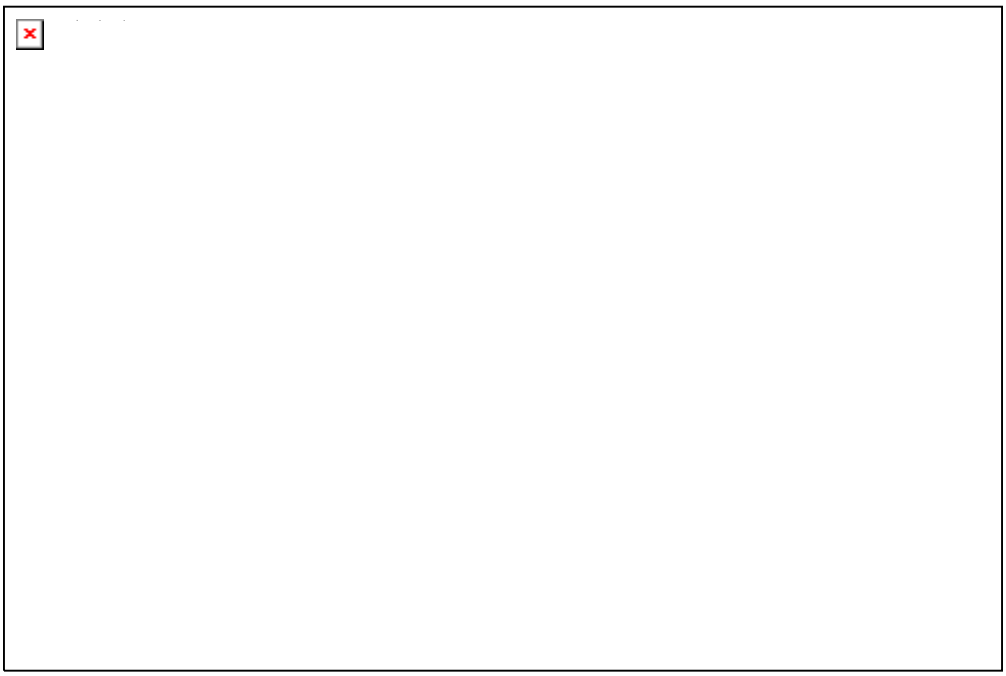

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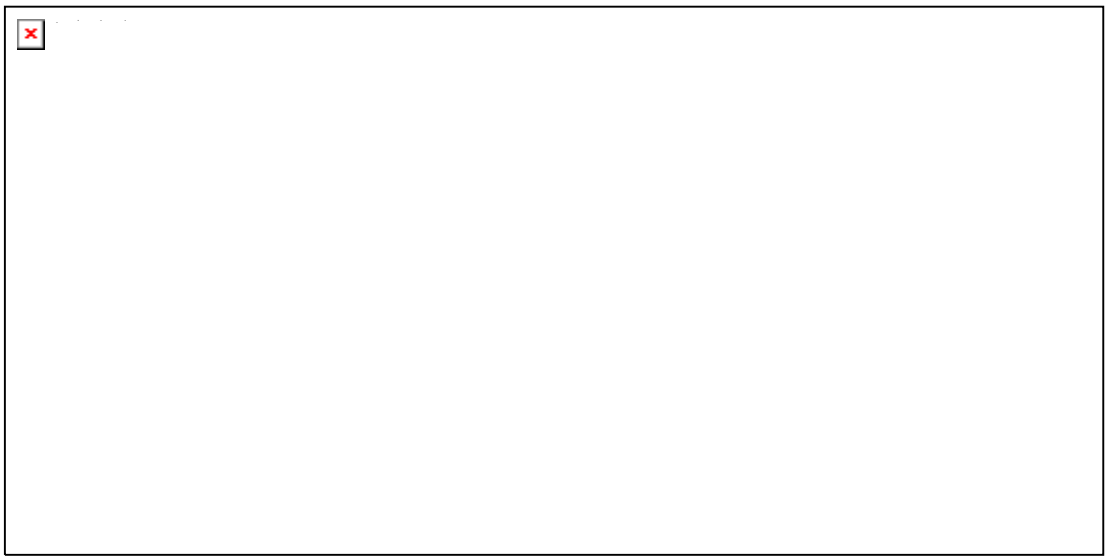

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- We are grateful for the work jurisdictions and vaccinators are doing over the holidays, and we're working with jurisdictions who are already executing plans to ramp up rate of vaccinations and expand administration sites
- CDC **published** a COVID-19 vaccination playbook for jurisdictions in September, and has been working with them on their vaccination plans ever since -OWS is providing jurisdictions kits with the needed needles, syringes, and other supplies for vaccinations along with the vaccines
- CDC issued **$200M** to jurisdictions for flu/COVID vaccinations in September -CDC issued another **$140M** to jurisdictions for COVID vaccinations in December
- Across OWS, the DPA has been used 18 times. We have not hesitated to use the DPA, and Secretary Azar has made it clear he'll use every power at his disposal to ramp up vaccine production safely. There are, however, physical and operational limits to safe, quality, vaccine production.
- Vaccines are already free for Americans, thanks to the work of the Trump Administration -HHS has already launched a massive campaign to increase vaccine confidence and encourage uptake
- The first U.S. COVID-19 vaccine authorization was on **December 11** and the first U.S. COVID-19 vaccination was 15 days ago, on **December 14**
- As a reminder, distributing millions of safe and effective vaccines within a year after a novel virus hit our shores is a historic and remarkable accomplishment

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HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **Operation Warp Speed delivered by the end of 2020**

✔ 2 @US_FDA-authorized vaccines

✔ 5 vaccine candidates in Phase 3 clinical trials

✔ 20 million first doses allocated, with the second doses on hand ready to be shipped a few weeks later.

HHS/DOD Announce Additional Vaccine Procurement: On December 23, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Defense **announced** the purchase of an additional 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer. Pfizer will deliver at least 70 million doses by June 30, 2021 and the full 100 million doses no later than July 31, 2021. On December 11, the Trump Administration **announced** the purchase of an additional 100 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

CDC Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Data Tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched a vaccination data page with jurisdiction-level data. The page tracks the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the United States. You can find the tracker **here**. Note that data reported to the CDC significantly lags actual vaccinations administered, or as stated by the CDC, "A large difference between the number of doses distributed and the number of doses administered is expected at this point in the COVID vaccination program."

As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

5th COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Begins Phase 3 Clinical Trials

On Monday, December 28, The National Institutes of Health announced that a 5th COVID-19 vaccine candidate funded by NIH began enrollment for its Phase 3 clinical trial. The vaccine,

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developed by Novavax, will enroll up to 30k volunteers from the U.S. and Mexico.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **With Phase 3 clinical testing of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine candidate beginning in the U.S., we have now had five vaccine candidates in the #OperationWarpSpeed portfolio launch Phase 3 clinical trials before the end of 2020.**

The trial is being conducted in collaboration with **Operation Warp Speed** (OWS), a multi-agency collaboration overseen by HHS and the Department of Defense that aims to accelerate development, manufacture and distribution of medical countermeasures for COVID-19. Some of the U.S. trial sites participating are part of the NIAID-supported **COVID-19 Prevention Network** (CoVPN). The CoVPN includes existing NIAID-supported clinical research networks with infectious disease expertise and was designed for rapid and thorough evaluation of vaccine candidates and monoclonal antibodies for preventing COVID-19.

🕮 **Read More**: **Phase 3 Trial of Novavax Investigational COVID-19 Vaccine Opens**

Testing Update

As of Dec. 28, 309 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by the FDA under emergency use authorizations (EUAs). These include 235 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 63 antibody tests, and 11 antigen tests. There are 32 molecular authorizations that can be used with home-collected samples. There is one molecular prescription at-home test, one antigen prescription at-home test, and one over-the-counter (OTC) at-home antigen test.

Admiral Brett Giroir (Assistant Secretary for Health): **We continue to increase the capacity/diversity of #COVID19 testing. in December, we have available > 180 million tests. We have surpassed 2 million tests reported per day on 7 different dats. We have distributed > 122 million #BinaxNOW rapid tests to states and vulnerable.**

Additional Updates

Department of Veterans Affairs Vaccine Update: During the week of December 20, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) **announced** the expansion of its COVID-19 vaccination program to an additional 128 sites. On December 31, Secretary Robert Wilkie **announced** that the VA has administered initial COVID-19 vaccine doses to more than 5,000 veterans residing in

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its Community Living Centers and Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Centers and more than 50,000 health care employees. Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and the VA **here**.

SBA Extends COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application Deadline: On December 30, 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration **announced** that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 pandemic disaster declaration is extended through December 31, 2021. To date, the SBA has approved $197 billion in low-interest loans which provides working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses make it through this challenging time.

The Doctor Is In: U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams **released a new video** answering a common COVID-19 question – how many shots of the vaccine are needed? Over the next few weeks, the Surgeon General will be releasing videos answering the most common COVID-19 questions.

Vaccine Surveillance: FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn **explains in a new video** how all vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccines, must adhere to specific FDA guidelines for safety, including ongoing surveillance.

Colleges, Universities, and Higher Learning: CDC updated information for **colleges and universities** to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19.

Considerations for Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities: CDC updated information on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in **retirement communities and independent living facilities**.

Considerations for Community-Based Organizations: As some **community-based organizations (CBOs)** begin to resume or increase their level of activities, CDC offers the following considerations for ways these organizations can help protect individuals and communities and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination: CDC updated **FAQS about COVID-19 vaccination**.

Federal Appropriations, COVID-19 Relief Bills Signed

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On December 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, providing $1.4 trillion for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. In addition to funding the Federal government, the act delivers coronavirus emergency response and relief.

With the signing, the President released the following statement:

I will sign the Omnibus and Covid package with a strong message that makes clear to Congress that wasteful items need to be removed. I will send back to Congress a redlined version, item by item, accompanied by the formal rescission request to Congress insisting that those funds be removed from the bill

I am signing this bill to restore unemployment benefits, stop evictions, provide rental assistance, add money for PPP, return our airline workers back to work, add substantially more money for vaccine distribution, and much more.

🕮 **Read More**: **Statement from the President**

Treasury and IRS Begin Delivering the Second Round of Economic Impact Payments to Millions of Americans

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service will begin delivering a second round of Economic Impact Payments to millions of Americans as part of the implementation of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. The initial direct deposit payments began arriving as early as December 29 for some and will continue this week. Paper checks began to be mailed on Wednesday, December 30. This second round of payments will provide critical economic support to those who, through no fault of their own, have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible individuals will receive an Economic Impact Payment of up to $600 for individuals or $1200 for married couples and up to $600 for each qualifying child. Generally, if you have adjusted gross income for 2019 up to $75,000 for individuals and up to $150,000 for married couples filing joint returns and surviving spouses, you will receive the full amount of the second payment. For filers with income above those amounts, the payment amount is reduced.

This second round of payments will be distributed automatically, with no action required for

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eligible individuals. If additional legislation is enacted to provide for an increased amount, Economic Impact Payments that have been issued will be topped up as quickly as possible.

The swift issuance of this second round of payments follows the successful delivery of more than $270 billion in CARES Act Economic Impact Payments earlier this year, providing crucial economic support to nearly 160 million Americans.

Eligible individuals may check the status of payments at **IRS.gov/GetMyPayment**. For more information about Economic Impact Payments, please visit **IRS.gov/EIP**.

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Appropriations Bill Enhances Conservation, Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Prevention

President Trump has made enhancing our nation's conservation initiatives a top priority, signing several historic conservation bills, including the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act and the Great American Outdoors Act. Unlike other Administration's before it, the Trump Administration succeeded in enacting permanent full and mandatory funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and put in place funding to address the long discussed but never solved the problem of the maintenance backlog at our national parks and other public lands. The President also opened or expanded 4 million acres of land to new hunting and fishing opportunities, recovered the most endangered or threatened species in history for the first term of an Administration and treated 5.4 million acres of land to prevent wildfires – a 49 percent increase in comparison to the last 4 years of the previous Administration.

Here are some notable highlights in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 that Interior supported to improve conservation:

- **Great American Outdoors Act** – Provides full funding through the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund for priority projects addressing the maintenance backlog at national parks, wildlife refuges, public lands and American Indian schools and full funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to protect and conserve lands and waters across the country as identified by Interior.
- **Wildfire Management** – Provides $992.6 million ($40.3 million more than 2020) for

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Interior wildfire management activities, including fire preparedness, fire suppression, fuels management, burned-area rehabilitation, fire facilities and fire science, in addition to $310 million ($10 million more than 2020) for the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund. The funding would allow Interior to provide grants to train non-Federal fire departments and similar groups to fight wildfires.

- **National Recreation and Preservation** – Provides two-year funding for the National Recreation and Preservation Account, allowing the National Park Service to more efficiently and effectively manage available resources and adjust for disruptions in a fiscal year.
- **Sage Grouse** – Provides $74 million for sage-grouse conservation.
- **Long Bridge Project** – Permits the National Park Service to convey lands for purposes of transportation and recreation for the Long Bridge project.
- **1908 Springfield Race Riot Site** – Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of areas associated with the 1908 Springfield Race Riot, which Secretary Bernhardt proclaimed as part of the African American Civil Rights Network on Aug. 21, 2020, and make recommendations on its possible inclusion as a unit of the National Park System.
- **New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Designation** – Redesignates the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia as the "New River Gorge National Park and Preserve" totaling approximately 7,021 acres expanding recreational access.

🕮 **Read More**: **President Trump Signs Omnibus Spending and COVID Relief Bill, Uplifting American Families, Investing in American Infrastructure and Enhancing American Conservation**

Executive Order on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare

On Tuesday, December 29, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a signature initiative of the Trump Administration, which ensures that American patients have access to the hospital pricing information they need when they need it, beginning January 1.

President Donald J. Trump: Because of the Trump Administration, hospitals are now required, effective immediately, to publish their REAL PROCES, which will create

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competition and drive downs costs MASSIVELY. Won lawsuit last week. Bigger than healthcare, it's called PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: Big win for American patients today. The DC Circuit ruling is another major victory for President Trump's transformative healthcare agenda. Starting January 1, Americans will have access to the actual prices paid for the most common hospital services.

In November 2019, President Trump signed an **Executive Order** on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare. As directed under the Executive Order, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued two rules that take historic steps to increase price transparency to empower patients and increase competition among all hospitals, group health plans and health insurance issuers in the individual and group markets. One of the rules - **the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) & Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Price Transparency Requirements for Hospitals to Make Standard Charges Public Final Rule** - requires hospitals to provide patients with clear, accessible information about their "standard charges" for the items and services they provide, including through the use of standardized data elements, making it easier to shop and compare across hospitals, as well as mitigating surprises.

🕮 **Read More**: **Trump Administration Announces Historic Price Transparency Requirements to Increase Competition and Lower Healthcare Costs for All Americans (November 15, 2019)**

Executive Order on Expanding Educational Opportunity Through School Choice

On Monday, December 28, President Trump signed the **Executive Order** on Expanding Educational Opportunity Through School Choice. The Executive Order offers States and eligible entities the flexibility to provide certain disadvantaged children with emergency K-12 scholarships to access in-person learning opportunities.

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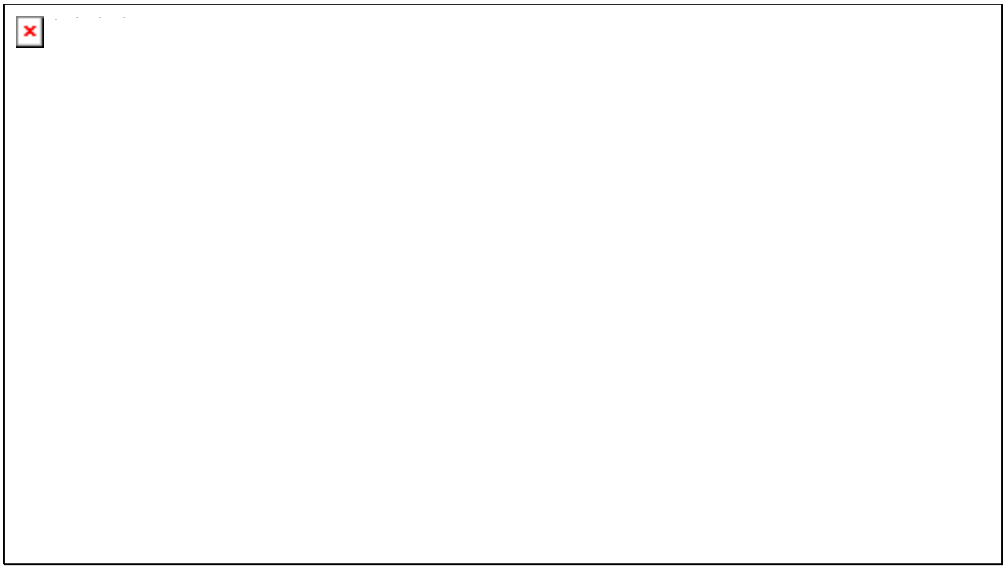

Under the Executive Order, States and eligible entities may use available Federal Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) funds to provide life-changing scholarships to families whose children cannot access in-person learning. Scholarships provided with CSBG funds can help families pay for private school tuition, home schooling, micro schooling, learning-pod expenses, special education services, or tutoring.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **President Trump's executive order will help children and families without access to in-person schooling to secure it with scholarships and other funding mechanisms for private options where public options are not available.**

🕮 **What You Need To Know: President Donald J. Trump Is Expanding Educational Opportunity for America's Children and Families Impacted by the Pandemic**

President's Commission on Law Enforcement - Report Released

On December 22, 2020, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice released it's report following months of virtual meetings, testimony and study. This report represents the first comprehensive study of law enforcement in more than 55 years. Read the report **here**.

On October 28, 2019, President Donald J. Trump signed **Executive Order No. 13896**, which directed the Department of Justice to establish the "Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice." The purpose of the Commission was to conduct a modern study of the state of American policing and determine specific measures to reduce crime and promote the rule

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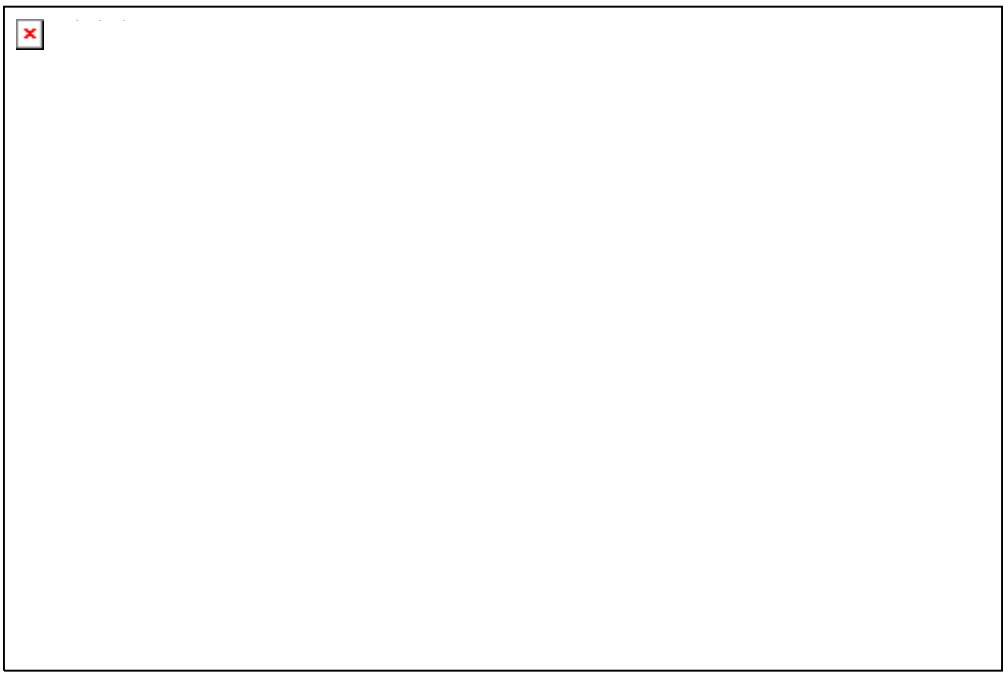
of law. At the conclusion of this study, the Commission was to issue a report.



At a ceremony in **January 2020**, Attorney General Barr announced the establishment of the Commission and the individuals who would serve as commissioners. From January through July, the Commission met formally more than 50 times – adjusting to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic – with the goal of making improvements to American law enforcement for years to come. Throughout that time, the Commission assembled a report that reviewed a variety of important issues affecting law enforcement and their capacity to safeguard American communities.

Operation Legend - Fighting Violent Crime and Delivering Results

On December 23, Attorney General Barr **announced the results** of Operation Legend, which was first launched in Kansas City, Missouri, on **July 8, 2020**, and then expanded to Chicago and Albuquerque, New Mexico, on **July 22, 2020**; to Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on **July 29, 2020**; to St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, on **August 6, 2020**; and to Indianapolis, Indiana, on **August 14, 2020**.

Since Operation Legend's launch on July 8, 2020, over 6,000 arrests – including approximately 467 for homicide – were made; more than 2600 firearms were seized; and more than 32 kilos of heroin, more than 17 kilos of fentanyl, more than 300 kilos of methamphetamine, more than 135

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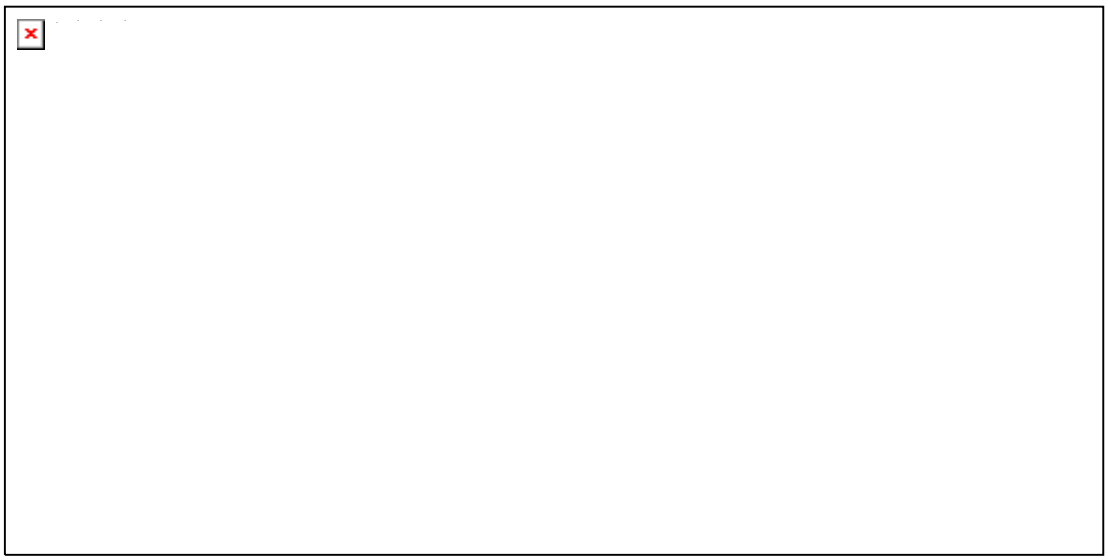
kilos of cocaine, and more than $11 million in drug and other illicit proceeds were seized.



Of the more than 6,000 individuals arrested, approximately 1,500 have been charged with federal offenses. Approximately 815 of those defendants have been charged with firearms offenses, while approximately 566 have been charged with drug-related crimes. The remaining defendants have been charged with various offenses.

The Attorney General launched the operation as a sustained, systematic and coordinated law enforcement initiative in which federal law enforcement agencies work in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials to fight violent crime. Operation Legend is named in honor of four-year-old LeGend Taliferro, who was shot and killed while he slept early in the morning of June 29 in Kansas City.

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And do not forget that the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is tracking Santa Claus as he travels across the globe and the United States. NORAD has been tracking this yearly mission since 1955. Follow Santa online with NORAD's Santa Tracker **here**. The

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NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center is also operational and can be reached at 1 (877) HI-NORAD [1 (877) 446-6723] for information on Santa's location.

🕮 **Read More**: USDA Clears Santa's Reindeer for Entry into the United States

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Christmas at the White House, 2020

The First Family is celebrating their fourth Christmas in the White House. This year's theme, "America the Beautiful," is a tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. From coast to coast, our country is blessed with boundless natural wonders. The timeless treasures represented in this year's holiday showcase remind us of the true American spirit. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home.

🕮 **Read More:** First Lady Melania Trump Unveils the 2020 White House Christmas Décor

First Lady Melania Trump (video): During this special time of the year, I am delighted

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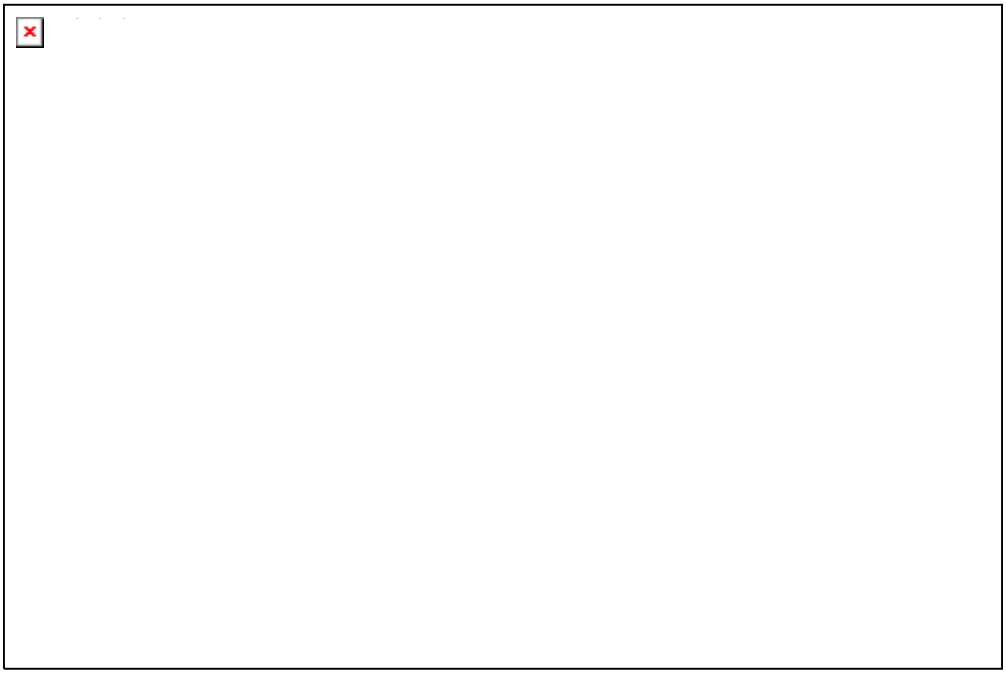
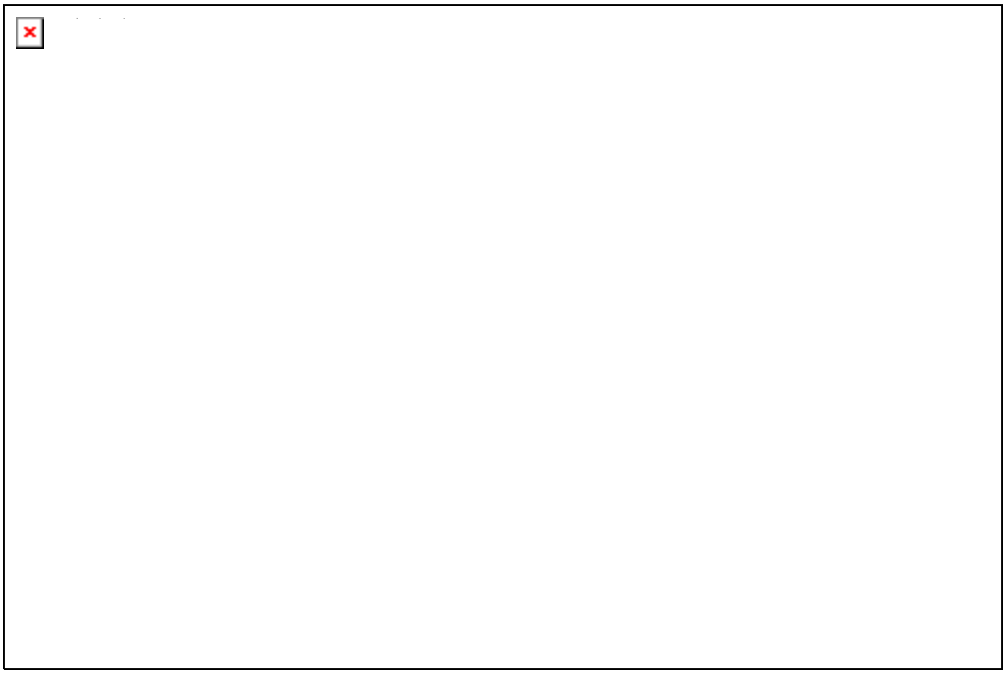
to share "America the Beautiful" and pay tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home. #WHChristmas (view on YouTube **here**)



*Per tradition, the official White House Christmas Tree was delivered to the North Portico via horse-drawn carriage and received by the First Lady. This Fraser fir comes from West Virginia and stands 18' 5" tall! Click **here** to watch a brief video.*



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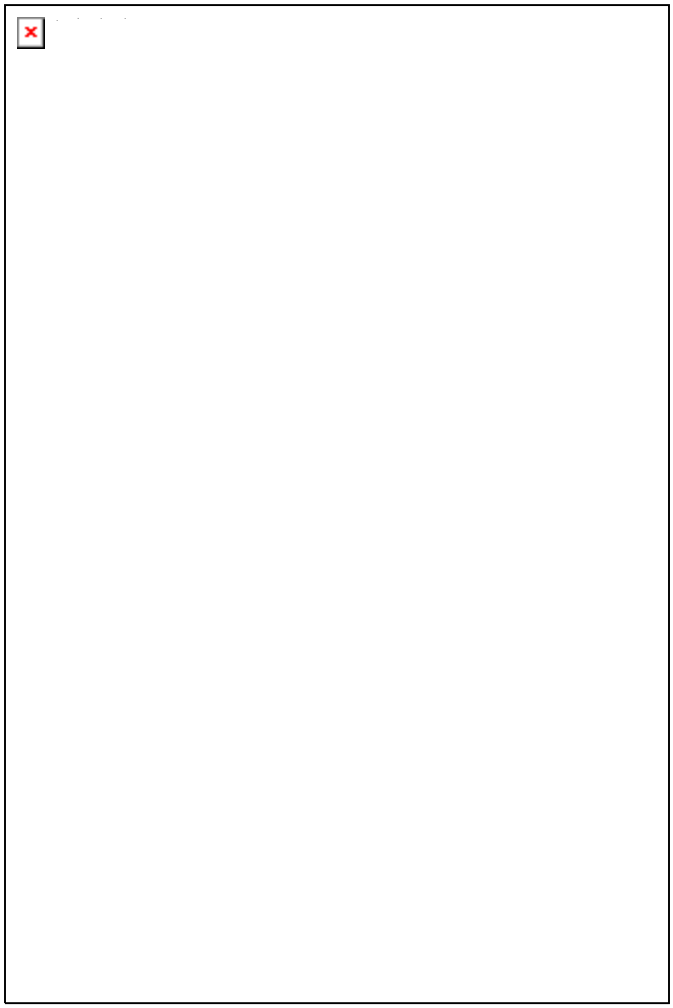
*President Donald J. Trump, joined by First Lady Melania Trump, delivers remarks during the pre-recorded National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, on the Blue Room Balcony of the White House. Watch the virtual ceremony **here**.*



Upon entering the East Wing, visitors are welcomed by The Gold Star Family Tree, an annual tradition among the holiday decorations. Draped in blue, the color of perseverance and justice, it pays tribute to our American heroes and their families who walk beside them in service. This year, families who decorated the tree placed the name of their fallen family member on ribbon that will adorn the tree.

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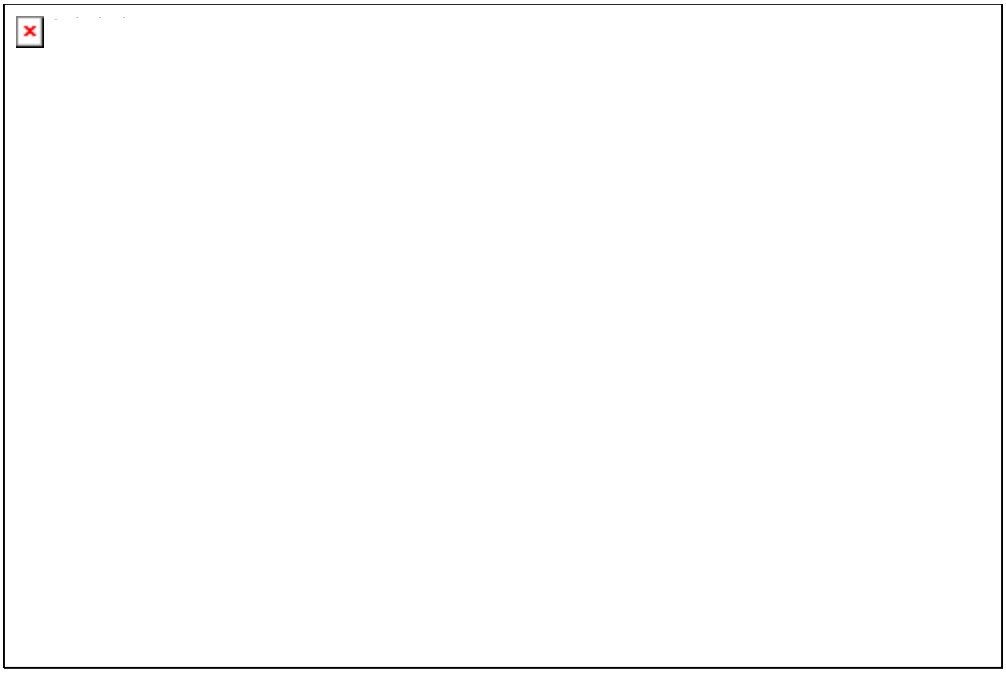
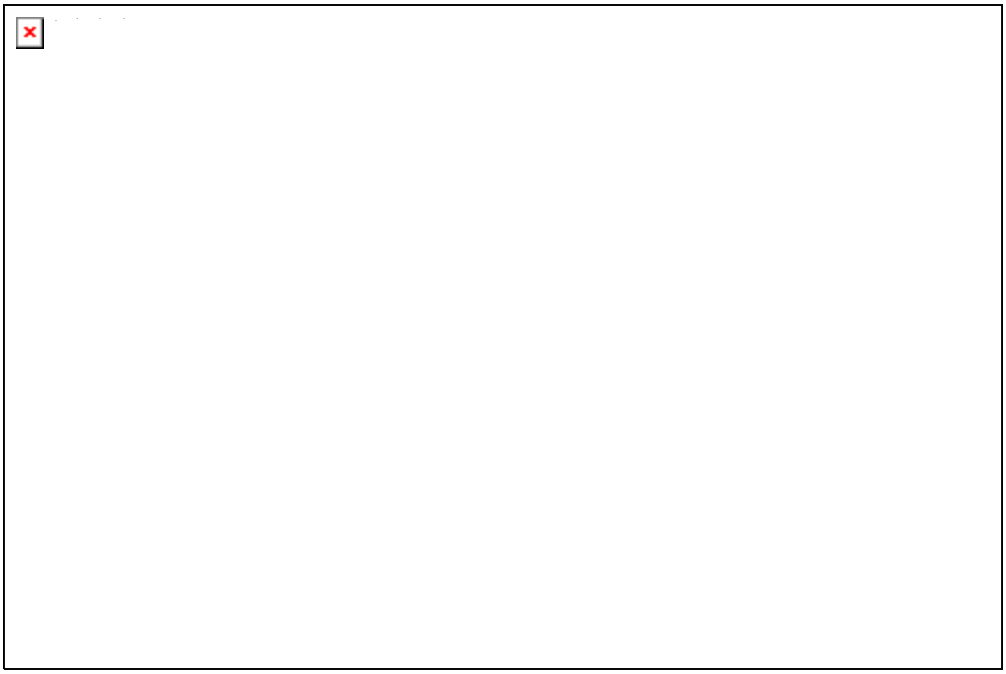


The White House Cross Hall & Grand Foyer overflow with love, joy, peace, hope & faith, revealing the most important gifts of the season. The scene reminds us of the many blessings in our own lives & how grateful we are to call this beautiful land our home.



Out country is a pioneer in the field of innovation and technology and the White House East Room celebrates these monumental triumphs. Planes, trains and automobiles come alive as they race around trees, through the ribbons and between the twinkling lights.

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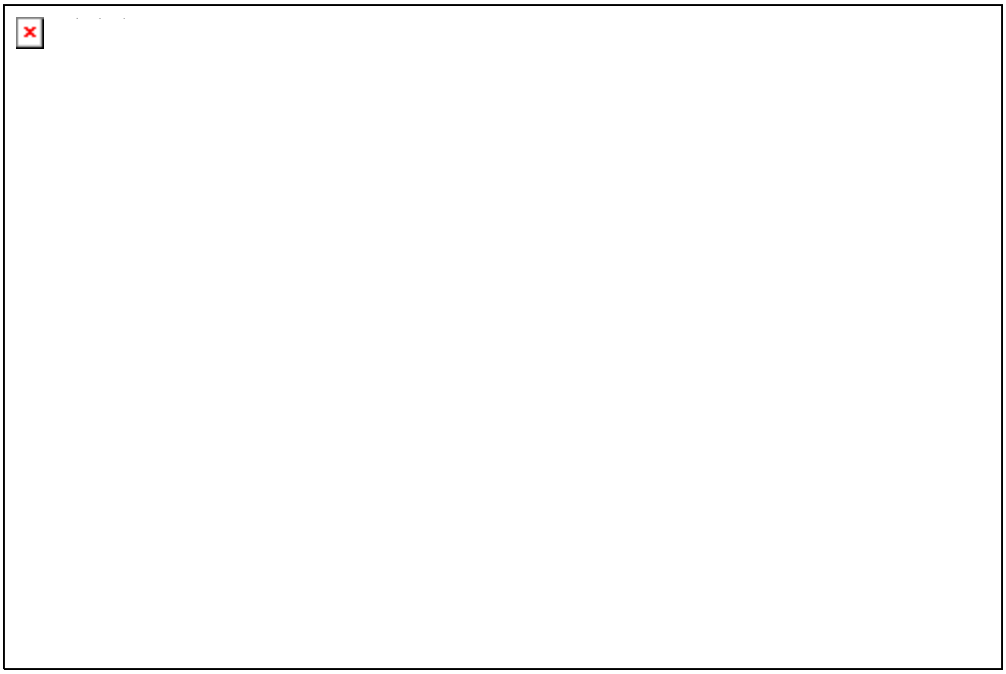
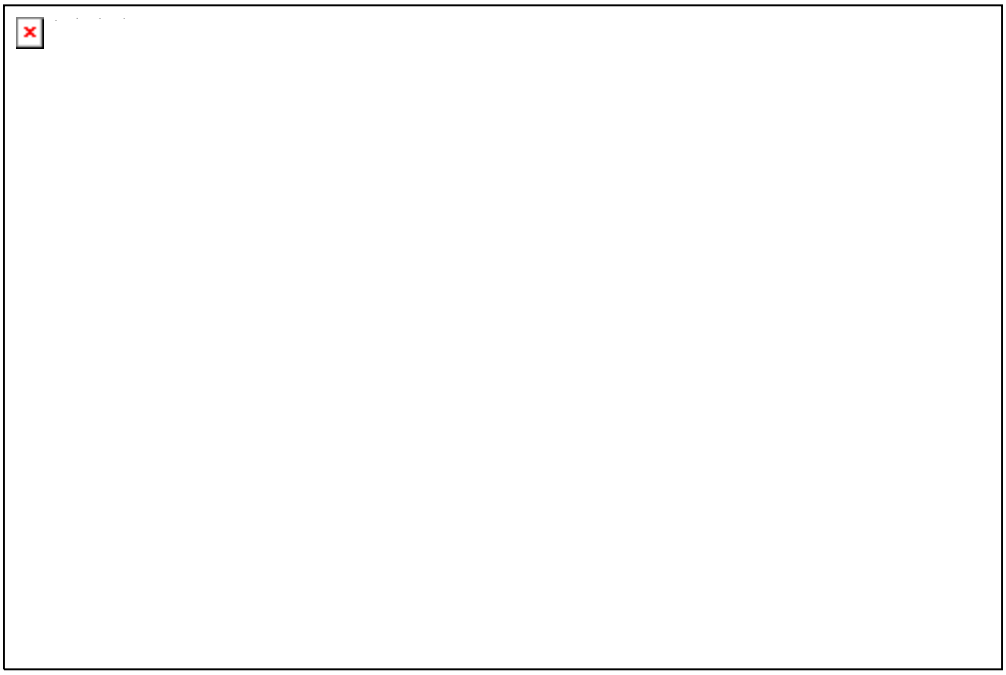


Décor in the White House Library celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Trees are adorned with ornaments featuring notable women in our Nation's history & center tables showcase children's art from the First Lady's #BuildingtheMovement ***exhibit****.*



The White House Green Room showcases the diversity of creatures that call our country home. From birds to butterflies, the beauty of American wildlife shines through the décor, and vignettes

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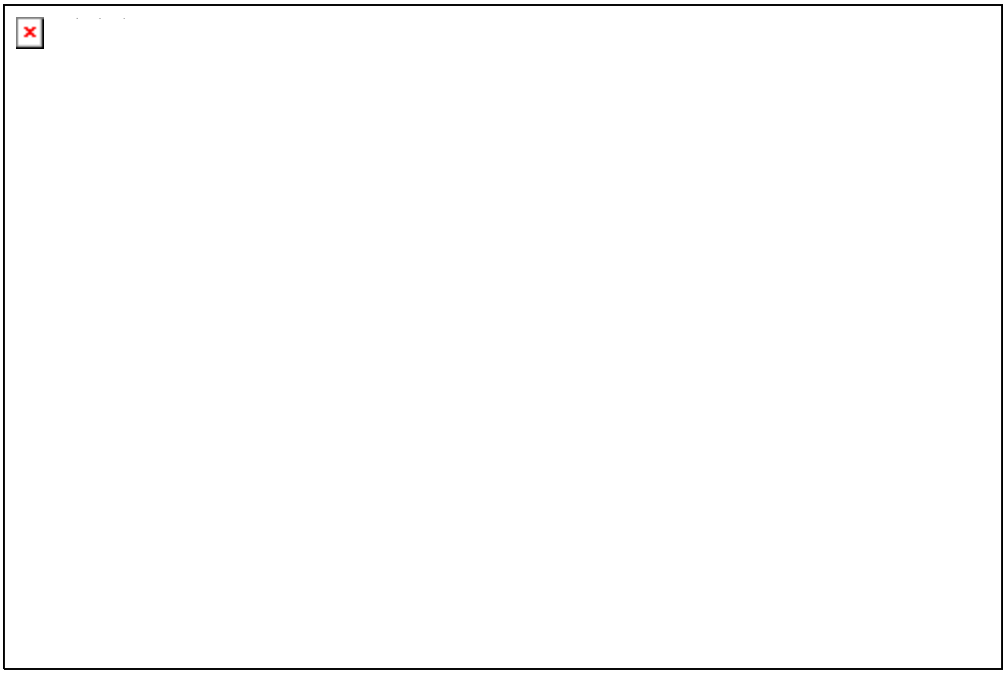
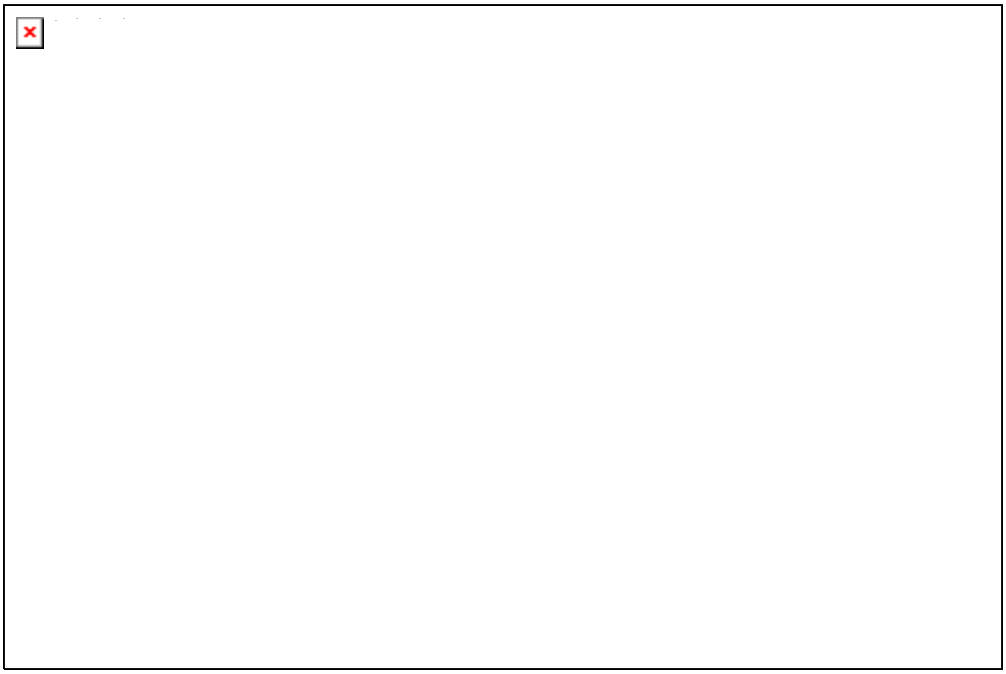
in the windows showcase wildlife that can find refuge among our native landscape.



This year's White House Christmas tree illuminates the Blue Room, featuring ornaments designed by students. The theme of the ornaments is "America Celebrates." The students' ornaments depict what makes each of their states beautiful by highlighting the people, places, and things that capture the spirit of the State they call home. Watch a brief video highlighting the students' work ***here****.*



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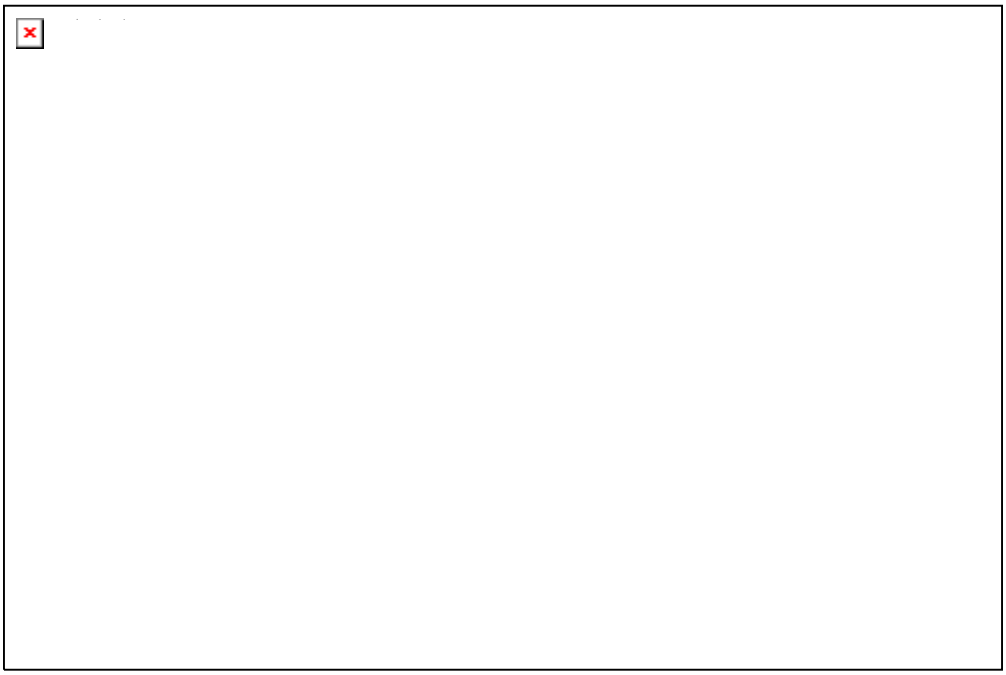

For more than 50 years, one of the most beloved White House Christmas traditions has been the display of elaborate gingerbread houses made by the White House pastry kitchen. This year's Gingerbread House, a delicious masterpiece displayed on the iconic eagle pier table, replicates the West Wing, Executive Residence, East Wing, and—for the first time—the Rose Garden and the First Ladies' Garden.

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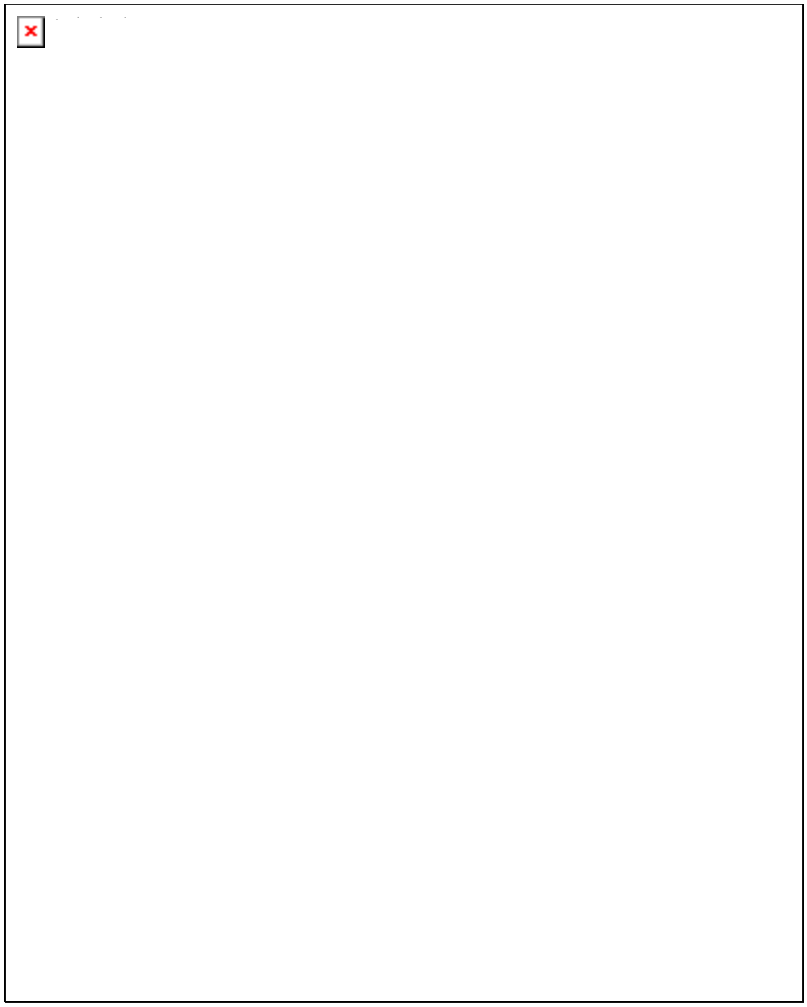

President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump as seen December 10, in their official 2020 Christmas portrait, on the grand staircase of the White House in Washington, D.C. (Official White House Photo by Andrea Hanks)

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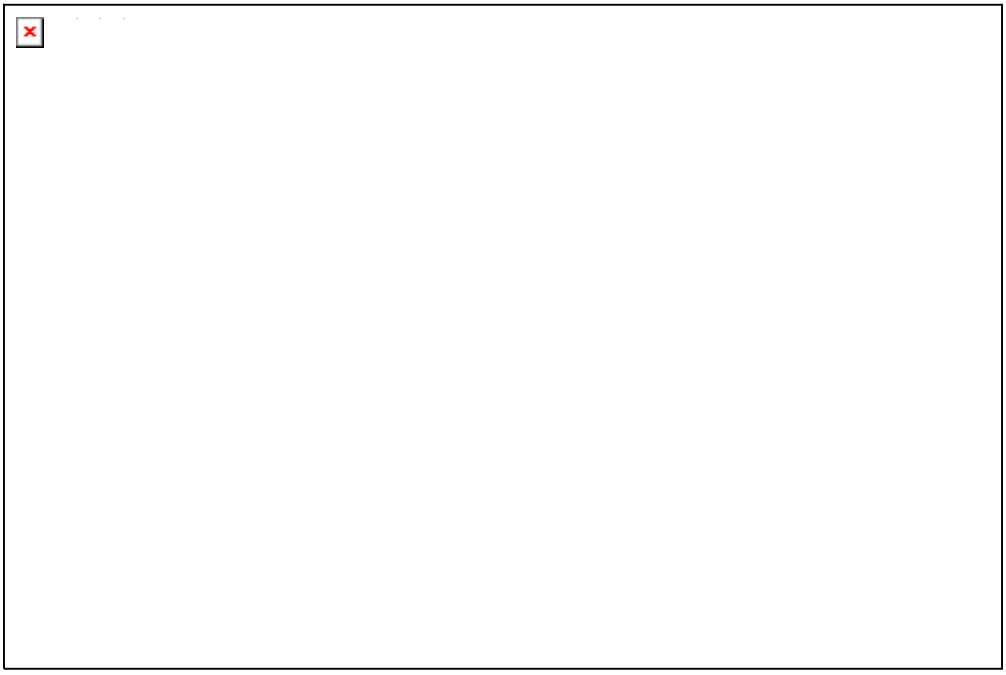

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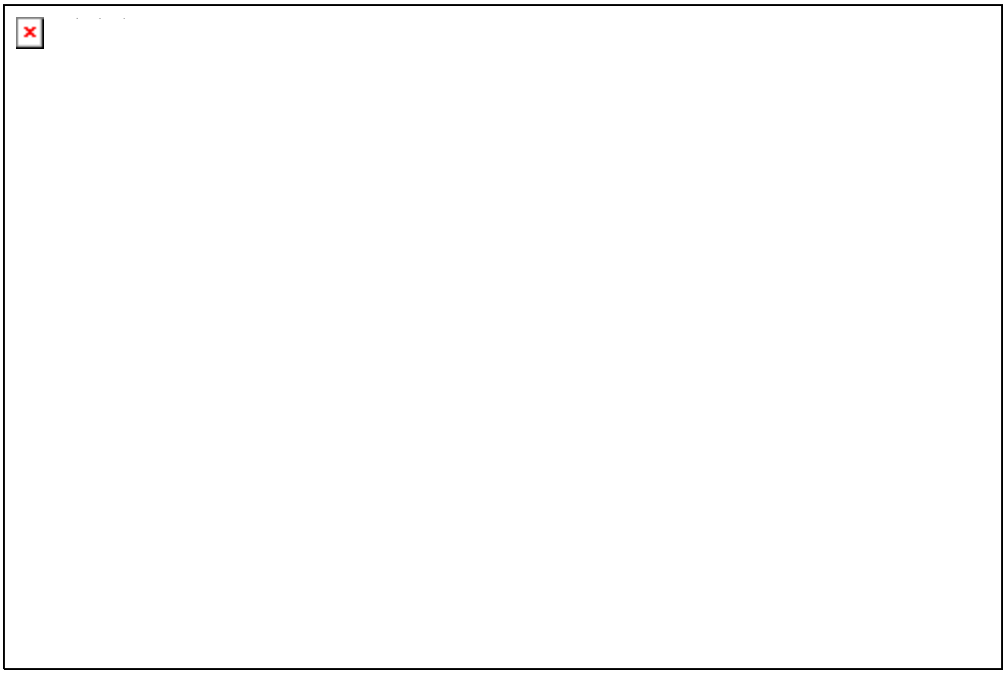

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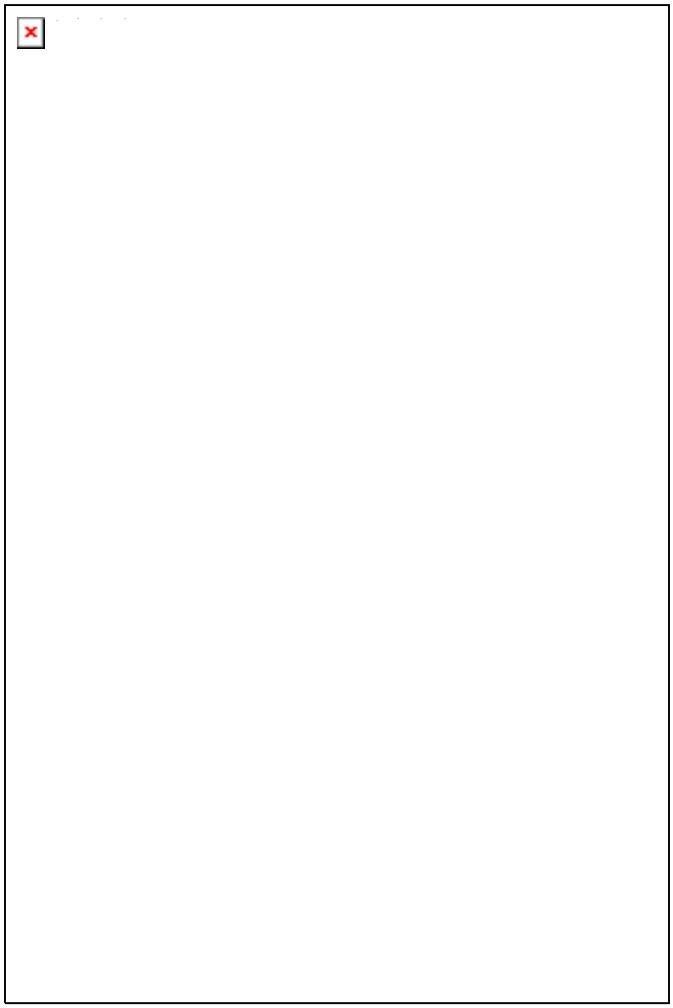

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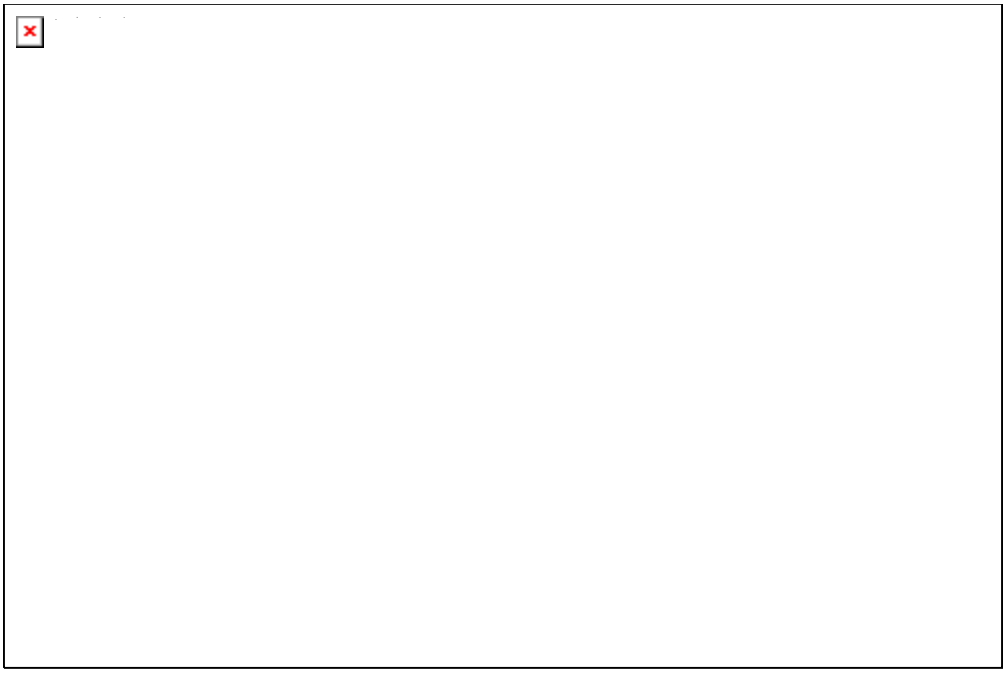

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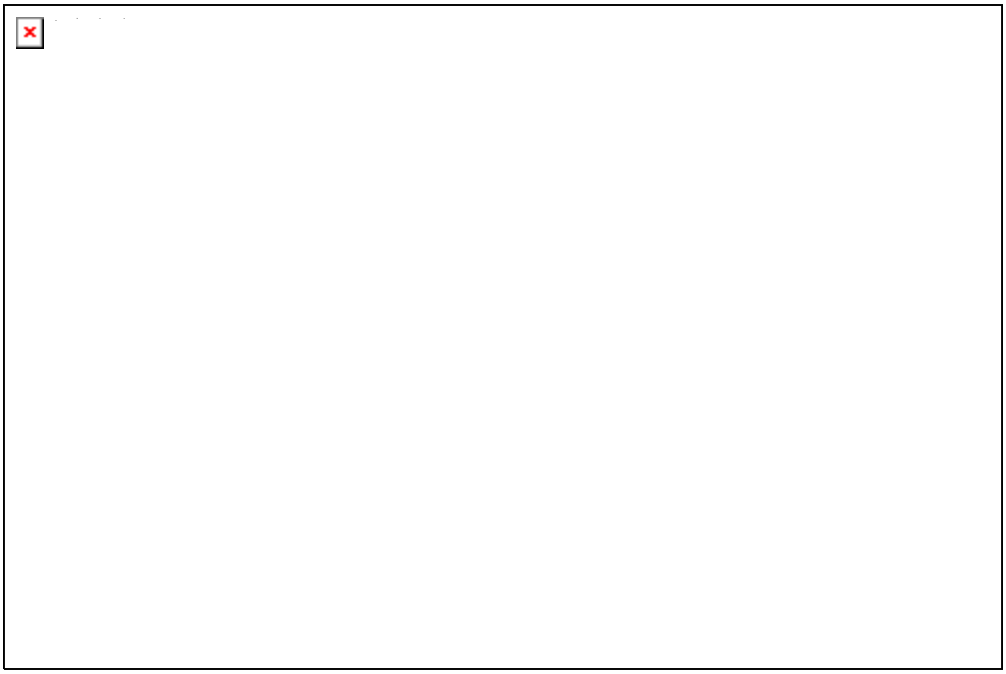

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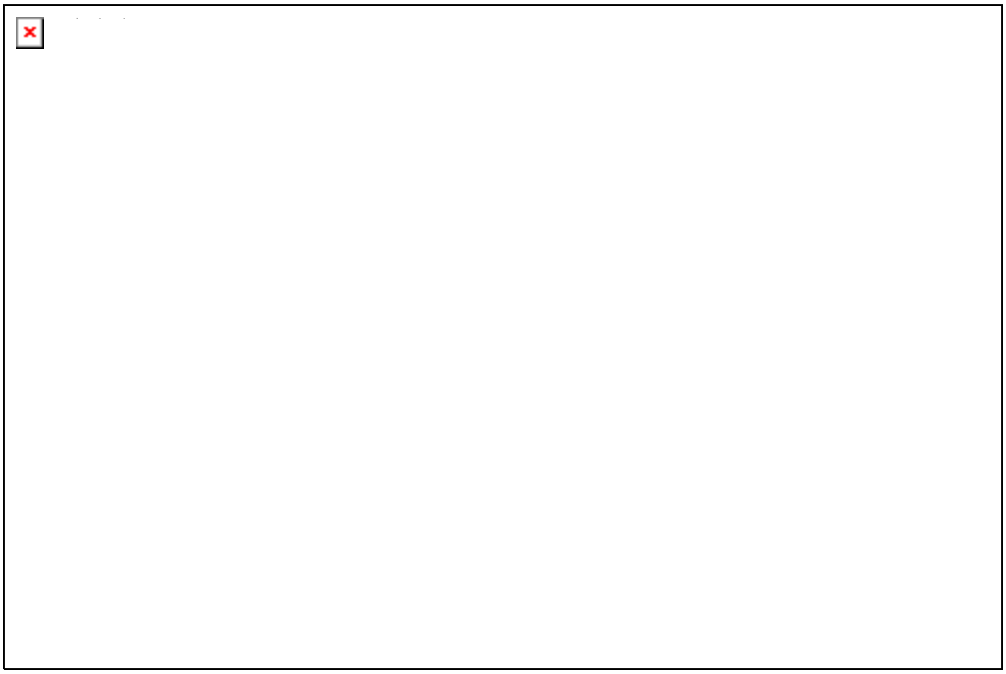

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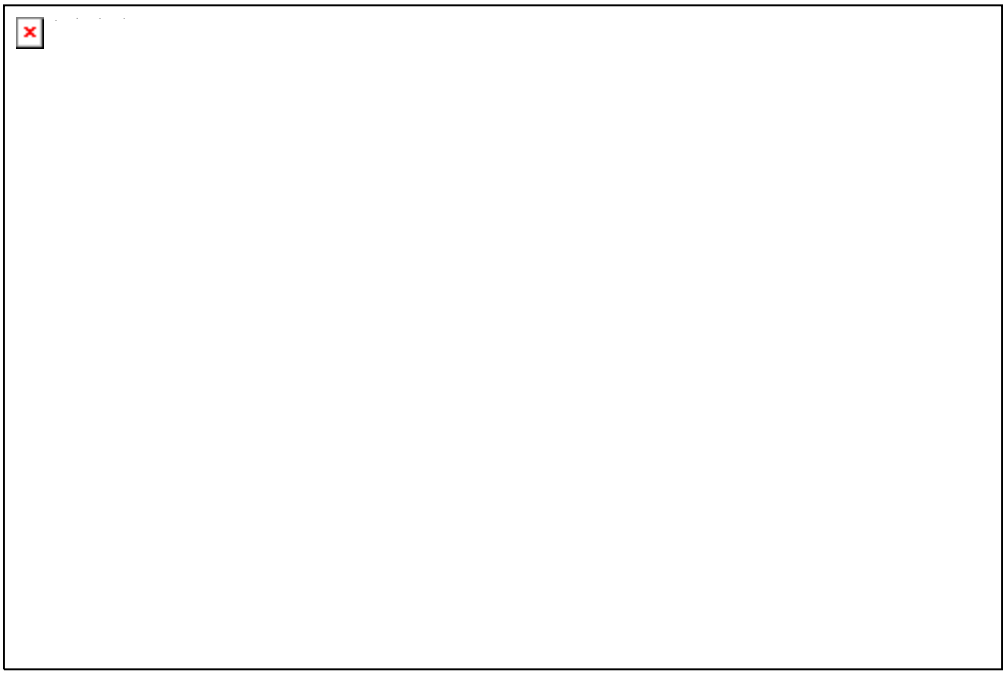

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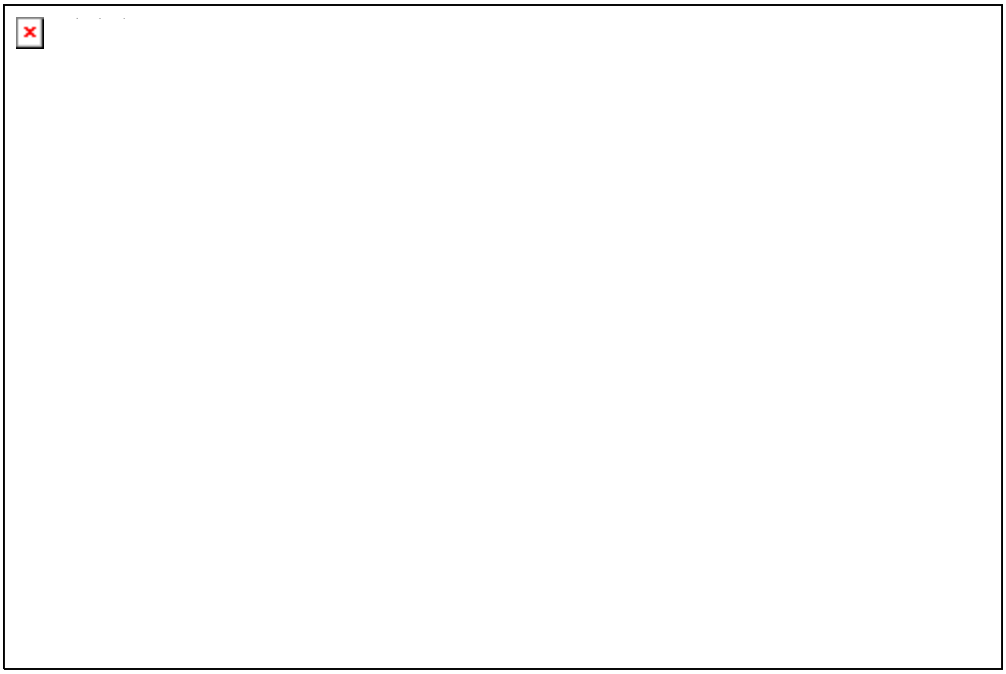

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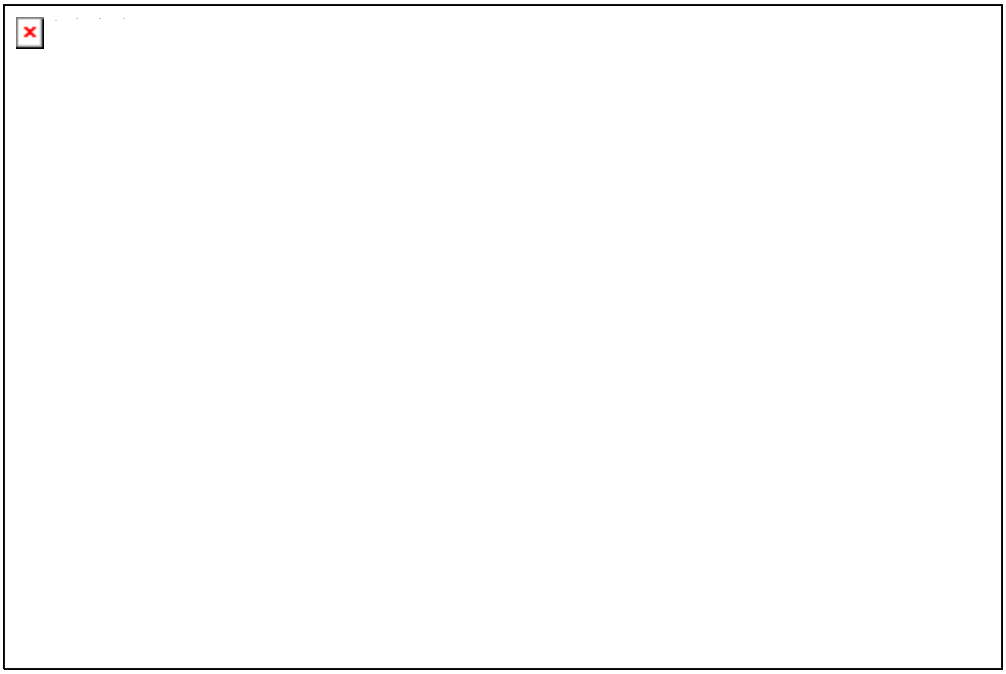

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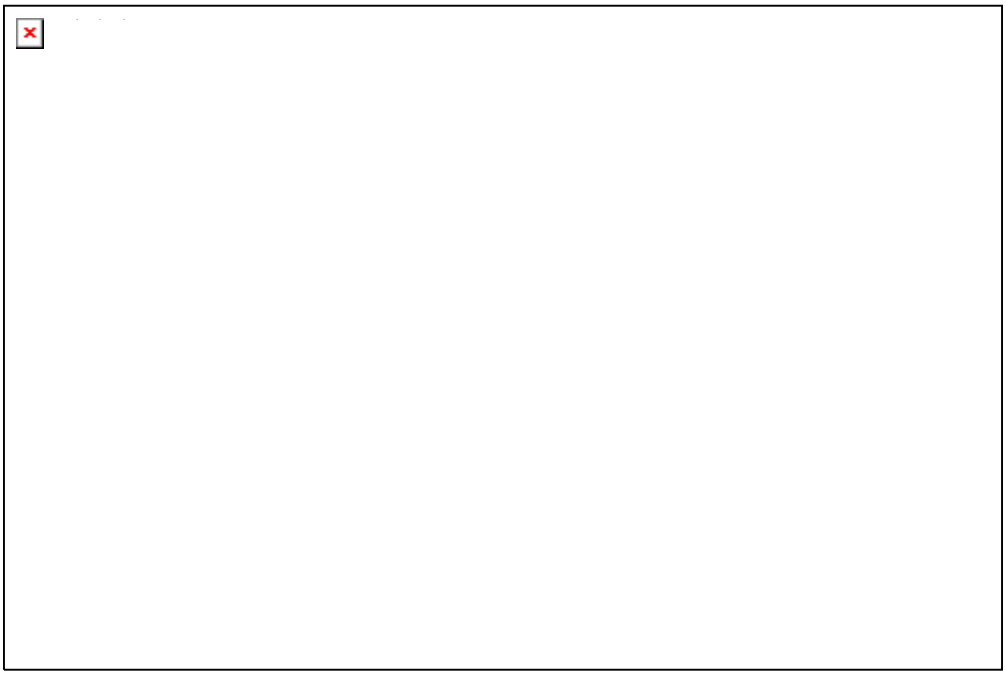

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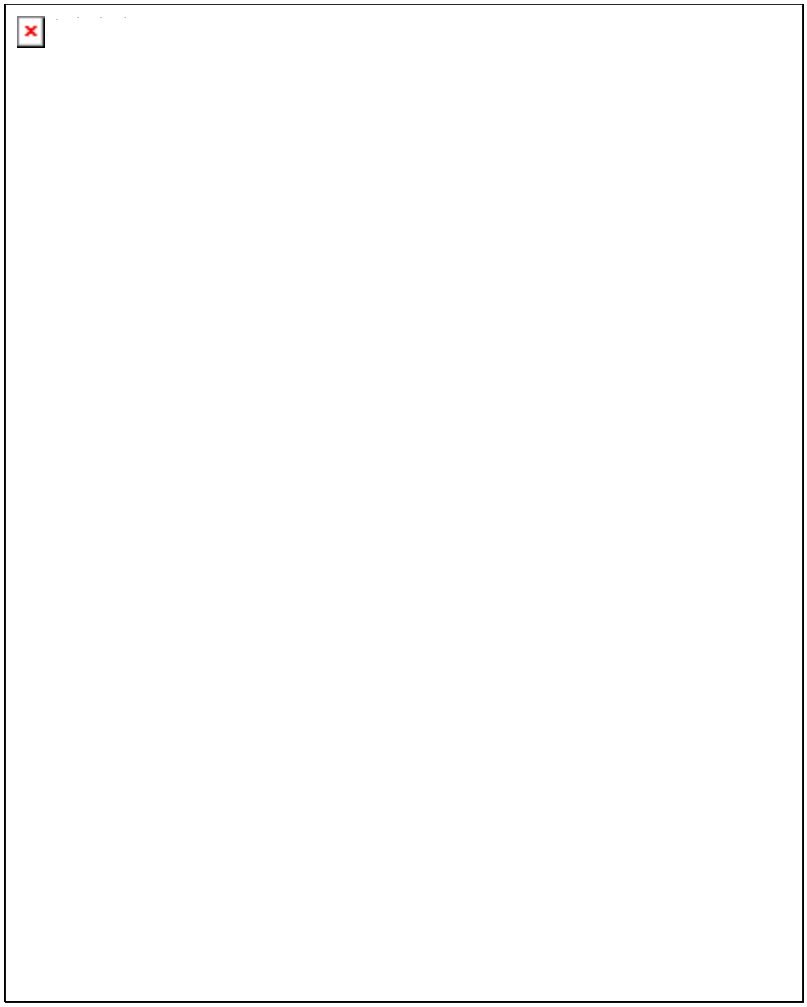

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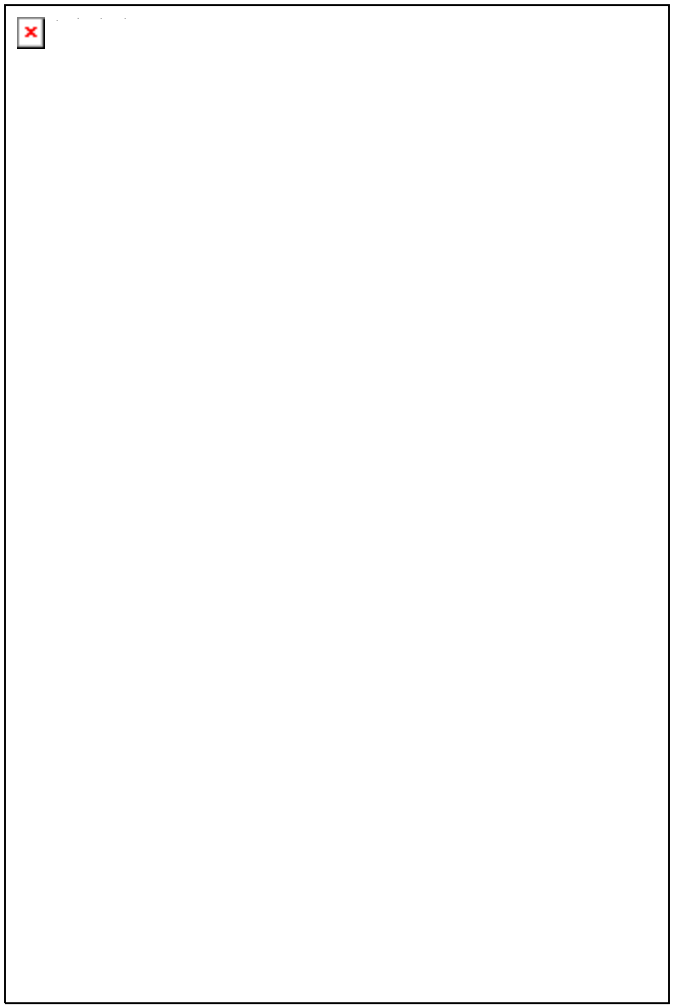

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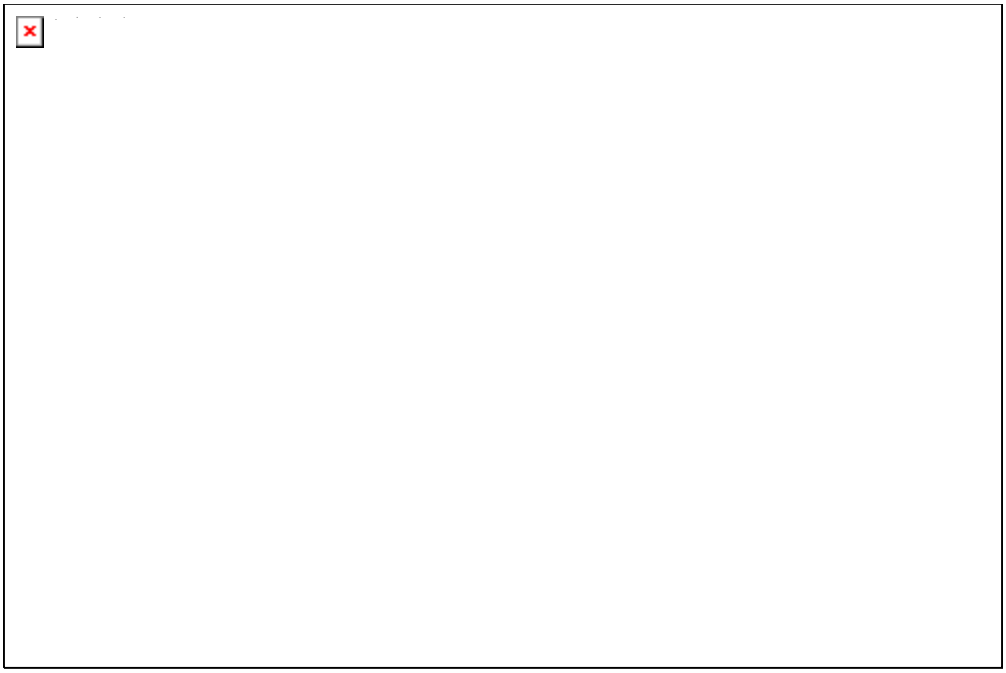

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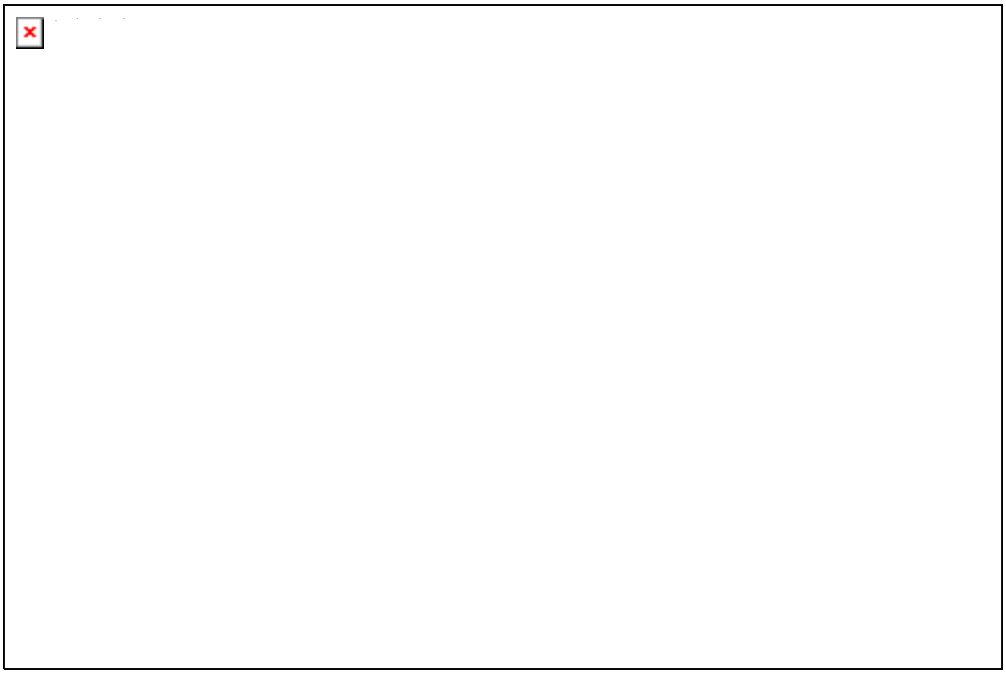

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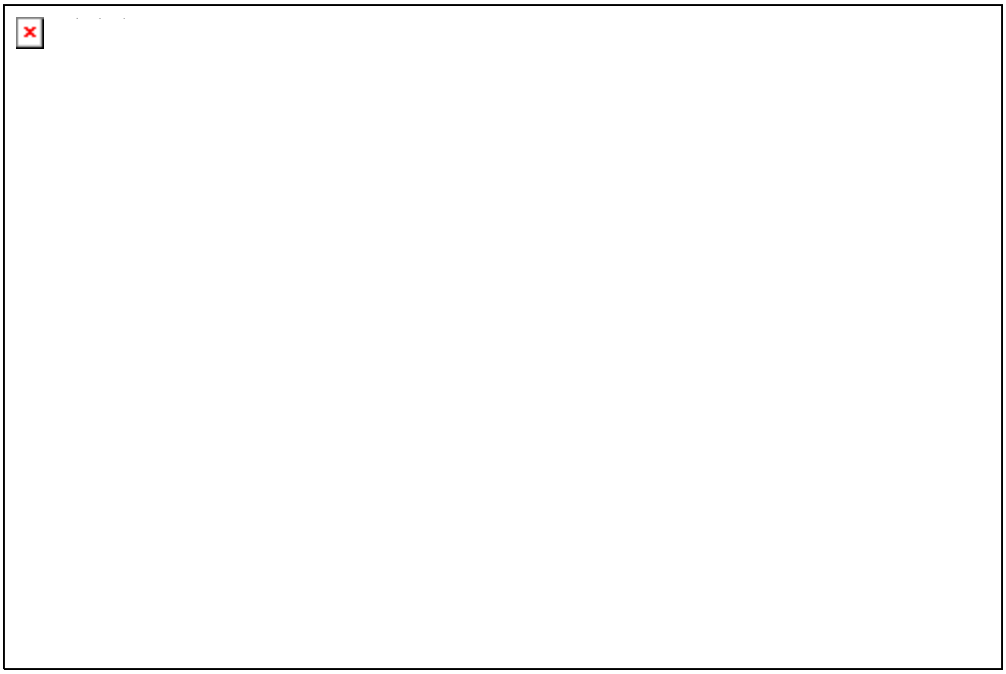

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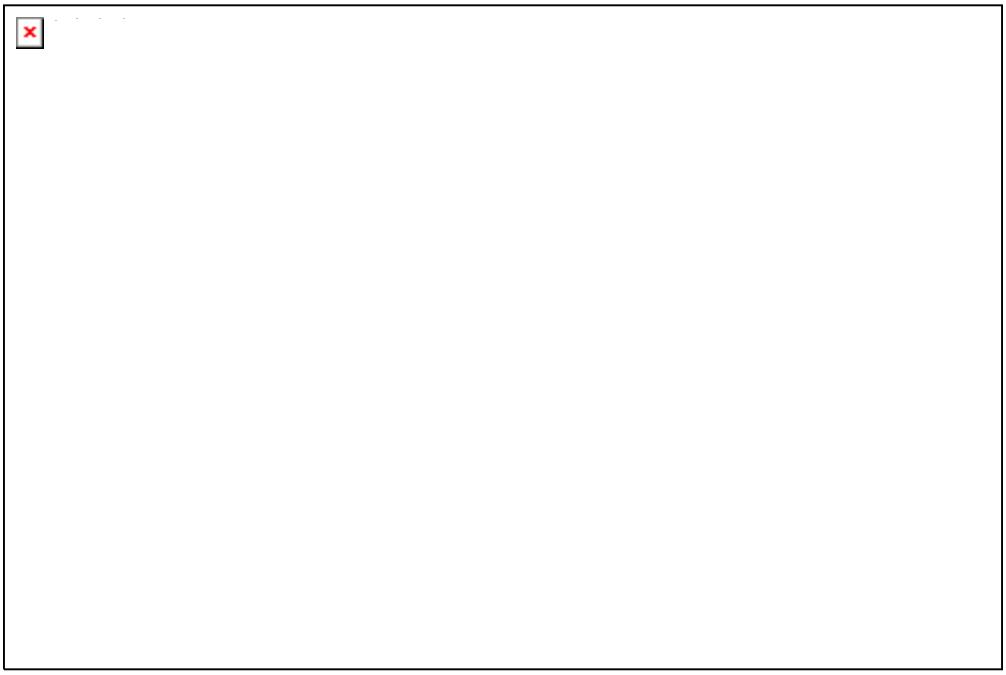

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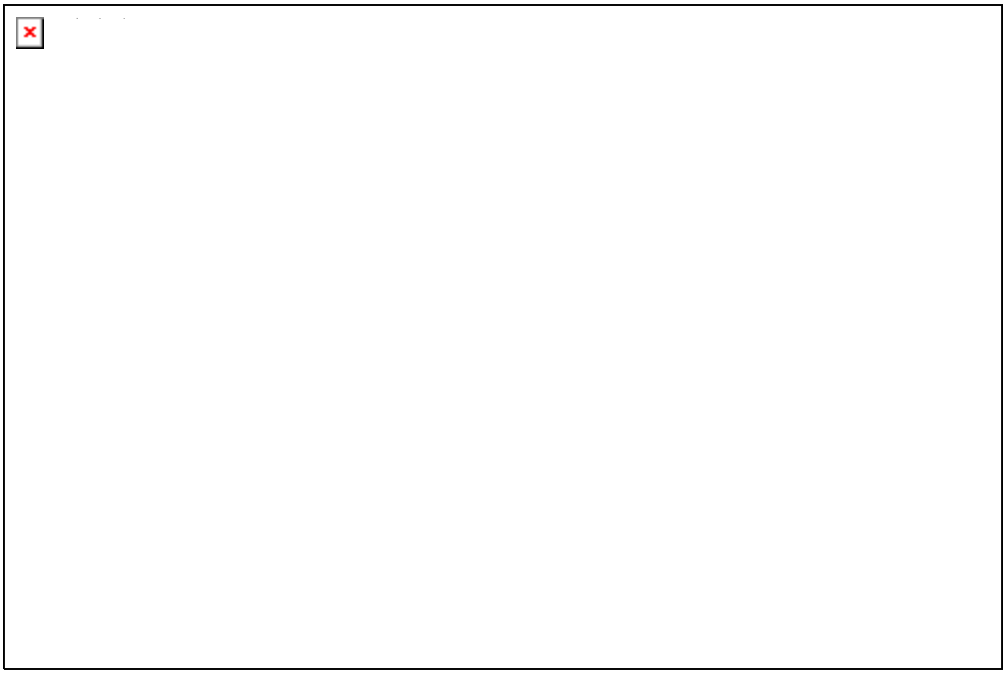

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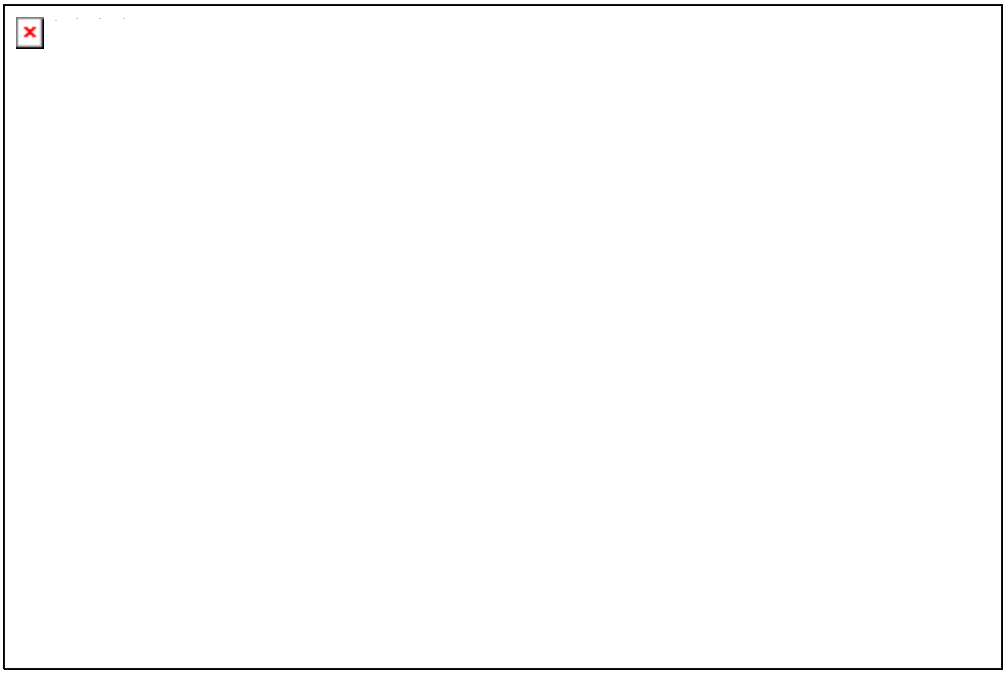

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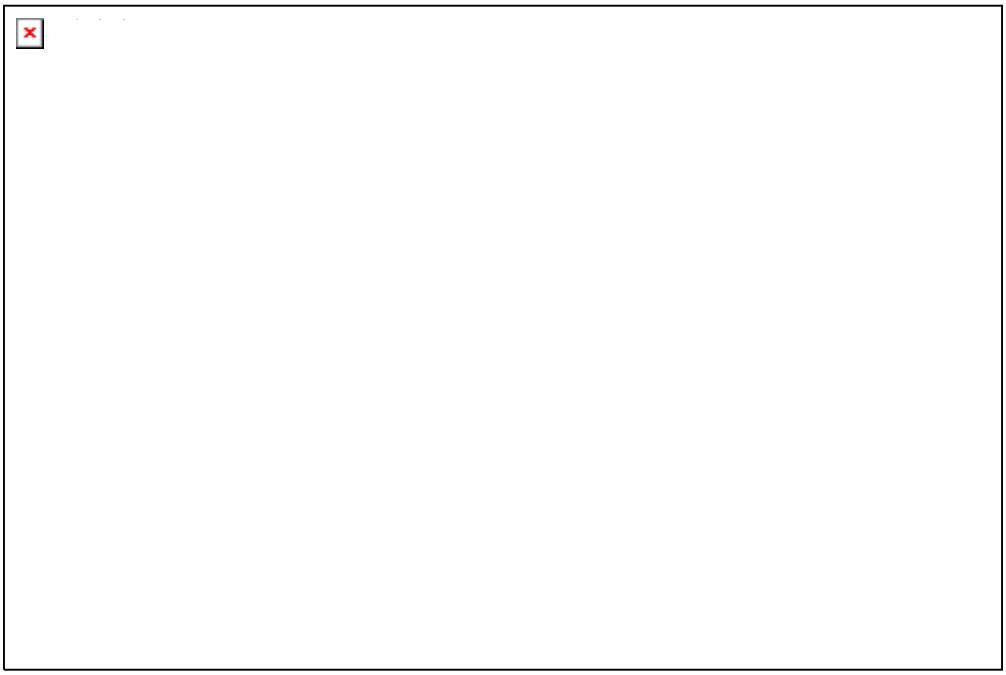

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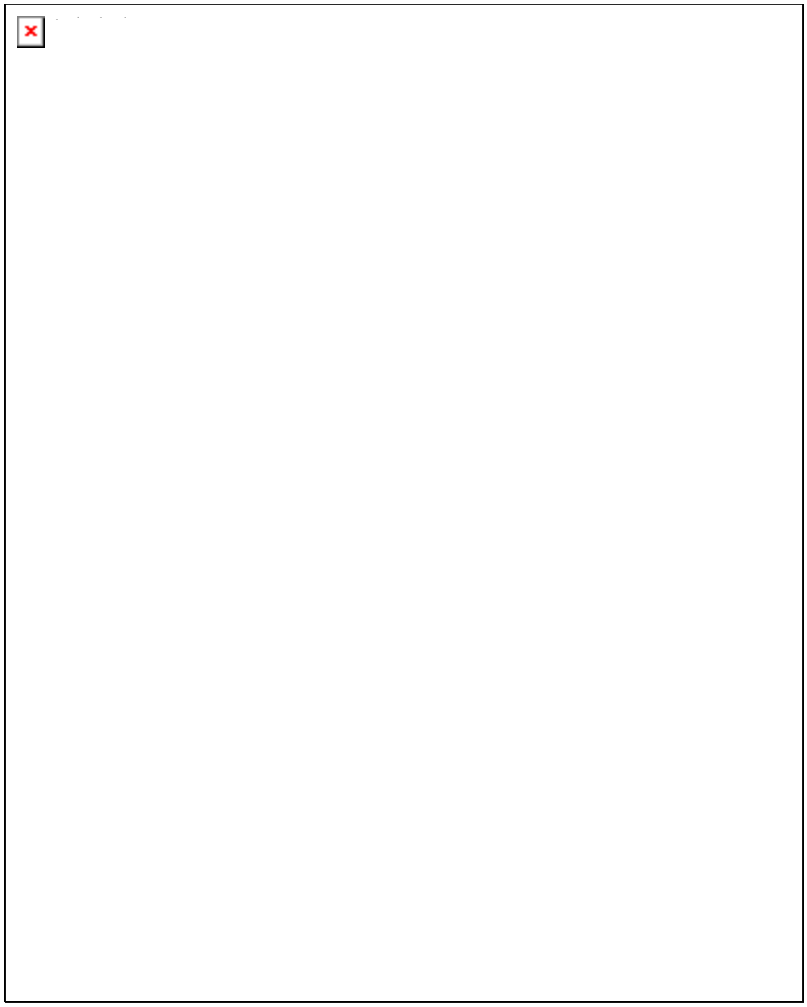

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | December 21, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this past week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, January 6.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes:

- COVID-19 Update 🕮 First Vaccine Administered; Second Vaccine Authorized; Vice President Pence Receives Vaccine 🕮
- 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
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- Executive Order on Increasing Economic and Geographic Mobility
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- President Trump Signs Legislation Authorizing Women's Suffrage Monument
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We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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🚨 COVID-19 Vaccines Update 🚨

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President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA! Congratulations WORLD!

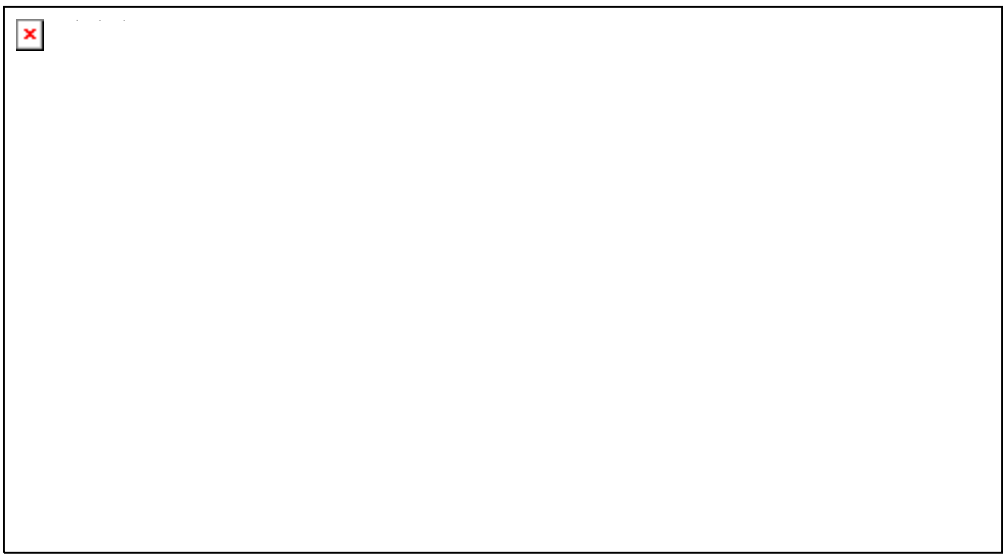
Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

WilliamCrozer45: Great to see State & local officials highlighting #COVID19 #vaccine arrival in their communities. Through President @realDonaldTrump's leadership & the unprecedented public-private collaboration driven by Operation Warp Speed, a safe & effective vaccine is here in record time.

Read More: HHS Secretary Azar - How Operation Warp Speed Delivered a COVID Vaccine in Record Time

Watch: @SecAzar and @Surgeon_General observe the administration of some of the nation's first doses of a #COVID19 vaccine to frontline healthcare workers at @GWHospital.

The vaccine, produced by Pfizer, was issued emergency use authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday, December 11. The EUA authorizes the distribution of Pfizer's vaccine across the United States to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. Find a helpful Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.



Click here to watch President Trump's address.

On December 11, 2020, President Donald J. Trump addressed the Nation from the Oval Office at the White House to announce the first authorized COVID-19 vaccine that will be administered to Americans within 48 hours of distribution to states.

As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say

HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly $227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities

HHS Extends Coverage for Qualified National Guard Personnel to Administer Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines

Indian Health Service Allocates Vaccines for Urban Indian Organizations

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For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **FDA Plans for Monitoring Approved COVID-19 Vaccines Explained**

Second COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

On Friday, December 18, **the FDA authorized a second COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna**. This critical emergency use authorization and subsequent distribution of the vaccine to the American people is an important step in increasing the available vaccine supply. Per Operation Warp Speed, the federal government **will immediately begin distribution** of 5.9 million does of the Moderna vaccine.

President Donald J. Trump: Congratulations, the Moderna vaccine is now available!

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **The public-private partnership of #OperationWarpSpeed has helped Moderna, an American startup, become one of the first two companies to receive FDA authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine.**

HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

Last week, Vice President Pence, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, and CDC Director Robert Redfield visited Catalent, a Moderna partner located in Indiana, to tour their vaccine manufacturing facility and participate in a vaccine distribution roundtable.

Vice President Pence Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

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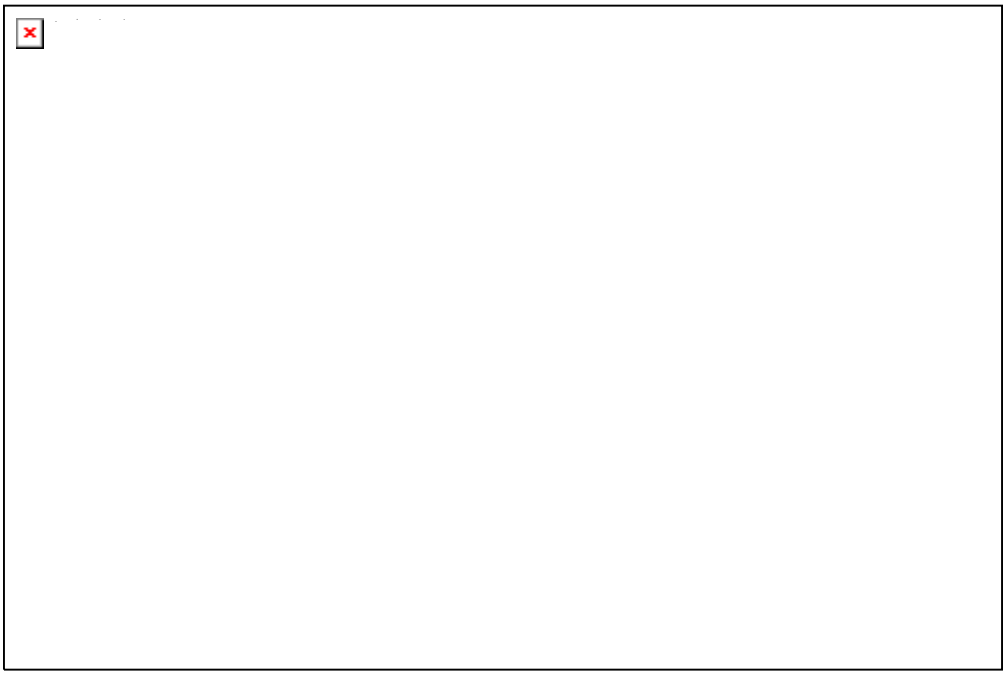

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Vice President Mike Pence: We gather at the end of a historic week to affirm to the American people that hope is on the way. @SecondLady & I were honored to step forward and receive the Safe and Effective Coronavirus Vaccine and we hope it will be a source of confidence & comfort for the American people.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: I've never been more excited or proud to #SleeveUp

🎬 **Watch: Vice President Pence Gives Remarks Before Receiving Vaccine**

Readout from the 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

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WilliamCrozer45: **Just concluded the 32nd @WhiteHouse Intergovernmental Affairs National #COVID19 Briefing Call with stakeholders. Joined by @HHSGOV, @US_FDA, & @CDCgov to talk all things #covid19 #vaccine and the important role of State/Local/Tribal leaders. Together, we will defeat the virus!**

Participants on the December 16th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Paul Mango, *Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Hunan Services*
- Stephen Hahn, M.D., *Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration*
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Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 44 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Executive Order on Economic and Geographic Mobility

On December 14, 2020, President Trump **signed** the Executive Order on Increasing Economic and Geographic Mobility. Developed in consultation with State and local leaders, the President's Executive Order challenges State and local leaders to continue to remove unnecessary barriers and to empower American workers with workforce freedom and mobility.

The Executive Order (EO) outlines six principles for State and local governments should follow to alleviate occupational licensing burdens, which particularly impact lower income workers and small businesses. The EO specifically references Arizona, Florida, Iowa and Missouri as model examples of States to follow in enacting occupational licensing reform.

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Ivanka Trump: **This week, POTUS signed an EO to reduce unnecessary licensing regs & expand opportunities across America. In 1950, 1 in 20 workers needed a license for a job & today over 1 in 4 are required to have one to work. We're cutting unneeded regs & working hard to create better+more opportunity!**

📖 **READ MORE:** **Deregulation is Spurring Growth** (by Brooke Rollins - Director, White House Domestic Policy Council - and Doug Hoelscher -Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs)

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country. Since the Trump Administration launched the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in October 2019:

- **Iowa**, **Idaho**, **Missouri**, and **Utah** joined Arizona in enacting universal occupational licensing reform.
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- At least 15 governors highlighted and called for occupational licensing reforms in their State of the State speech or legislative agenda.
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Additional Resources

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- **The President's Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility**
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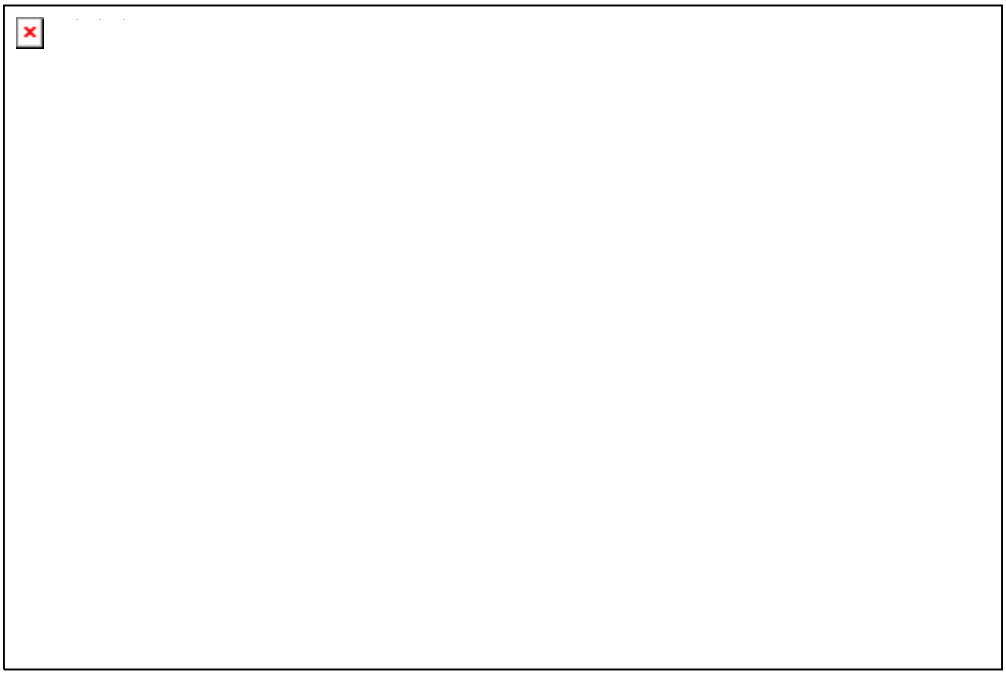
Safe Policing for Safe Communities HHS Report Released

President Donald J. Trump signed the **Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities** on June 16, 2020 to address problems that inhibit the rule of law while holding police misconduct accountable. This week, HHS released a report required under the EO covering the mental health resources that the law enforcement community, mental health community, and State and local leaders can use to support both our law enforcement and communities alike.



President Donald J. Trump signs an executive order on safe policing for safe communities Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in the Rose Garden of the White House.

SAMHSA: **Dr. McCance-Katz, Asst Secy for Mental Health and Substance Use,**

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participated in the @WhiteHouse presentation of the Safe Policing for Safe Communities report, a very important step in advancing evidence-based treatment for mental illness in communities https://go.usa.gov/xAgka

Background: Signed by President Trump in June 2016, the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities directs the Administration to seek reforms that improve the relationship between law enforcement and all communities. The Executive Order represents a commitment by the President and the Administration to support – not defund – the brave men and women of law enforcement by providing them with necessary resources to implement best practices and protect the communities they serve. Among others, key provisions include: credentialing of police departments for use-of-force and de-escalation standards; information-sharing related to excessive force adjudications against law enforcement personnel; mental health support for police officers, as well as programs to include social workers as co-responders for incidents involving those who may mentally ill, homeless or drug-addicted.

📝 **READ MORE**: **Executive Order Safe Policing for Safe Communities: Addressing Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction Report**

📝 **READ MORE**: **The Department of Justice Announces Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies**

WI State Rep. Barbara Dittrich: **Today I was privileged to attend the @WhiteHouse Briefing on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. It was encouraging to see how this plan is already transforming training for officers, especially in the areas of mental health & substance abuse. https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO**

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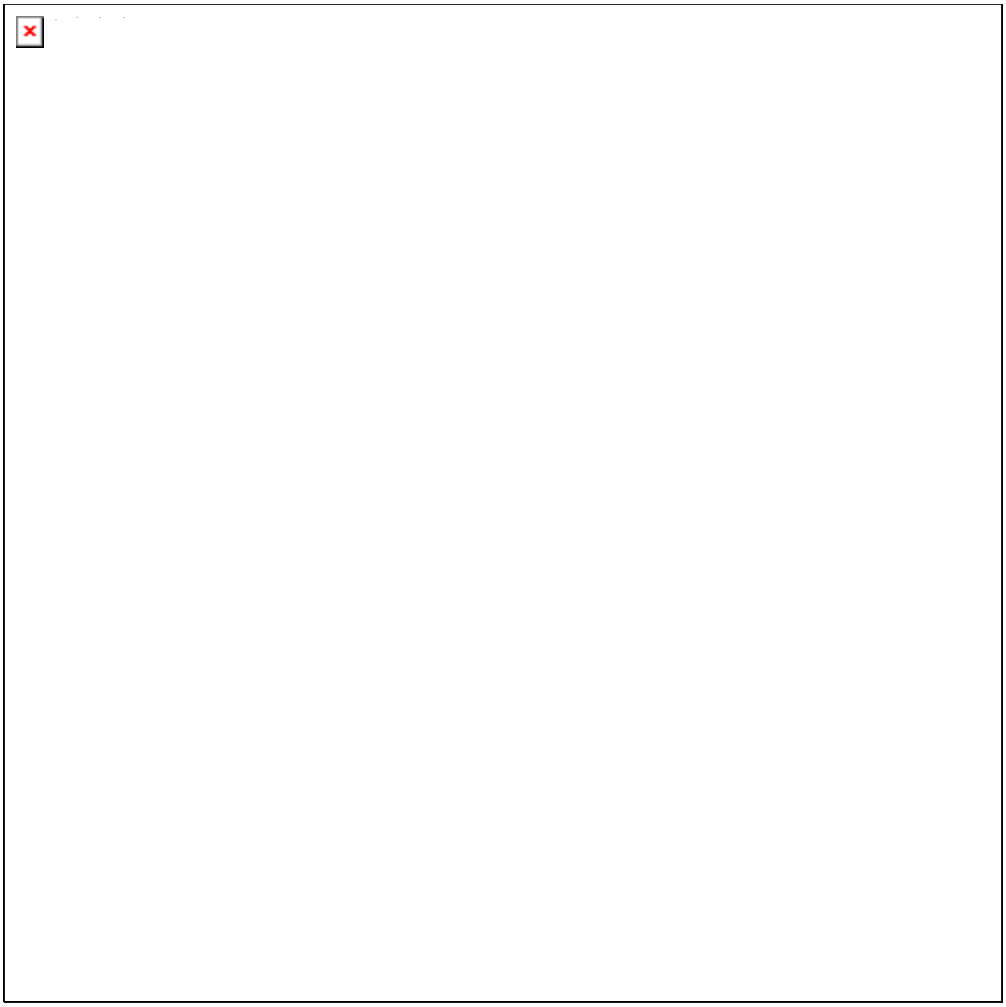

On Thursday, December 17, President Trump signed legislation - *Every Word We Utter* - authorizing an outdoor federal monument in Washington, D.C. to the women's suffrage movement to honor the activists who won women the right to vote. The sculpture by Jane DeDecker features historical women who contributed to women's rights, including Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Ida B. Wells. It will be placed near the U.S. Supreme Court.

First Lady Melania Trump: **Yesterday @POTUS signed a bill authorizing the "Every Word We Utter" Monument. This landmark will serve as a tribute to the brave women who devoted their life to the women's suffrage movement, the ratification of the 19th Amendment, & those who still fight for women's equality.**

Earlier this year, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation** on the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which secured the right to vote for women and marked a monumental step towards the "more perfect Union" envisioned by our Founders.

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The White House: [This morning, President @realDonaldTrump was joined by @FLOTUS, @SBAJovita, and more as he signed a proclamation in honor of the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage.]

First Lady Melania Trump: [100 years ago today, the #19thAmendment was ratified, securing the right to vote for American women. Today, @POTUS signed a proclamation recognizing this historic anniversary & we celebrate the countless contributions of women throughout our Nation's history. #SuffrageMonth]

President Trump also issued an Executive Grant of Clemency (Full Pardon) posthumously to Susan B. Anthony, a peerless advocate for women's suffrage, for a wrongful and unjust conviction stemming from the only vote she ever cast in an election. As we [commemorate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment]—known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment—this grant of full clemency recognizes and pays tribute to the advocacy, perseverance, and leadership of a truly remarkable woman and an American hero.

Regulatory Definition of "Habitat" Under Endangered Species Act Finalized

On Tuesday, December 15, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service - announced a final regulatory definition of the term "habitat" that will be used for designating critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The definition is part of the efforts of the Trump Administration to balance effective, science-based conservation with common-sense policy designed to bring the ESA into the 21st century.

The final definition of habitat is, "For the purposes of designating critical habitat only, habitat is the abiotic and biotic setting that currently or periodically contains the resources and conditions necessary to support one or more life processes of a species."

This definition explicitly limits the term habitat to apply only to critical habitat designations under the ESA, and no previously finalized critical habitat designations will be reevaluated as a result of its establishment.

📖 **Read More:** [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries Finalize Regulatory

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for State, local, and Tribal officials | December 21, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this past week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, January 6.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes:

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President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA! Congratulations WORLD!

Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

WilliamCrozer45: Great to see State & local officials highlighting #COVID19 #vaccine arrival in their communities. Through President @realDonaldTrump's leadership & the unprecedented public-private collaboration driven by Operation Warp Speed, a safe & effective vaccine is here in record time.

Read More: HHS Secretary Azar - How Operation Warp Speed Delivered a COVID Vaccine in Record Time

Watch: @SecAzar and @Surgeon_General observe the administration of some of the nation's first doses of a #COVID19 vaccine to frontline healthcare workers at @GWHospital.

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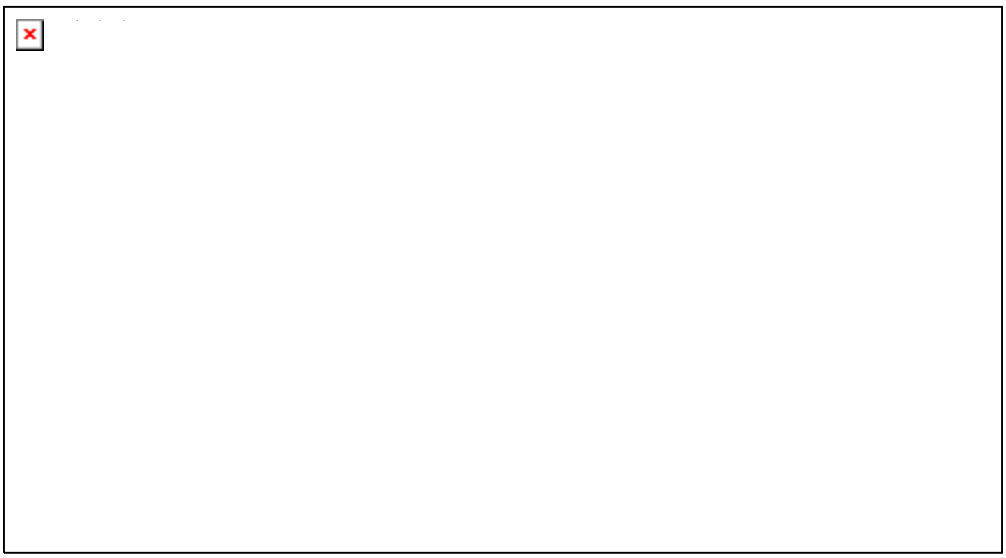

Click here to watch President Trump's address.

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Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say

HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly $227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities

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For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
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President Donald J. Trump: Congratulations, the Moderna vaccine is now available!

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **The public-private partnership of #OperationWarpSpeed has helped Moderna, an American startup, become one of the first two companies to receive FDA authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine.**

HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

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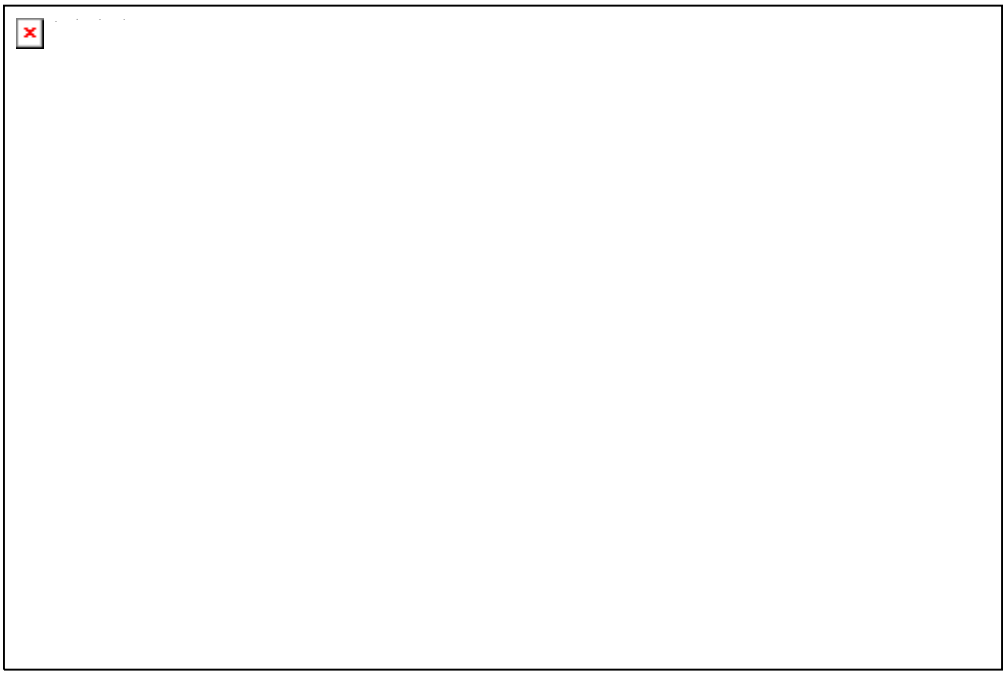

📖 **Read More: Remarks by Vice President Pence at a Safe and Effective Vaccine Confidence Event**

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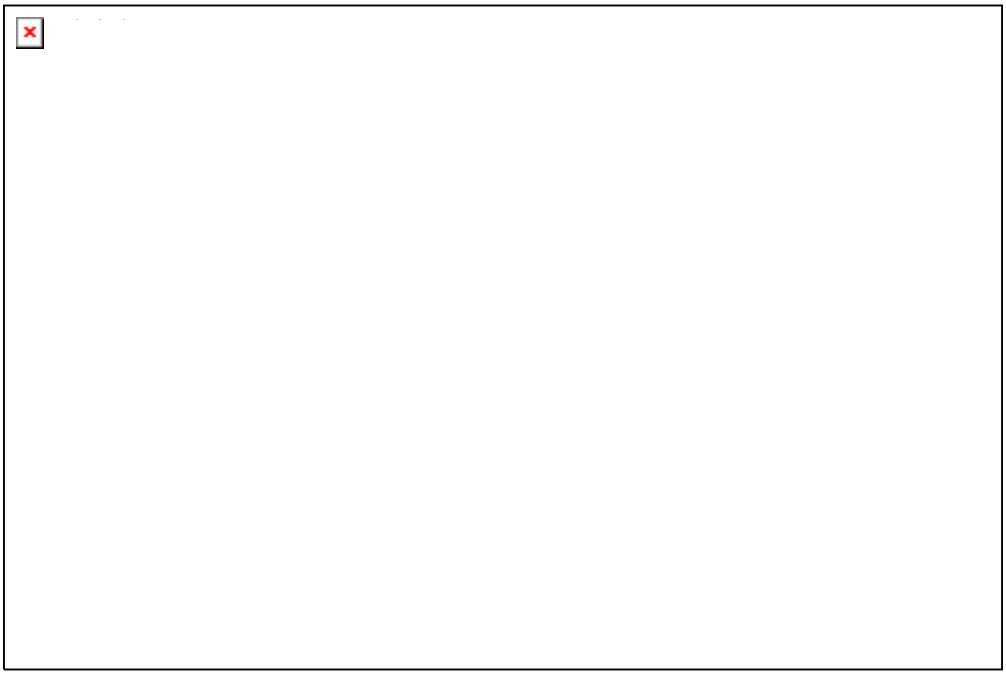

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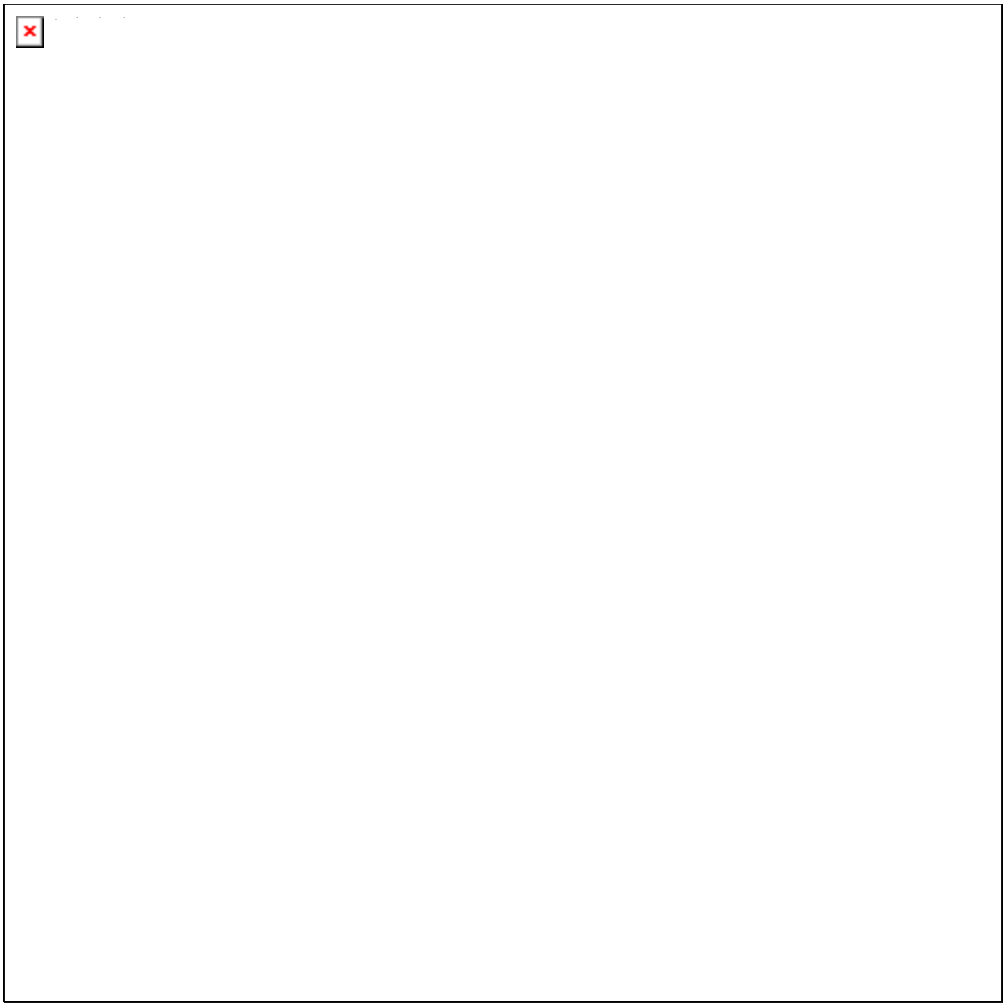

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First Lady Melania Trump: **Yesterday @POTUS signed a bill authorizing the "Every Word We Utter" Monument. This landmark will serve as a tribute to the brave women who devoted their life to the women's suffrage movement, the ratification of the 19th Amendment, & those who still fight for women's equality.**

Earlier this year, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation** on the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which secured the right to vote for women and marked a monumental step towards the "more perfect Union" envisioned by our Founders.

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The White House: [This morning, President @realDonaldTrump was joined by @FLOTUS, @SBAJovita, and more as he signed a proclamation in honor of the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage.]

First Lady Melania Trump: [100 years ago today, the #19thAmendment was ratified, securing the right to vote for American women. Today, @POTUS signed a proclamation recognizing this historic anniversary & we celebrate the countless contributions of women throughout our Nation's history. #SuffrageMonth]

President Trump also issued an Executive Grant of Clemency (Full Pardon) posthumously to Susan B. Anthony, a peerless advocate for women's suffrage, for a wrongful and unjust conviction stemming from the only vote she ever cast in an election. As we [commemorate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment]—known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment—this grant of full clemency recognizes and pays tribute to the advocacy, perseverance, and leadership of a truly remarkable woman and an American hero.

Regulatory Definition of "Habitat" Under Endangered Species Act Finalized

On Tuesday, December 15, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service - announced a final regulatory definition of the term "habitat" that will be used for designating critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The definition is part of the efforts of the Trump Administration to balance effective, science-based conservation with common-sense policy designed to bring the ESA into the 21st century.

The final definition of habitat is, "For the purposes of designating critical habitat only, habitat is the abiotic and biotic setting that currently or periodically contains the resources and conditions necessary to support one or more life processes of a species."

This definition explicitly limits the term habitat to apply only to critical habitat designations under the ESA, and no previously finalized critical habitat designations will be reevaluated as a result of its establishment.

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for State, local, and Tribal officials | December 19, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, January 6.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

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🚨 COVID-19 Vaccines Update 🚨

On Monday, December 14, the first COVID-19 vaccines were administered across the United States. This historic achievement to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time is the result of President Donald J. Trump's leadership and the unprecedented public-private sector collaboration driven through **Operation Warp Speed**.

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President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA! Congratulations WORLD!

Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

WilliamCrozer45: Great to see State & local officials highlighting #COVID19 #vaccine arrival in their communities. Through President @realDonaldTrump's leadership & the unprecedented public-private collaboration driven by Operation Warp Speed, a safe & effective vaccine is here in record time.

Read More: HHS Secretary Azar - How Operation Warp Speed Delivered a COVID Vaccine in Record Time

Watch: @SecAzar and @Surgeon_General observe the administration of some of the nation's first doses of a #COVID19 vaccine to frontline healthcare workers at @GWHospital.

The vaccine, produced by Pfizer, was issued emergency use authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday, December 11. The EUA authorizes the distribution of Pfizer's vaccine across the United States to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. Find a helpful Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.

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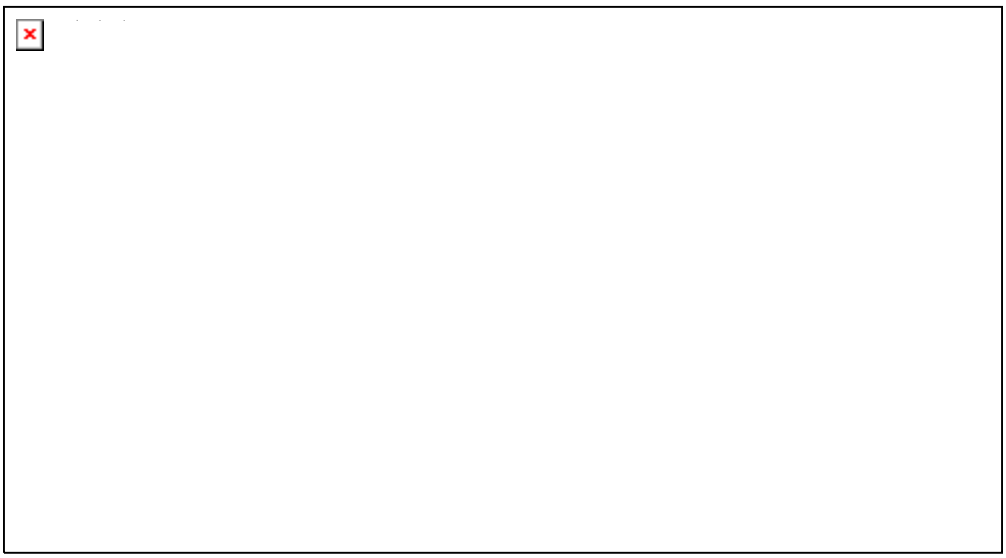

Click here to watch President Trump's address.

On December 11, 2020, President Donald J. Trump addressed the Nation from the Oval Office at the White House to announce the first authorized COVID-19 vaccine that will be administered to Americans within 48 hours of distribution to states.

As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say

HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly $227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities

HHS Extends Coverage for Qualified National Guard Personnel to Administer Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines

Indian Health Service Allocates Vaccines for Urban Indian Organizations

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For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
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- **Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **FDA Plans for Monitoring Approved COVID-19 Vaccines Explained**

Second COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

On Friday, December 18, **the FDA authorized a second COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna**. This critical emergency use authorization and subsequent distribution of the vaccine to the American people is an important step in increasing the available vaccine supply. Per Operation Warp Speed, the federal government **will immediately begin distribution** of 5.9 million does of the Moderna vaccine this weekend with deliveries beginning Monday.

President Donald J. Trump: Congratulations, the Moderna vaccine is now available!

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **The public-private partnership of #OperationWarpSpeed has helped Moderna, an American startup, become one of the first two companies to receive FDA authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine.**

HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

Earlier this week, Vice President Pence, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, and CDC Director Robert Redfield **visited** Catalent, a Moderna partner located in Indiana, to tour their vaccine manufacturing facility and participate in a vaccine distribution roundtable.

Vice President Pence Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

On Friday, December 18, Vice President Mike Pence, joined by Second Lady Karen Pence and

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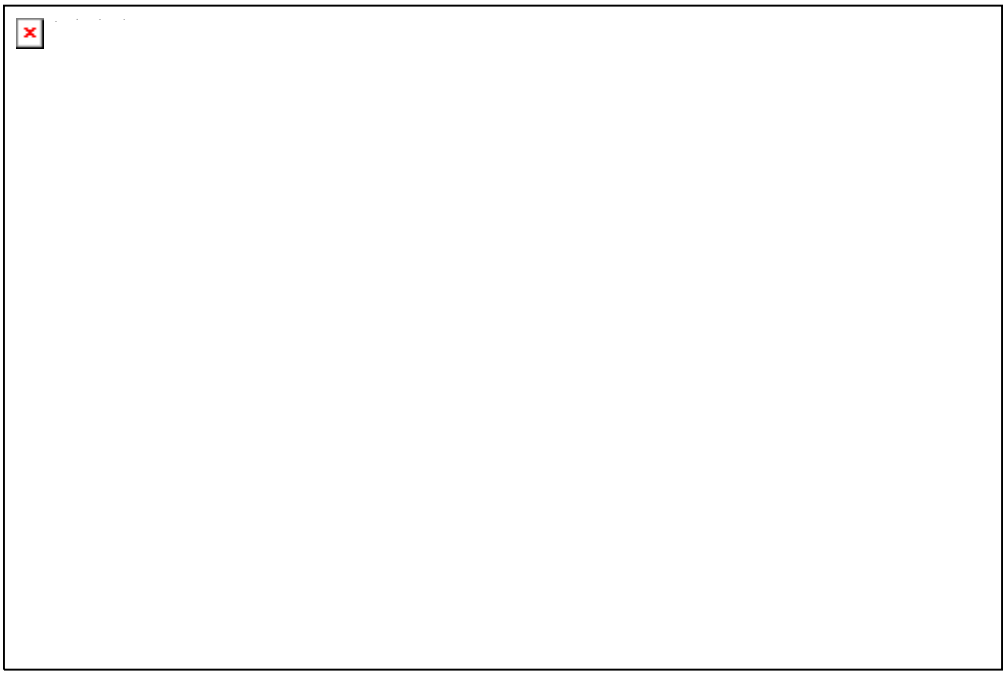

📖 **Read More: Remarks by Vice President Pence at a Safe and Effective Vaccine Confidence Event**

Vice President Mike Pence: We gather at the end of a historic week to affirm to the American people that hope is on the way. @SecondLady & I were honored to step forward and receive the Safe and Effective Coronavirus Vaccine and we hope it will be a source of confidence & comfort for the American people.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: I've never been more excited or proud to #SleeveUp

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Readout from the 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

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WilliamCrozer45: **Just concluded the 32nd @WhiteHouse Intergovernmental Affairs National #COVID19 Briefing Call with stakeholders. Joined by @HHSGOV, @US_FDA, & @CDCgov to talk all things #covid19 #vaccine and the important role of State/Local/Tribal leaders. Together, we will defeat the virus!**

Participants on the December 16th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Paul Mango, *Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Hunan Services*
- Stephen Hahn, M.D., *Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration*
- Nancy Messonnier, M.D., *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her continued travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted a rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. While the heartland and center of the country are stabilizing in their case rates, the coasts and sun belt positivity rates are worsening. As a vaccine works toward distribution to all Americans, continued vigilance, distancing and testing are essential. It is also essential to increase testing in vulnerable populations as therapeutics have been shown to work the earlier the virus is discovered - and treated - in patients.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: **If you've recently been diagnosed with #COVID19, ask your doctor about monoclonal antibody therapy, which could reduce your risk of hospitalizations by 70% if taken in time!**

Paul Mango, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Paul Mango provided an update covering the first Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine on December 11 and the first vaccination occurring on December 14th. Comparing the success of Operation Warp Speed in producing and distributing a vaccine to Roger Bannister's breaking the 4 minute mile in 1954, Mango stated the equivalent would be Operation Warp Speed running a 45 second mile. While vaccines typically take years to develop and approve, by comparison, the Pfizer was produced, authorized, and distributed in only 10 months. 3 Million vaccines will have been delivered to front line workers and vulnerable populations across the

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An additional achievement is the FDA approval of an at-home test for COVID-19. While these developments are promising, continued hand washing, mask usage, and social distancing is essential for the remainder of the pandemic.

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Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC: The hard work of distribution of the vaccines to every corner of the country has begun and partnership by every state, local and tribal stakeholder is essential. Pfizer shipped the vaccine to 61 jurisdictions last weekend, and all are beginning vaccination with healthcare workers, and some are beginning with long term care workers as well. In the first several days the CDC has been fielding calls by healthcare workers through distribution while working in concert with the pharmaceutical developers. In addition, the FDA's **forthcoming review of the Moderna vaccine** promises continued hope to end this pandemic.

To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **donatingplasma.org** and **coronavirus.gov**.

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Readout from the 44th Governors Call on COVID-19

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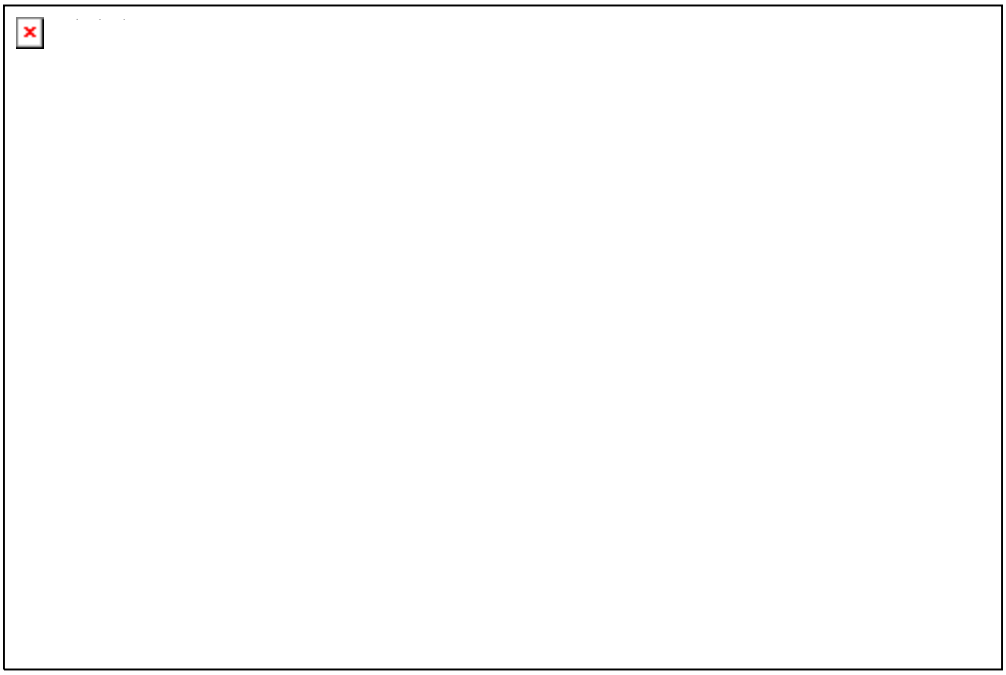

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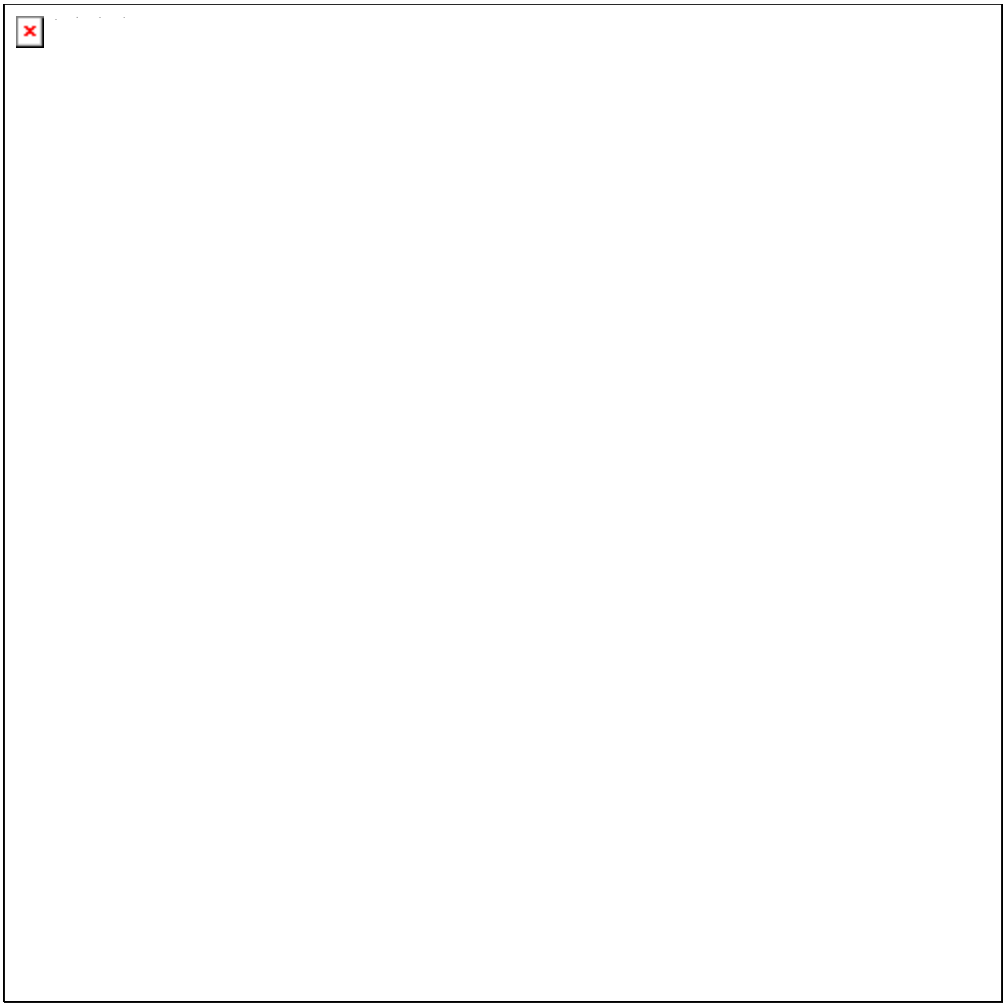

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Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

WilliamCrozer45: Great to see State & local officials highlighting #COVID19 #vaccine arrival in their communities. Through President @realDonaldTrump's leadership & the unprecedented public-private collaboration driven by Operation Warp Speed, a safe & effective vaccine is here in record time.

Read More: HHS Secretary Azar - How Operation Warp Speed Delivered a COVID Vaccine in Record Time

Watch: @SecAzar and @Surgeon_General observe the administration of some of the nation's first doses of a #COVID19 vaccine to frontline healthcare workers at @GWHospital.

The vaccine, produced by Pfizer, was issued emergency use authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday, December 11. The EUA authorizes the distribution of Pfizer's vaccine across the United States to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. Find a helpful Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.

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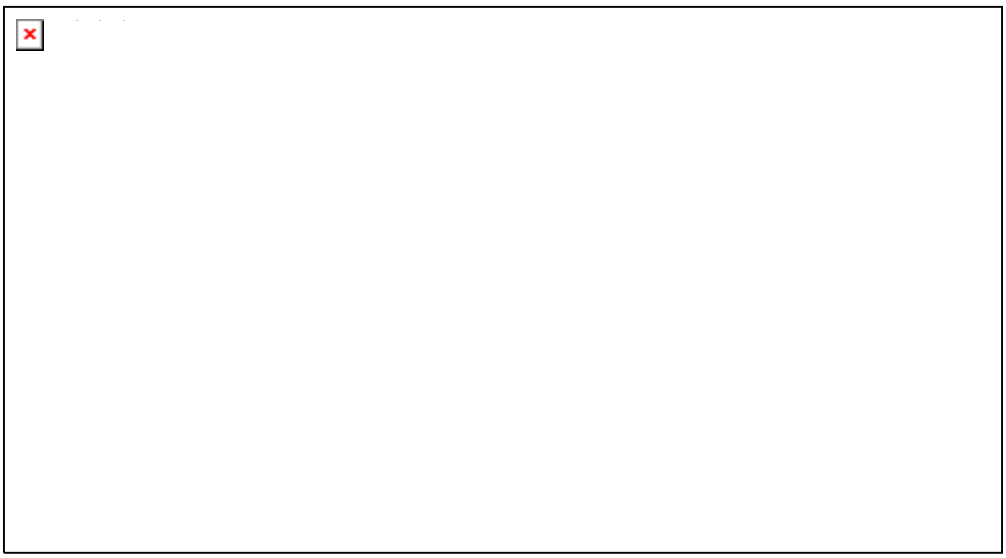

Click here to watch President Trump's address.

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As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say

HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly $227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities

HHS Extends Coverage for Qualified National Guard Personnel to Administer Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines

Indian Health Service Allocates Vaccines for Urban Indian Organizations

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For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
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Second COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

On Friday, December 18, **the FDA authorized a second COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna**. This critical emergency use authorization and subsequent distribution of the vaccine to the American people is an important step in increasing the available vaccine supply. Per Operation Warp Speed, the federal government **will immediately begin distribution** of 5.9 million does of the Moderna vaccine this weekend with deliveries beginning Monday.

President Donald J. Trump: Congratulations, the Moderna vaccine is now available!

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **The public-private partnership of #OperationWarpSpeed has helped Moderna, an American startup, become one of the first two companies to receive FDA authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine.**

HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

Earlier this week, Vice President Pence, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, and CDC Director Robert Redfield **visited** Catalent, a Moderna partner located in Indiana, to tour their vaccine manufacturing facility and participate in a vaccine distribution roundtable.

Vice President Pence Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

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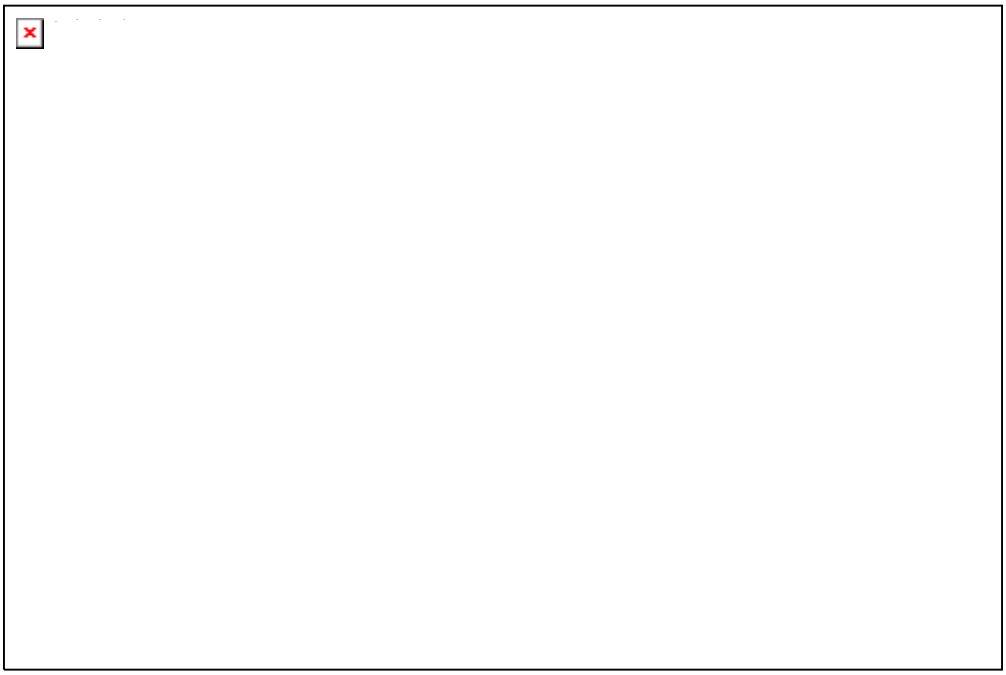

📖 **Read More: Remarks by Vice President Pence at a Safe and Effective Vaccine Confidence Event**

Vice President Mike Pence: We gather at the end of a historic week to affirm to the American people that hope is on the way. @SecondLady & I were honored to step forward and receive the Safe and Effective Coronavirus Vaccine and we hope it will be a source of confidence & comfort for the American people.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: I've never been more excited or proud to #SleeveUp

🎬 **Watch: Vice President Pence Gives Remarks Before Receiving Vaccine**

Readout from the 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

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WilliamCrozer45: **Just concluded the 32nd @WhiteHouse Intergovernmental Affairs National #COVID19 Briefing Call with stakeholders. Joined by @HHSGOV, @US_FDA, & @CDCgov to talk all things #covid19 #vaccine and the important role of State/Local/Tribal leaders. Together, we will defeat the virus!**

Participants on the December 16th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Paul Mango, *Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Hunan Services*
- Stephen Hahn, M.D., *Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration*
- Nancy Messonnier, M.D., *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her continued travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted a rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. While the heartland and center of the country are stabilizing in their case rates, the coasts and sun belt positivity rates are worsening. As a vaccine works toward distribution to all Americans, continued vigilance, distancing and testing are essential. It is also essential to increase testing in vulnerable populations as therapeutics have been shown to work the earlier the virus is discovered - and treated - in patients.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: **If you've recently been diagnosed with #COVID19, ask your doctor about monoclonal antibody therapy, which could reduce your risk of hospitalizations by 70% if taken in time!**

Paul Mango, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Paul Mango provided an update covering the first Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine on December 11 and the first vaccination occurring on December 14th. Comparing the success of Operation Warp Speed in producing and distributing a vaccine to Roger Bannister's breaking the 4 minute mile in 1954, Mango stated the equivalent would be Operation Warp Speed running a 45 second mile. While vaccines typically take years to develop and approve, by comparison, the Pfizer was produced, authorized, and distributed in only 10 months. 3 Million vaccines will have been delivered to front line workers and vulnerable populations across the

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country and another 8 million will be delivered next week. Joint vaccine operations continue in both Atlanta and Washington, D.C. tracking the vaccine distribution in real time. Mango also highlighted that two other promising vaccines candidates from Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca are also in the development pipeline.

Stephen Hahn, M.D., Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration: On Friday, December 11, 2020 the FDA provided Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 vaccine after upholding safety and science to continue to uphold the FDA's reputation as the gold standard in medicinal approval. While rare allergic reactions continue to be addressed for the vaccine, they will through continued study as all vaccines work toward final approval. Although this Pfizer vaccine is proven to be effective in preventing the contracting of the virus, prevention of the spread of the virus is still being studied. This vaccine achievement is a significant accomplishment by the CDC and FDA through a historic public-private-partnership.

An additional achievement is the FDA approval of an at-home test for COVID-19. While these developments are promising, continued hand washing, mask usage, and social distancing is essential for the remainder of the pandemic.

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Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC: The hard work of distribution of the vaccines to every corner of the country has begun and partnership by every state, local and tribal stakeholder is essential. Pfizer shipped the vaccine to 61 jurisdictions last weekend, and all are beginning vaccination with healthcare workers, and some are beginning with long term care workers as well. In the first several days the CDC has been fielding calls by healthcare workers through distribution while working in concert with the pharmaceutical developers. In addition, the FDA's **forthcoming review of the Moderna vaccine** promises continued hope to end this pandemic.

To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **donatingplasma.org** and **coronavirus.gov**.

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The White House has hosted 32 National COVID-19 Briefing Calls reaching more than 73,000 State, local, and Tribal officials in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 44th Governors Call on COVID-19

On Monday, December 14, Vice President Mike Pence **led a discussion** with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning and execution. The Vice President and governors of both parties discussed the positive news of the Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization (EUA) and the shipments of the initial allocations of a safe and effective vaccine. The authorization is a tribute to presidential leadership, scientific advancement, and private sector innovation.

Vice President Mike Pence: As the @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force told America's Governors: This is a Historic Day! We have come to the Beginning of the End of the Coronavirus pandemic with the first vaccine being administered in States across the country.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

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The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, the ongoing robust partnership to prepare for the distribution and administration of a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. The Vice President also reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Governors highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine including:

- Arizona Governor Doug Ducey;
- Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards;
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan;
- North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper;
- North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum;
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott; and
- West Virginia Governor Jim Justice

FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and CDC Director Redfield provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments with a focus on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which was granted an emergency use authorization on December 11, 2020.

Secretary Azar provided an update on Moderna's vaccine trial, the submission of the company's EUA application, and distribution and administration coordination with states. Secretary Azar reiterated the rigorous standards of vaccine the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed. Secretary Azar also highlighted CDC and NIH executive summaries on monoclonal antibodies and other treatments to increase hospital

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resiliency and encouraged governors to redouble their collaboration with health care professionals in their state to ensure earlier use of monoclonal antibodies to prevent severe illness and hospitalization.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning and execution efforts including collaboration between public and private sector partners and discussion on the status of and process whereby the recently authorized Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is being allocated, shipped, and distributed to states.

Administrator Verma discussed her recent letter to Governors regarding CMS' comprehensive strategy to enhance hospital capacity and dialysis center vaccination.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, and community leaders. Dr. Birx highlighted encouraging signs in the Heartland and areas of the Midwest, and also mentioned some signs of improvement in the Sunbelt amid an increase in cases. Additionally, Dr. Birx urged Governors to encourage clinicians to use monoclonal antibodies and remdesivir early in treatment of COVID+ patients, in line with recent CDC and NIH guidance documents.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 44 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Executive Order on Economic and Geographic Mobility

On December 14, 2020, President Trump **signed** the Executive Order on Increasing Economic and Geographic Mobility. Developed in consultation with State and local leaders, the President's Executive Order challenges State and local leaders to continue to remove unnecessary barriers and to empower American workers with workforce freedom and mobility.

The Executive Order (EO) outlines six principles for State and local governments should follow to alleviate occupational licensing burdens, which particularly impact lower income workers and small businesses. The EO specifically references Arizona, Florida, Iowa and Missouri as model examples of States to follow in enacting occupational licensing reform.

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Ivanka Trump: **This week, POTUS signed an EO to reduce unnecessary licensing regs & expand opportunities across America. In 1950, 1 in 20 workers needed a license for a job & today over 1 in 4 are required to have one to work. We're cutting unneeded regs & working hard to create better+more opportunity!**

📖 **READ MORE:** **Deregulation is Spurring Growth** (by Brooke Rollins - Director, White House Domestic Policy Council - and Doug Hoelscher -Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs)

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country. Since the Trump Administration launched the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in October 2019:

- **Iowa**, **Idaho**, **Missouri**, and **Utah** joined Arizona in enacting universal occupational licensing reform.
- At least 19 States have taken occupational licensing reform actions, including **Florida's** actions to remove occupational and business licenses, reduce training hour requirements for professions, and allow reciprocity for certain out of state licenses.
- At least 15 governors highlighted and called for occupational licensing reforms in their State of the State speech or legislative agenda.
- States have taken concrete actions to put people over paperwork including: **Arizona** **requiring** three regulations to be eliminated for every new regulation created, **Idaho** **officially** cutting or simplifying 75% of their regulatory code along with **announcing** the zero-based regulation initiative and **preserving** deregulatory work, **Mississippi's** Secretary of State **initiating** the "Tackle the Tape" initiative to increase economic opportunities for all Mississippians, **Ohio** **launching** an artificial intelligence tool to analyze their regulatory code, and **Oklahoma** **requiring** two regulations to be eliminated for every one created.
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Additional Resources

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- The President's Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility
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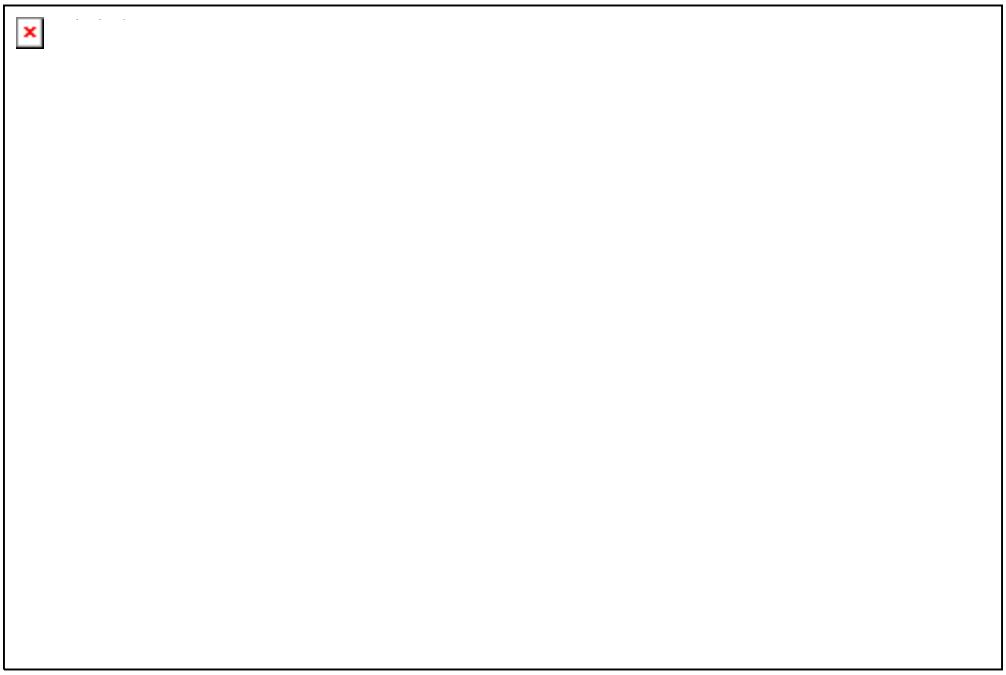

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SAMHSA: Dr. McCance-Katz, Asst Secy for Mental Health and Substance Use,

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participated in the @WhiteHouse presentation of the Safe Policing for Safe Communities report, a very important step in advancing evidence-based treatment for mental illness in communities https://go.usa.gov/xAgka

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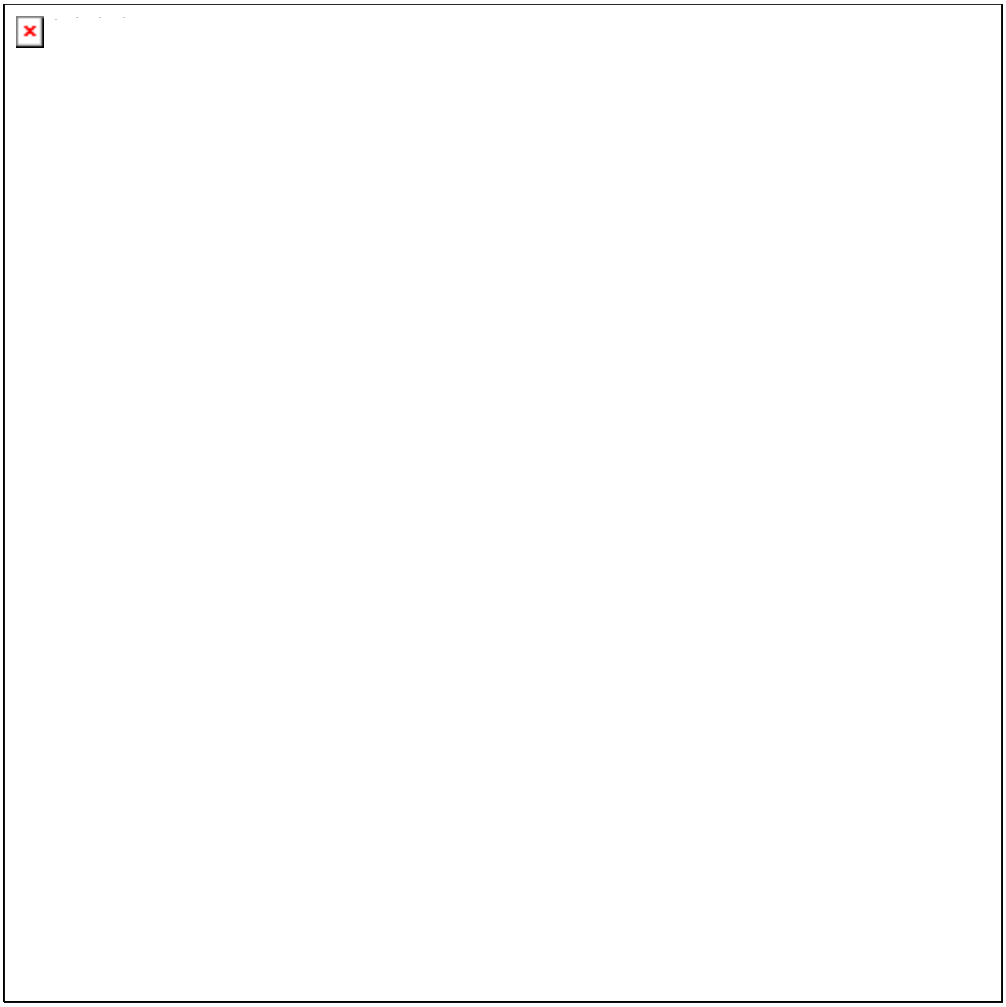

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🚨 COVID-19 Vaccines Update 🚨

On Monday, December 14, the first COVID-19 vaccines were administered across the United States. This historic achievement to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time is the result of President Donald J. Trump's leadership and the unprecedented public-private sector collaboration driven through **Operation Warp Speed**.

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President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA! Congratulations WORLD!

Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

WilliamCrozer45: Great to see State & local officials highlighting #COVID19 #vaccine arrival in their communities. Through President @realDonaldTrump's leadership & the unprecedented public-private collaboration driven by Operation Warp Speed, a safe & effective vaccine is here in record time.

Read More: HHS Secretary Azar - How Operation Warp Speed Delivered a COVID Vaccine in Record Time

Watch: @SecAzar and @Surgeon_General observe the administration of some of the nation's first doses of a #COVID19 vaccine to frontline healthcare workers at @GWHospital.

The vaccine, produced by Pfizer, was issued emergency use authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday, December 11. The EUA authorizes the distribution of Pfizer's vaccine across the United States to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. Find a helpful Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.

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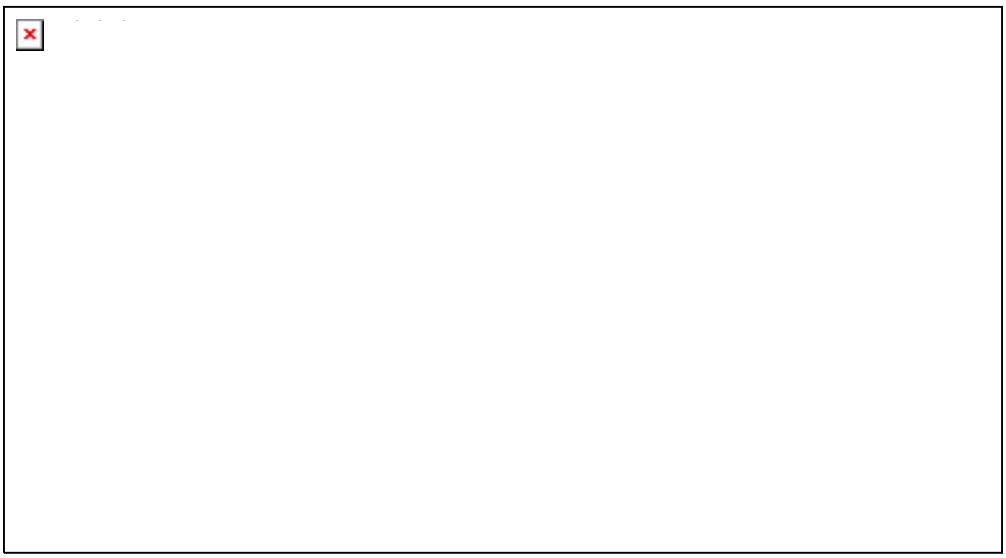

Click here to watch President Trump's address.

On December 11, 2020, President Donald J. Trump addressed the Nation from the Oval Office at the White House to announce the first authorized COVID-19 vaccine that will be administered to Americans within 48 hours of distribution to states.

As a reminder, the 64 jurisdictions - which encompasses all 50 States, 8 U.S. territories, and six major metropolitan areas - as well as five federal agencies - including the Indian Health Service, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs - are responsible for administering vaccines. Each week, as doses are released by companies for distribution, planes and trucks transport the vaccine to States and jurisdictions across the country. Learn more about the distribution process **here**. Find distribution plans for all 64 jurisdictions **here**, the Indian Health Service **here**, and the Department of Veterans Affairs **here**. Local officials should coordinate with their respective States on any vaccine allocation and/or distribution questions.

Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say

HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly $227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities

HHS Extends Coverage for Qualified National Guard Personnel to Administer Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines

Indian Health Service Allocates Vaccines for Urban Indian Organizations

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For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **FDA Plans for Monitoring Approved COVID-19 Vaccines Explained**

Second COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

On Friday, December 18, **the FDA authorized a second COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna**. This critical emergency use authorization and subsequent distribution of the vaccine to the American people is an important step in increasing the available vaccine supply. Per Operation Warp Speed, the federal government **will immediately begin distribution** of 5.9 million does of the Moderna vaccine this weekend with deliveries beginning Monday.

President Donald J. Trump: Congratulations, the Moderna vaccine is now available!

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **The public-private partnership of #OperationWarpSpeed has helped Moderna, an American startup, become one of the first two companies to receive FDA authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine.**

HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

Earlier this week, Vice President Pence, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, and CDC Director Robert Redfield **visited** Catalent, a Moderna partner located in Indiana, to tour their vaccine manufacturing facility and participate in a vaccine distribution roundtable.

Vice President Pence Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

On Friday, December 18, Vice President Mike Pence, joined by Second Lady Karen Pence and

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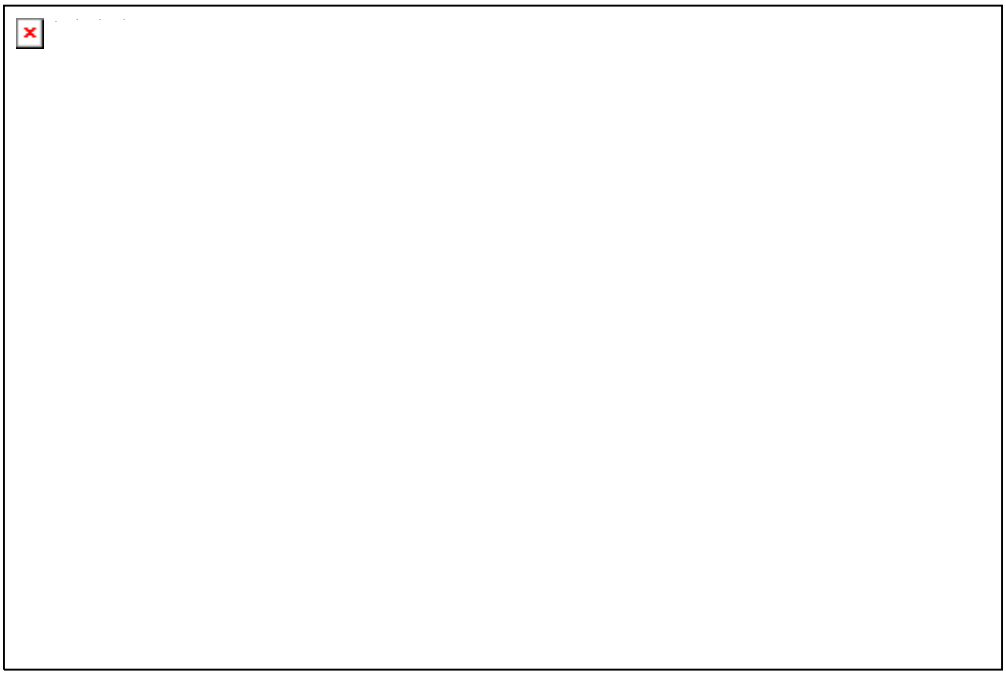
U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, **publicly received** a COVID-19 vaccine to promote the safety and efficacy of the vaccine and build confidence among the American people.



🕮 **Read More: Remarks by Vice President Pence at a Safe and Effective Vaccine Confidence Event**

Vice President Mike Pence: We gather at the end of a historic week to affirm to the American people that hope is on the way. @SecondLady & I were honored to step forward and receive the Safe and Effective Coronavirus Vaccine and we hope it will be a source of confidence & comfort for the American people.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: I've never been more excited or proud to #SleeveUp

🎬 **Watch: Vice President Pence Gives Remarks Before Receiving Vaccine**

Readout from the 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

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WilliamCrozer45: **Just concluded the 32nd @WhiteHouse Intergovernmental Affairs National #COVID19 Briefing Call with stakeholders. Joined by @HHSGOV, @US_FDA, & @CDCgov to talk all things #covid19 #vaccine and the important role of State/Local/Tribal leaders. Together, we will defeat the virus!**

Participants on the December 16th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Paul Mango, *Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Hunan Services*
- Stephen Hahn, M.D., *Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration*
- Nancy Messonnier, M.D., *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her continued travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted a rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. While the heartland and center of the country are stabilizing in their case rates, the coasts and sun belt positivity rates are worsening. As a vaccine works toward distribution to all Americans, continued vigilance, distancing and testing are essential. It is also essential to increase testing in vulnerable populations as therapeutics have been shown to work the earlier the virus is discovered - and treated - in patients.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams: **If you've recently been diagnosed with #COVID19, ask your doctor about monoclonal antibody therapy, which could reduce your risk of hospitalizations by 70% if taken in time!**

Paul Mango, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Paul Mango provided an update covering the first Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine on December 11 and the first vaccination occurring on December 14th. Comparing the success of Operation Warp Speed in producing and distributing a vaccine to Roger Bannister's breaking the 4 minute mile in 1954, Mango stated the equivalent would be Operation Warp Speed running a 45 second mile. While vaccines typically take years to develop and approve, by comparison, the Pfizer was produced, authorized, and distributed in only 10 months. 3 Million vaccines will have been delivered to front line workers and vulnerable populations across the

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country and another 8 million will be delivered next week. Joint vaccine operations continue in both Atlanta and Washington, D.C. tracking the vaccine distribution in real time. Mango also highlighted that two other promising vaccines candidates from Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca are also in the development pipeline.

Stephen Hahn, M.D., Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration: On Friday, December 11, 2020 the FDA provided Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 vaccine after upholding safety and science to continue to uphold the FDA's reputation as the gold standard in medicinal approval. While rare allergic reactions continue to be addressed for the vaccine, they will through continued study as all vaccines work toward final approval. Although this Pfizer vaccine is proven to be effective in preventing the contracting of the virus, prevention of the spread of the virus is still being studied. This vaccine achievement is a significant accomplishment by the CDC and FDA through a historic public-private-partnership.

An additional achievement is the FDA approval of an at-home test for COVID-19. While these developments are promising, continued hand washing, mask usage, and social distancing is essential for the remainder of the pandemic.

🕮 **READ MORE:** **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Authorizes Antigen Test as First Over-the-Counter Fully At-Home Diagnostic Test for COVID-19**

Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC: The hard work of distribution of the vaccines to every corner of the country has begun and partnership by every state, local and tribal stakeholder is essential. Pfizer shipped the vaccine to 61 jurisdictions last weekend, and all are beginning vaccination with healthcare workers, and some are beginning with long term care workers as well. In the first several days the CDC has been fielding calls by healthcare workers through distribution while working in concert with the pharmaceutical developers. In addition, the FDA's **forthcoming review of the Moderna vaccine** promises continued hope to end this pandemic.

To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **donatingplasma.org** and **coronavirus.gov**.

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The White House has hosted 32 National COVID-19 Briefing Calls reaching more than 73,000 State, local, and Tribal officials in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 44th Governors Call on COVID-19

On Monday, December 14, Vice President Mike Pence **led a discussion** with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning and execution. The Vice President and governors of both parties discussed the positive news of the Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization (EUA) and the shipments of the initial allocations of a safe and effective vaccine. The authorization is a tribute to presidential leadership, scientific advancement, and private sector innovation.

Vice President Mike Pence: As the @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force told America's Governors: This is a Historic Day! We have come to the Beginning of the End of the Coronavirus pandemic with the first vaccine being administered in States across the country.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

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- Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator
- Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- General Gustave F. Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)*
- Director Anthony Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, Federal Drug Administration (FDA)
- Director Robert Redfield, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS
- Administrator Pete Gaynor, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Brigadier General David Sanford, Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, DOD

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, the ongoing robust partnership to prepare for the distribution and administration of a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. The Vice President also reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Governors highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine including:

- Arizona Governor Doug Ducey;
- Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards;
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan;
- North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper;
- North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum;
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott; and
- West Virginia Governor Jim Justice

FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and CDC Director Redfield provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments with a focus on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which was granted an emergency use authorization on December 11, 2020.

Secretary Azar provided an update on Moderna's vaccine trial, the submission of the company's EUA application, and distribution and administration coordination with states. Secretary Azar reiterated the rigorous standards of vaccine the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed. Secretary Azar also highlighted CDC and NIH executive summaries on monoclonal antibodies and other treatments to increase hospital

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resiliency and encouraged governors to redouble their collaboration with health care professionals in their state to ensure earlier use of monoclonal antibodies to prevent severe illness and hospitalization.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning and execution efforts including collaboration between public and private sector partners and discussion on the status of and process whereby the recently authorized Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is being allocated, shipped, and distributed to states.

Administrator Verma discussed her recent letter to Governors regarding CMS' comprehensive strategy to enhance hospital capacity and dialysis center vaccination.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, and community leaders. Dr. Birx highlighted encouraging signs in the Heartland and areas of the Midwest, and also mentioned some signs of improvement in the Sunbelt amid an increase in cases. Additionally, Dr. Birx urged Governors to encourage clinicians to use monoclonal antibodies and remdesivir early in treatment of COVID+ patients, in line with recent CDC and NIH guidance documents.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 44 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Executive Order on Economic and Geographic Mobility

On December 14, 2020, President Trump **signed** the Executive Order on Increasing Economic and Geographic Mobility. Developed in consultation with State and local leaders, the President's Executive Order challenges State and local leaders to continue to remove unnecessary barriers and to empower American workers with workforce freedom and mobility.

The Executive Order (EO) outlines six principles for State and local governments should follow to alleviate occupational licensing burdens, which particularly impact lower income workers and small businesses. The EO specifically references Arizona, Florida, Iowa and Missouri as model examples of States to follow in enacting occupational licensing reform.

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Ivanka Trump: **This week, POTUS signed an EO to reduce unnecessary licensing regs & expand opportunities across America. In 1950, 1 in 20 workers needed a license for a job & today over 1 in 4 are required to have one to work. We're cutting unneeded regs & working hard to create better+more opportunity!**

📖 **READ MORE:** **Deregulation is Spurring Growth** (by Brooke Rollins - Director, White House Domestic Policy Council - and Doug Hoelscher -Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs)

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country. Since the Trump Administration launched the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in October 2019:

- **Iowa**, **Idaho**, **Missouri**, and **Utah** joined Arizona in enacting universal occupational licensing reform.
- At least 19 States have taken occupational licensing reform actions, including **Florida's** actions to remove occupational and business licenses, reduce training hour requirements for professions, and allow reciprocity for certain out of state licenses.
- At least 15 governors highlighted and called for occupational licensing reforms in their State of the State speech or legislative agenda.
- States have taken concrete actions to put people over paperwork including: **Arizona** **requiring** three regulations to be eliminated for every new regulation created, **Idaho** **officially** cutting or simplifying 75% of their regulatory code along with **announcing** the zero-based regulation initiative and **preserving** deregulatory work, **Mississippi's** Secretary of State **initiating** the "Tackle the Tape" initiative to increase economic opportunities for all Mississippians, **Ohio** **launching** an artificial intelligence tool to analyze their regulatory code, and **Oklahoma** **requiring** two regulations to be eliminated for every one created.
- All 50 States have taken some form of action to reduce red tape during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Resources

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- The President's Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility
- The Economic Effect of Federal Deregulation Since January 17: An Interim Report
- This Is How Much Overregulation Would Cost Your Family Each Year
- President Donald J. Trump's Historic Deregulatory Actions Are Creating Greater Opportunity and Prosperity for All Americans
- President Trump's Regulatory Relief Helps All Americans
- President Donald J. Trump Is Modernizing Federal Environmental Reviews to Accelerate America's Infrastructure Development

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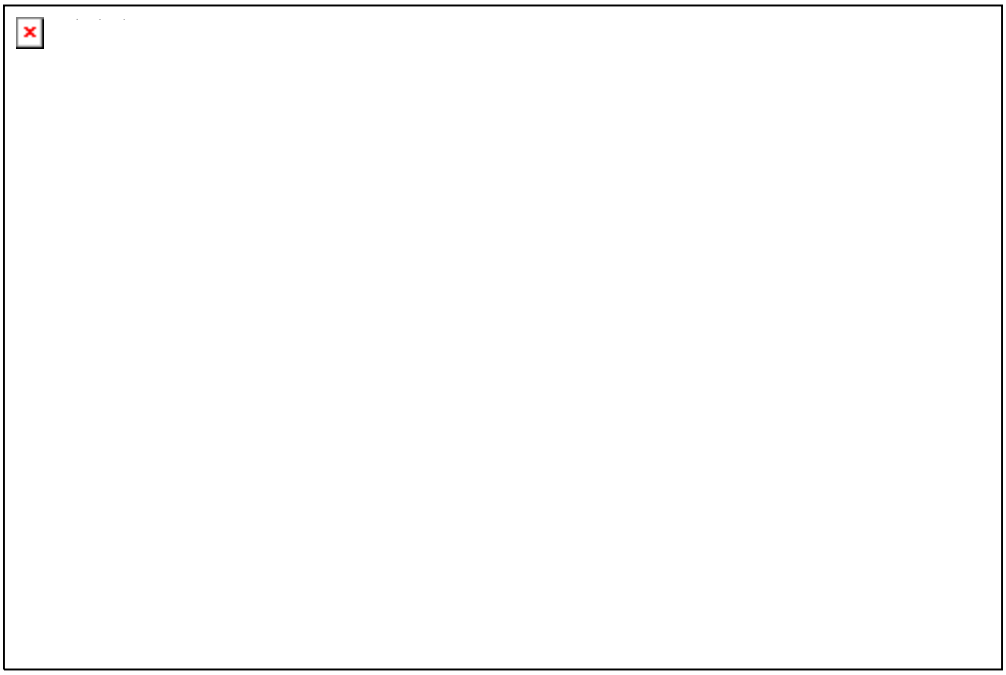
Safe Policing for Safe Communities HHS Report Released

President Donald J. Trump signed the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities on June 16, 2020 to address problems that inhibit the rule of law while holding police misconduct accountable. This week, HHS released a report required under the EO covering the mental health resources that the law enforcement community, mental health community, and State and local leaders can use to support both our law enforcement and communities alike.



President Donald J. Trump signs an executive order on safe policing for safe communities Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in the Rose Garden of the White House.

SAMHSA: Dr. McCance-Katz, Asst Secy for Mental Health and Substance Use,

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participated in the @WhiteHouse presentation of the Safe Policing for Safe Communities report, a very important step in advancing evidence-based treatment for mental illness in communities https://go.usa.gov/xAgka

Background: Signed by President Trump in June 2016, the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities directs the Administration to seek reforms that improve the relationship between law enforcement and all communities. The Executive Order represents a commitment by the President and the Administration to support – not defund – the brave men and women of law enforcement by providing them with necessary resources to implement best practices and protect the communities they serve. Among others, key provisions include: credentialing of police departments for use-of-force and de-escalation standards; information-sharing related to excessive force adjudications against law enforcement personnel; mental health support for police officers, as well as programs to include social workers as co-responders for incidents involving those who may mentally ill, homeless or drug-addicted.

📝 **READ MORE**: **Executive Order Safe Policing for Safe Communities: Addressing Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction Report**

📝 **READ MORE**: **The Department of Justice Announces Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies**

WI State Rep. Barbara Dittrich: **Today I was privileged to attend the @WhiteHouse Briefing on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. It was encouraging to see how this plan is already transforming training for officers, especially in the areas of mental health & substance abuse. https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO**

President Trump Signs Legislation Authorizing Women's Suffrage Monument

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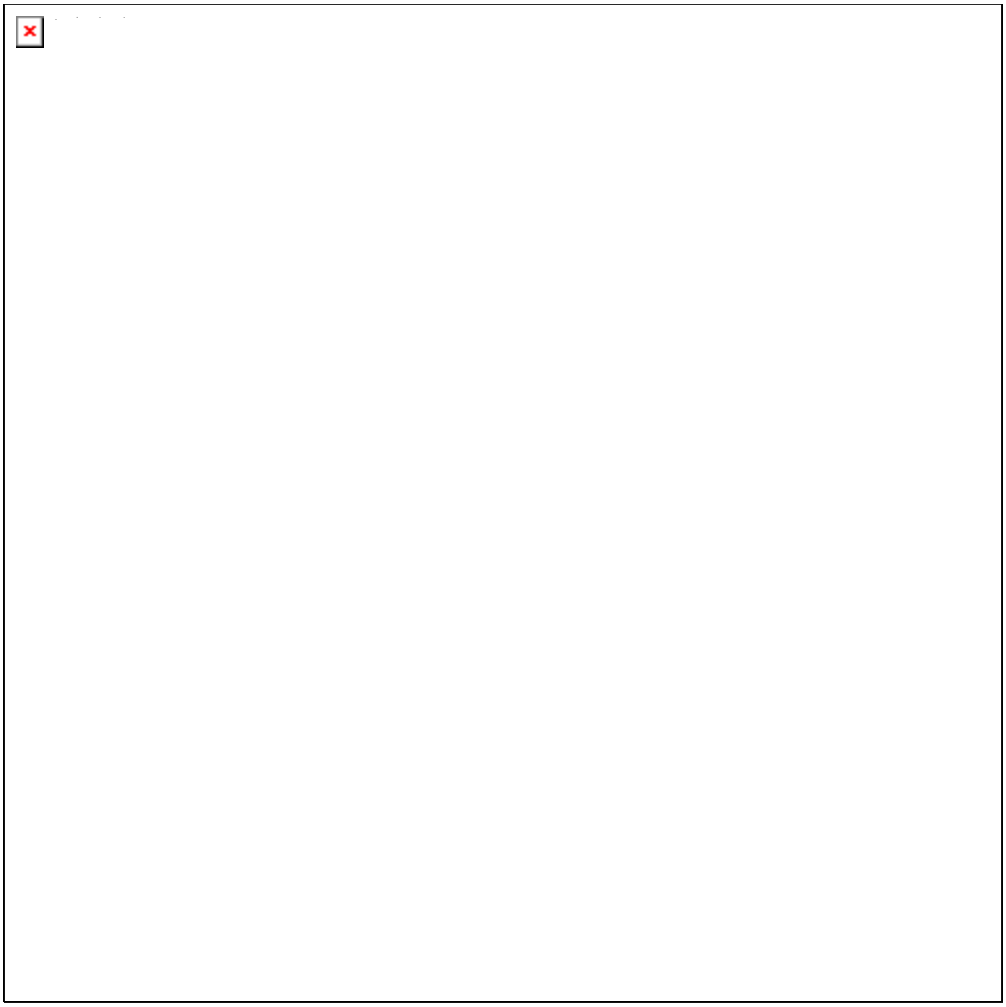

On Thursday, December 17, President Trump signed legislation - *Every Word We Utter* - authorizing an outdoor federal monument in Washington, D.C. to the women's suffrage movement to honor the activists who won women the right to vote. The sculpture by Jane DeDecker features historical women who contributed to women's rights, including Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Ida B. Wells. It will be placed near the U.S. Supreme Court.

First Lady Melania Trump: **Yesterday @POTUS signed a bill authorizing the "Every Word We Utter" Monument. This landmark will serve as a tribute to the brave women who devoted their life to the women's suffrage movement, the ratification of the 19th Amendment, & those who still fight for women's equality.**

Earlier this year, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation** on the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which secured the right to vote for women and marked a monumental step towards the "more perfect Union" envisioned by our Founders.

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The White House: [This morning, President @realDonaldTrump was joined by @FLOTUS, @SBAJovita, and more as he signed a proclamation in honor of the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage.]

First Lady Melania Trump: [100 years ago today, the #19thAmendment was ratified, securing the right to vote for American women. Today, @POTUS signed a proclamation recognizing this historic anniversary & we celebrate the countless contributions of women throughout our Nation's history. #SuffrageMonth]

President Trump also issued an Executive Grant of Clemency (Full Pardon) posthumously to Susan B. Anthony, a peerless advocate for women's suffrage, for a wrongful and unjust conviction stemming from the only vote she ever cast in an election. As we [commemorate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment]—known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment—this grant of full clemency recognizes and pays tribute to the advocacy, perseverance, and leadership of a truly remarkable woman and an American hero.

Regulatory Definition of "Habitat" Under Endangered Species Act Finalized

On Tuesday, December 15, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service - announced a final regulatory definition of the term "habitat" that will be used for designating critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The definition is part of the efforts of the Trump Administration to balance effective, science-based conservation with common-sense policy designed to bring the ESA into the 21st century.

The final definition of habitat is, "For the purposes of designating critical habitat only, habitat is the abiotic and biotic setting that currently or periodically contains the resources and conditions necessary to support one or more life processes of a species."

This definition explicitly limits the term habitat to apply only to critical habitat designations under the ESA, and no previously finalized critical habitat designations will be reevaluated as a result of its establishment.

📖 **Read More:** [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries Finalize Regulatory

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National Briefing Call on Safe Policing for Safe Communities

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are inviting you to a briefing call with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, Senior Administration Leaders, law enforcement personnel and mental health professionals to discuss the forthcoming report on Safe Policing for Safe Communities.

President Donald J. Trump signed the **Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities** on June 16, 2020 to address problems that inhibit the rule of law while holding misconduct accountable. This report by HHS will cover the mental health resources that the law enforcement community, mental health community, and State and local leaders can use to support both our law enforcement and communities alike.

Safe Policing for Safe Communities Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE**

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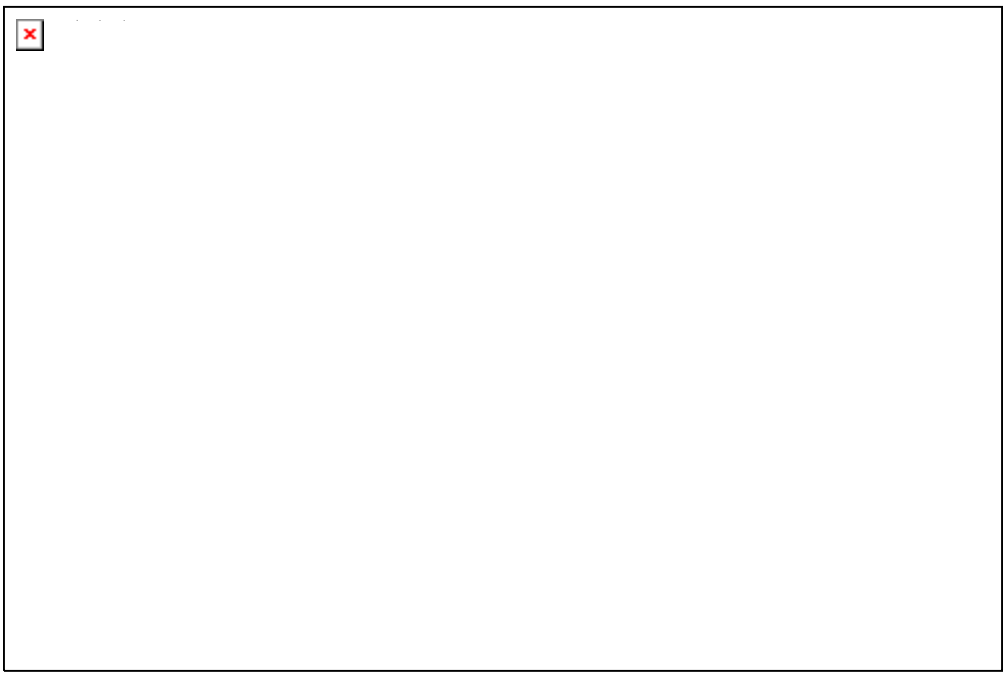

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President Trump strongly believes in the rule of law, and through Executive Order, directed his Administration to seek reforms that improve the relationship between law enforcement and all communities. Importantly, the Executive Order represents a commitment by the President and the Administration to support – not defund – the brave men and women of law enforcement by providing them with necessary resources to implement best practices and protect the communities they serve. Among others, key provisions included: credentialing of police departments for use-of-force and de-escalation standards; information-sharing related to excessive force adjudications against law enforcement personnel; mental health support for police officers, as well as programs to include social workers as co-responders for incidents involving those who may mentally ill, homeless or drug-addicted.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Unprecedented Steps to Strengthen Relations Between Law Enforcement and Their Communities

"We must invest more energy and resources in police training and recruiting and community engagement." – President Donald J. Trump

IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES: President Donald J. Trump is taking historic action to increase the adoption of best practices in law enforcement and support a safe and secure America.

- President Trump issued an **Executive Order on June 16, 2020** that will encourage law enforcement agencies to implement best practices and protect the communities they serve.
- Our law enforcement officers provide critical protection to all Americans, and we need to work collectively to strengthen relationships across our country.
- Under the Order, the Attorney General will allocate certain grant funding to only those law enforcement agencies that meet high standards, including around use-of-force and de-escalation, as credentialed by reputable independent bodies.
- The Order provides incentives for law enforcement agencies to use a nationwide database

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to track terminations, criminal convictions, and civil judgments against law enforcement officers for excessive use-of-force, which will create accountability between agencies.

- The Administration will prioritize training and other programs for police and social workers responding to incidents involving the mentally ill, addicted, and homeless.
- President Trump is directing his Administration to develop and propose new legislation to Congress to further the policies of the Order and build community engagement.

UNITING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES: President Trump is taking action to unite our Nation and ensure safer communities for all Americans.

- Every day, law enforcement officers make great sacrifices to keep our citizens safe.
- Last year alone, 89 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty.
- In 2018, our police arrested nearly 12,000 people for murder and manslaughter, 25,000 people for rape, and nearly 1.5 million for assault.
- The overwhelming majority of the law enforcement community bravely perform their duties with integrity and honor.
- Close ties between law enforcement and their communities are important in all communities.
- President Trump's Order seeks to redouble our efforts as a Nation to engage directly with our neighbors and secure lasting relationships across all communities.

KEEPING AMERICANS SAFE: President Trump is improving fairness and equality in our criminal justice system, while keeping our communities safe.

- President Trump has led the way on groundbreaking criminal justice reform, taking a smart-on-crime approach to make our communities safer.
- The President brought together a broad coalition including law enforcement, faith groups, community organizations, and more to support the First Step Act.
- The President established the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, examining how to improve community relations between the public and law enforcement.
- President Trump revitalized Project Safe Neighborhoods to help reduce violent crime in communities all around the country.
- hanks to the President's efforts, both the violent crime rate and murder rate in America have fallen for two consecutive years.

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32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

As a reminder, you are invited to the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We will be joined by (subject to change):

- **Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D.** (White House Coronavirus Task Force) COVID-19 Trends Overview
- **Paul Mango** (Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) for a Operation Warp Speed Overview
- **Stephen Hahn, M.D.** (Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration) for a Vaccine Approval Update
- **Nancy Messonnier, M.D.** (Director of National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for a Vaccine Distribution/Prioritization Update

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

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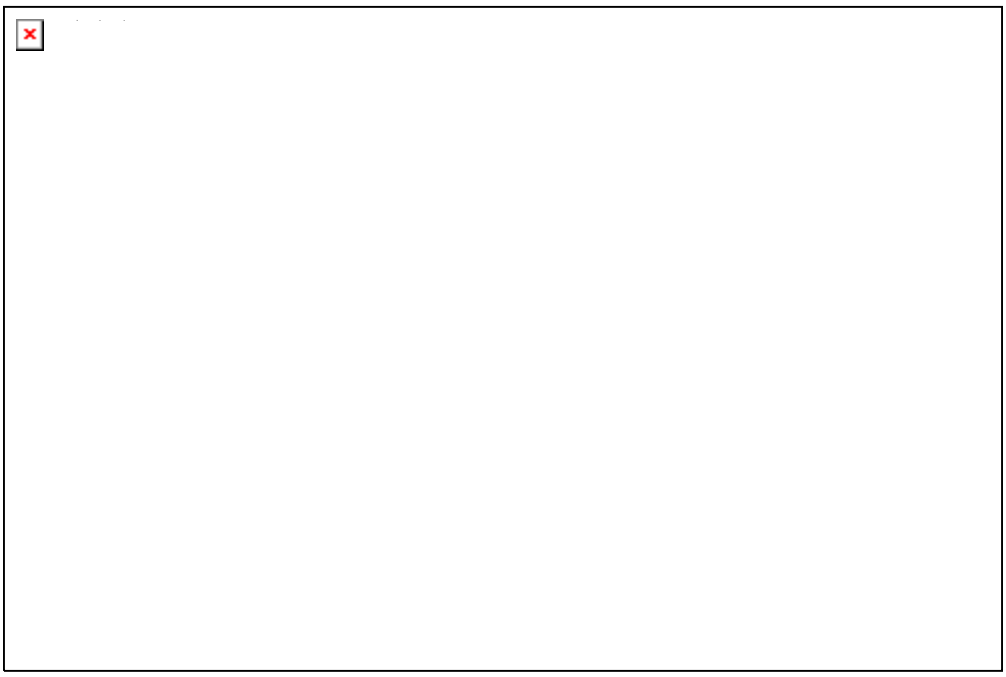

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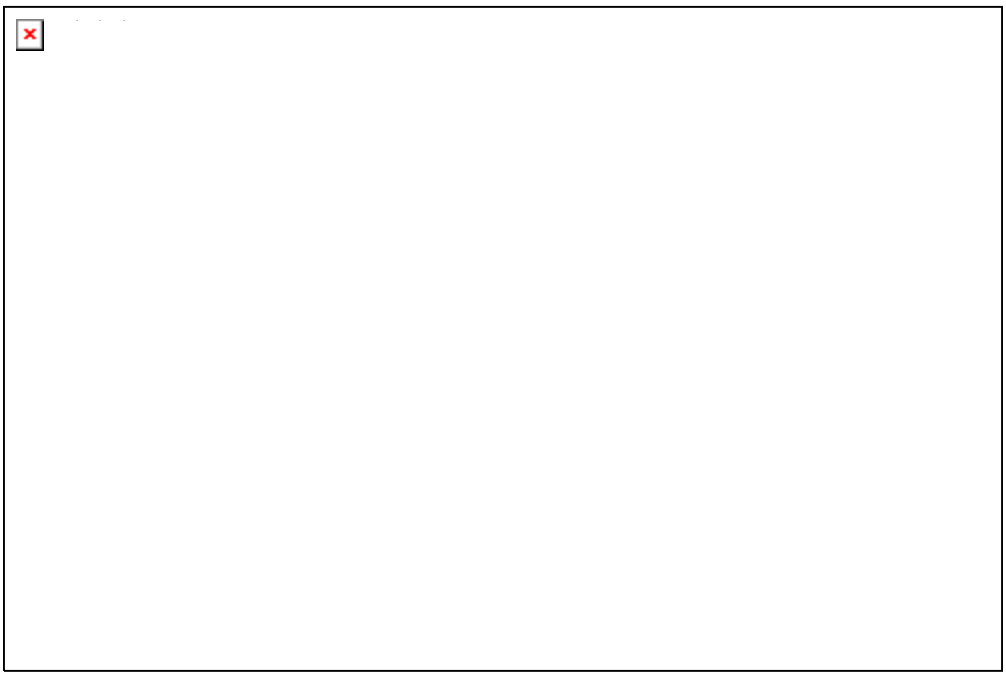

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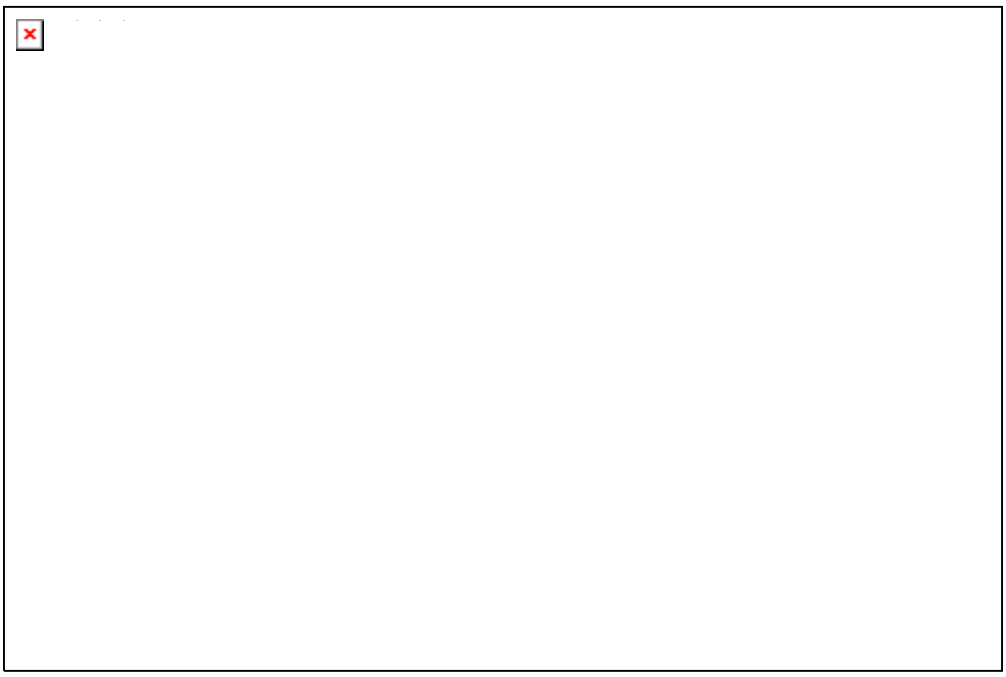

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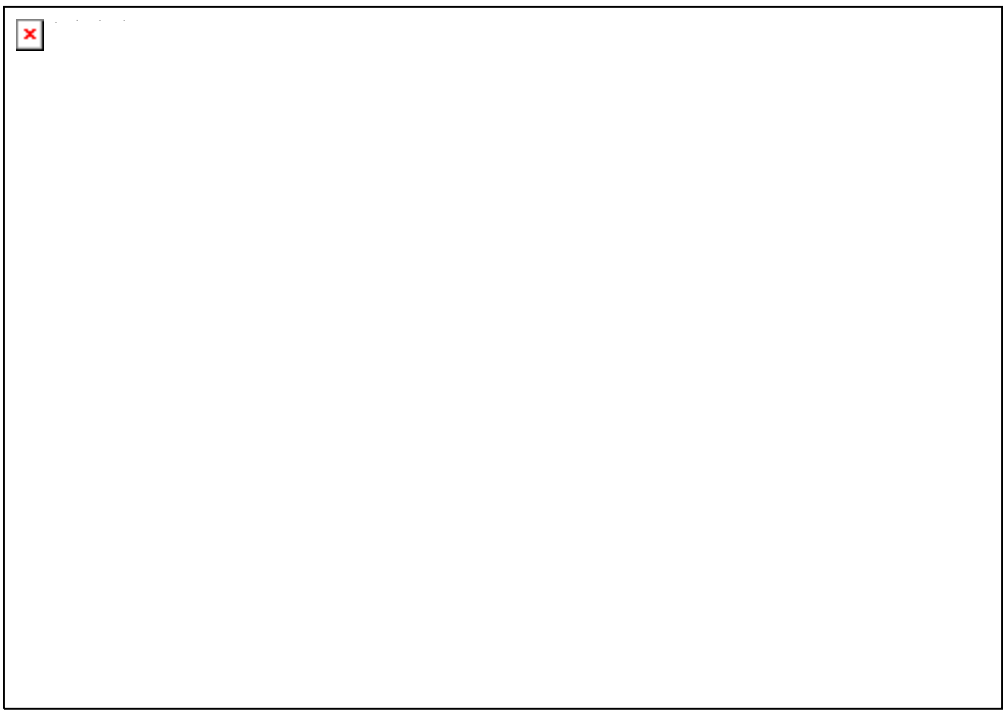

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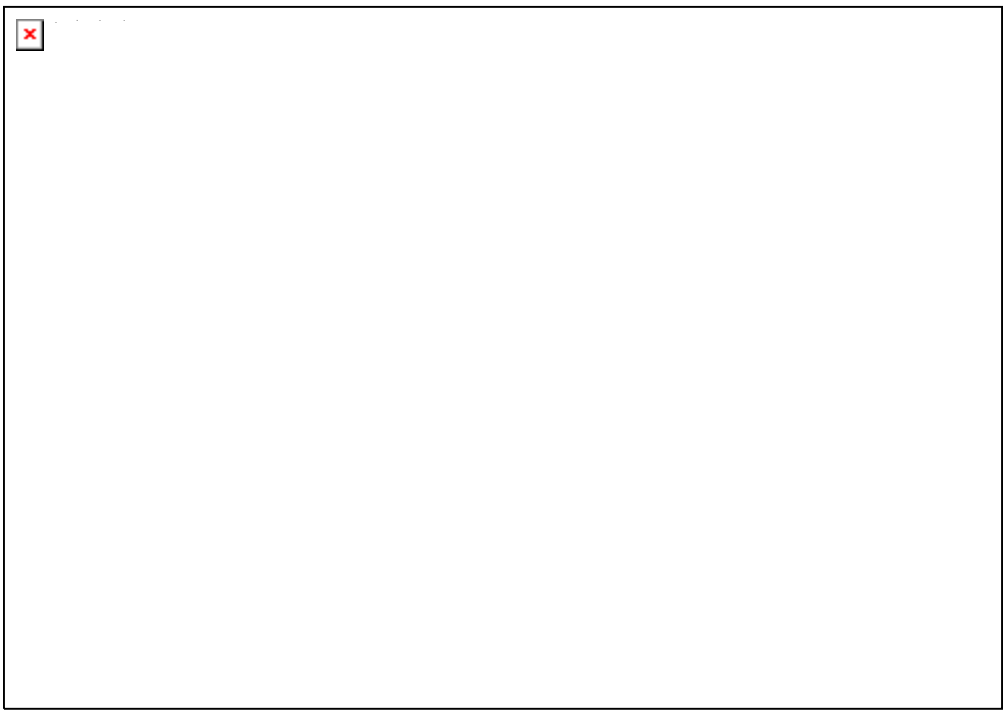

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | December 12, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line readout of our COVID-19 Vaccine Summit below. Also find a reminder for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 16 - if you have already registered for the December 16 call you do not need to re-register.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)
Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE (if you have already registered for the December 16 call you do not need to re-register)
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And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit vaccines.gov to learn more and find a location near you.

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🚨 BREAKING NEWS: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine 🚨

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued the first emergency use authorization (EUA) for a vaccine for the prevention of coronavirus disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The EUA allows the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S.

📖 **Read More:** FDA Takes Key Action in Fight Against COVID-19 By Issuing Emergency Use Authorization for First COVID-19 Vaccine

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Click here to watch President Trump's address.

On December 11, 2020, President Donald J. Trump addressed the nation from the Oval Office at the White House to announce the first authorized COVID-19 vaccine that will be administered to Americans within 48 hours of distribution to states.

HHS Secretary Azar: BREAKING: @US_FDA has granted an emergency use authorization to Pfizer for it's COVID-19 vaccine. It is nothing short of a medical miracle to have FDA authorization of a vaccine for COVID-19 just over 11 months since the virus was made known to the world.

...

Because of President Trump's strong leadership and unwavering support for Operation Warp Speed, we have millions of doses of this vaccine that are now being shipped to every corner of America, with administration to begin as soon as providers are ready.

Read more tweets from HHS Secretary Azar here.

A link to the full FDA press is here. The press also provides information and discussion on available safety and effectiveness data.

You can review the full Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Letter of Authorization here. In addition to the EUA letter, there is a Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.

Operation Warp Speed and private sector partners now begin distributing the first allocation of doses to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which

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OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. HHS Secretary Azar and Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller have issued statements on this next step, and they can be viewed **here**.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**
- **Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry**

COVID-19 Vaccine Summit

On Tuesday, December 8, President Trump hosted the **Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit** at the White House where he signed an **Executive Order** to ensure that the U.S. government prioritizes delivery of the vaccine to American citizens before sending it to other nations.

The summit brought together leaders from the Federal government, State, local and Tribal governments, private sector, military, and scientific community for a comprehensive discussion as the Administration prepares for the raid development and distribution of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines to save American lives.

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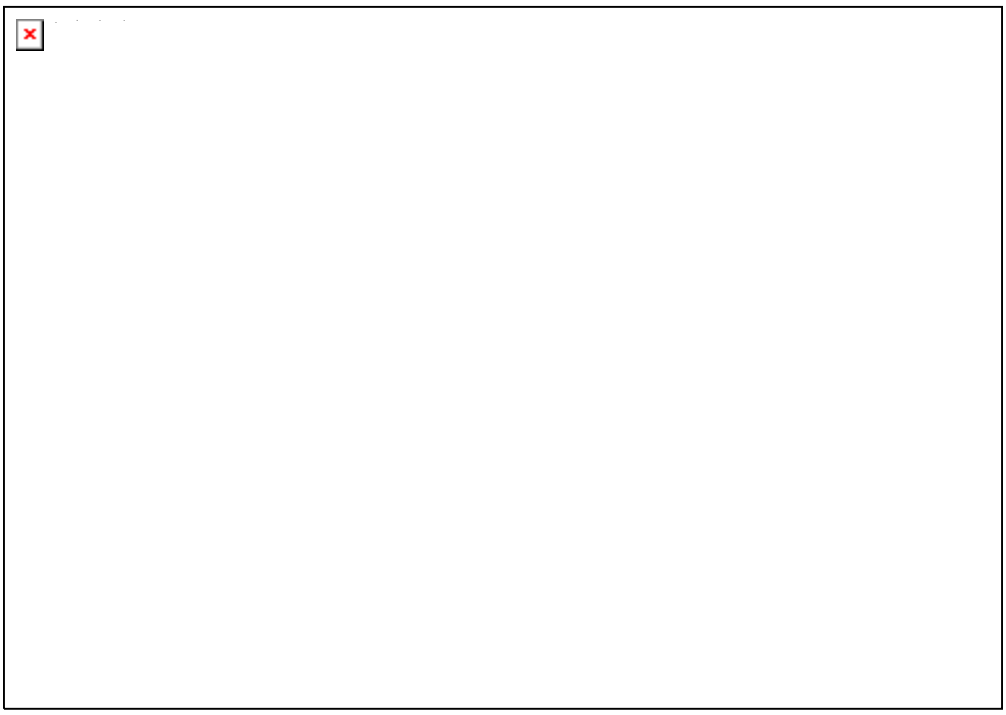

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, joined by members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force and other Administration officials, signs an Executive Order to ensure access to United States Government on COVID-19 Vaccines.

President Donald J. Trump is leading the historic effort to deliver a safe and effective vaccine to the American people as soon as possible. Earlier this year, President Trump launched **Operation Warp Speed**, a groundbreaking partnership between the Federal Government, scientific community, and private sector to develop and deliver safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines to the American people. Operation Warp Speed represents the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history - pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

✔ **Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump's Effort To Provide Americans With A Safe And Effective Vaccine Is Delivering Results**

🕮 **Read: Remarks by President Trump here and Vice President Pence here**

🎬 **Watch: HHS Secretary Azar gives an interview from the Vaccine Summit on having enough safe, effective vaccine doses available by the end of the year to vaccinate 20 million Americans.**

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100 Million Additional Doses of Moderna Vaccine Purchased

Also, the Trump Administration, through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Defense (DoD), will purchase an additional 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna. If authorized by the FDA for emergency use as outlined in agency **guidance**, doses of the vaccine will begin shipping immediately.

🕮 **Read More: Trump Administration purchases additional 100 million doses of COVID-19 investigational vaccine from Moderna**

On Friday, December 11, the FDA informed Pfizer that it will rapidly work toward finalization and issuance of an EUA . The agency has also notified the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Operation Warp Speed, so they can execute their plans for timely vaccine distribution. Read more **here**.

FDA Commissioner Hahn: The whole of the FDA – myself included – remains committed to keeping the public informed about the evaluation of the data of a potential #COVID19 vaccine, so that once available, Americans can have trust and confidence in receiving the vaccine for their families and themselves.

DOD Announces Vaccine Distribution Plan

On Wednesday, December 9, the Department of Defense **announced** its deliberate and phased plan to distribute and administer initial and subsequent allocations of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The distribution of the allocated COVID-19 vaccines will begin once the U.S. Federal Drug Administration authorizes the COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use and in accordance with Operation Warp Speed guidance.

🕮 **Read More: DOD Vaccine Distribution Plan and Population Schema**

🕮 **Read More: Memo on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccine Guidance**

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Vice President's COVID-19 Travel Engagements

On Thursday, December 10, Vice President Pence traveled to Greenville, South Carolina where he participated in a roundtable discussion on the COVID-19 vaccine progress and distribution stage. Vice President Pence thanked Governor McMaster, Lieutenant Governor Evette, and their administration for their leadership to help protect the health and safety and ensure vaccine doses are distributed across the state timely.

Click the video above to watch the full roundtable discussion on vaccine progress under Operation Warp Speed.

Vice President Pence: **Thank you to @henrymcmaster & the entire team in South Carolina for the extraordinary work you've done to put the health of the people of SC first. We all have a role to play and we urge everyone to continue to do your part to help protect your families, communities & neighbors.**

📖 **Read More:** **Remarks by Vice President Pence on Vaccine Progress**

Statements from our Nation's Governors

Gov. Greg Abbott (TX): **The Lone Star State is prepared to swiftly distribute the #COVID19 vaccine within 24-48 hours of arrival to those who voluntarily choose to be immunized. A Texas-sized thank you to Operation Warp Speed for making this historic**

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distribution possible.

Gov. Bill Lee (TN): Thanks to the Trump administration, we have had tremendous resources at the federal level but had the autonomy to be nimble in our response. It has made the difference in TN.

Gov. Bel Edwards (LA): Honored to participate in the @WhiteHouse COVID-19 Vaccine Summit today. We're working hard to respond to the pandemic, especially as we prepare for the vaccine. Working with our federal partners has and will continue to be a big part of our efforts to end the pandemic. #lagov

Gov. Ron DeSantis (FL): I was at the @WhiteHouse yesterday with President @realDonaldTrump, HHS @SecAzar and others to discuss vaccine distribution plans and highlight the incredible potential of Operation Warp Speed. Florida looks forward to vaccines being shipped soon!

President Donald J. Trump's Effort To Provide Americans With A Safe And Effective Vaccine Is Delivering Results

"My Administration has initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history — pioneering, developing, and manufacturing therapies and vaccines in record time." - **President Donald J. Trump**

PUTTING AMERICANS FIRST FOR VACCINES: President Donald J. Trump is taking action to provide Americans priority access to our Nation's COVID-19 vaccines.

- On Tuesday, December 15, President Trump signed an Executive Order to ensure that the American people are first in line to benefit from United States Government COVID-19 vaccines developed or procured using taxpayer resources.
- Under this order, the Secretary of Health and Human Services is directed to provide priority access to COVID-19 vaccines to Americans.
- Through this action, President Trump is putting the health and safety of Americans, the viability of our economy, and the security of our Nation first.
- The United States has led and will continue to lead the world's public health and humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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DEVELOPING A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINE IN RECORD TIME: Thanks to President Trump's leadership, the United States is more prepared than ever before to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Under President Trump, America will soon deliver vaccines that will help defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and help support the global return to prosperity.
- In just seven months since the President coalesced the full power of the Federal Government, private sector, and scientific community into Operation Warp Speed, this once-in-a-generation effort has developed vaccines five times faster than any other vaccine in history.
- Without cutting corners in safety or effectiveness, our Nation is now on track to receive emergency use authorization for two lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the year.
- The Trump Administration is working to coordinate COVID-19 vaccine distribution plans with States, territories, tribes, local public health programs, and private industry.
- The Trump Administration is prepared to ship COVID-19 vaccine doses to every corner of America within 48 hours of the issuance of an Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

LEADING A HISTORIC RESPONSE: President Trump's highest priority has always been to preserve the health, safety, and wellbeing of the American people.

- From the outset of the pandemic, President Trump and his Administration have worked tirelessly to combat COVID-19 and protect Americans.
- President Trump took early and aggressive action to prevent spread of the virus in America and reacted quickly to completely revolutionize America's testing system for COVID-19.
- The President has leveraged the Defense Production Act to expedite production and delivery of critically-needed medical equipment such as ventilators and personal protective equipment.
- The President and his Administration have always followed a strategy rooted in the bedrock objective of saving lives and helping our country safely reopen, and stay open.
- President Trump has rejected pursuing across-the-board shutdowns, mandates, and restrictions, which inflict more harm on the American people and United States economy than they would prevent.

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National News Clips

***Forbes*: Covid-19 Vaccinations Could Start 'Monday Or Tuesday' As FDA Set To Approve Pfizer Vaccine, HHS Chief Says**

***Washington Examiner*: Operation Warp Speed shows how we come together when times are tough**

***Fox Business*: Trump says White House will invoke Defense Production Act for COVID-19 vaccine if necessary**

***Fox News*: Rep. Brad Wenstrup, DPM: COVID vaccine -- Operation Warp Speed is unprecedented, shows America at its best**

***Fox News*: Small Business Administrator Carranza: PPP saved millions of small businesses, American jobs**

***CBS News*: Trump touts vaccines at summit, urging FDA to grant approval**

***Bloomberg*: Trump Aims to Boost Vaccine Confidence at White House Summit**

Local News Clips

***Indiana House of Representatives Republican Caucus*: Manning joins leaders at COVID-19 Vaccine Summit in Washington, D.C.**

***FOX 4 KDFW*: Gov. Greg Abbott, Fort Worth mayor attend White House vaccine summit**

***My High Plains*: At White House summit, Abbott announces Texas has 7,200 providers signed up to administer COVID-19 vaccines**

***Gallatin News*: Lee discusses Tennessee's vaccine distribution plan at White House summit**

***FOX 8 Local First*: Governor John Bel Edwards talks about vaccine plan at White House COVID-19 summit**

***Rockland Report:* Assemblyman Schmitt Attends White House Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit**

***ABC WBRZ 2*: Governor Edwards discusses Louisiana's vaccine plan at White House summit**

***Orlando Sentinel*: DeSantis describes COVID-19 vaccination plan at White House summit**

***ABC WXYZ Detroit*: Rochester Hills mayor recaps White House summit on COVID-19 vaccine**

***News Radio 1080 KRLD*: Fort Worth Mayor to attend COVID-19 vaccine distribution summit**

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,029 COVID-19 briefings with over

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257,965 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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Subject: Reminder: COVID-19 Precautions - White House Christmas Reception

Good afternoon,

We look forward to hosting you at the White House Christmas reception this evening. Please review the below COVID-19 precautions that will be enforced for the duration of the reception:

- Please bring your own face covering as face coverings are **required** to be worn by all attendees 2 years of age and older.
- Face coverings should only be removed when you are eating or drinking.
- If you do not bring your own face covering, you will be provided one upon arrival.
- **Please stay home** if you have tested positive or you have had **any** of the following symptoms of COVID-19 **within 10 days** prior to your visit: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- **Please stay home** if you have been in close contact with someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 within 14 days prior to your visit.
- Please practice social distancing while on the White House grounds and utilize the provided hand sanitizer stations.
- Food will be individually plated at plexiglass-protected food stations.

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Attorney General Brnovich – it was a pleasure to host you and your colleagues yesterday. Please find your picture with the President attached here and the disclaimer protocol for use from the Photo Office below.

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Find call registration and additional information about Operation Lady Justice and other Trump Administration engagements with Indian Country below.

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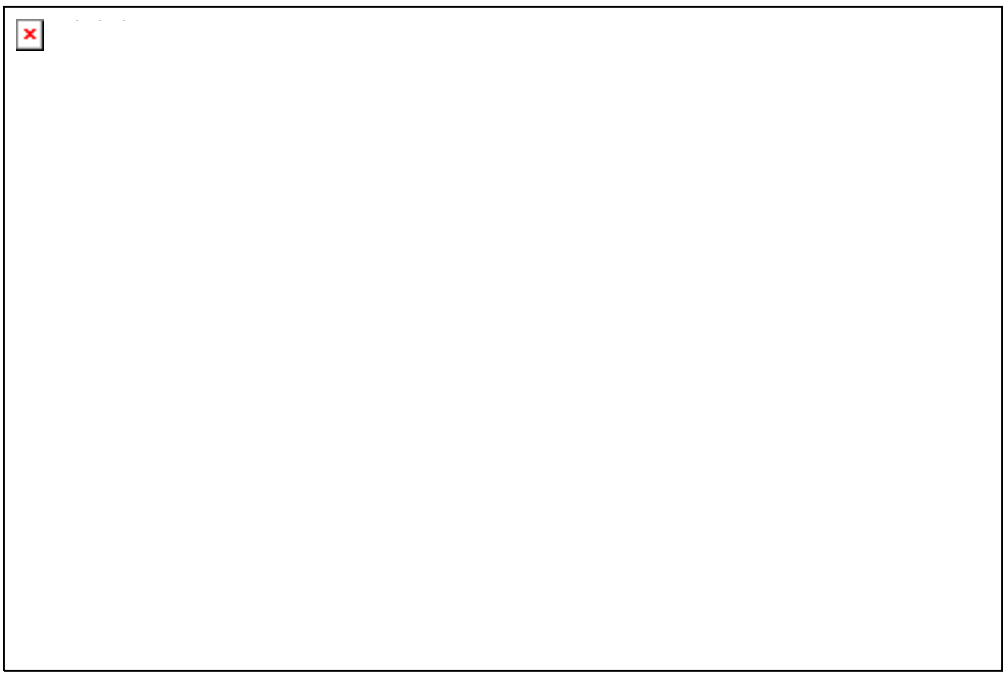

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communities and outlines an ambitious agenda to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities

- White House and Senior Administration officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More **here**.

The Trump Administration has prioritized support for Native American communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- After working with Congress to enact the CARES Act, President Trump provided **$8 billion to address COVID-19** preparedness, response, and recovery needs and programming to support Native Americans – **the largest single programmatic investment in Indian Country in the history of our Nation.**
- The Trump Administration has **conducted robust collaboration with each of our Nation's Tribal governments to identify each Tribe's preferences for vaccine distribution and prioritization**. As of December 1, all Tribal Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations **have chosen** their preferred method for receiving the vaccine.
- The Trump Administration has **surged important resources to Native American communities to ensure they have the resources needed for COVID-19 response and recovery**. This includes **prioritizing** distribution of BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests in Indian Country through the Indian Health Service.
- The Trump Administration **established a multi-agency coordination group on March 6 tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues and responsiveness on unique needs and challenges in Indian Country**. This group has held regular national briefing calls with Native American leaders and Tribal partners.

The Trump Administration has delivered on important cultural priorities for Indian Country.

- President Trump **signed** **legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia** and **announced** **support for the federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina**, which has sough federal recognition for over 130 years.
- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and**

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artifacts to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.

- **Repatriated a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma**.
- **Advanced systematic efforts to collaborate and consult with tribal leaders to identify further opportunities to repatriate culturally important items.** More **here**.
- **Advanced an updated eagle remains policy** allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

The Trump Administration has promoted Tribal self-determination in education and provided Native American children with access to high-quality education options.

- The Trump Administration created the "**Accessing Choices in Education**" grant competition and awarded over $24 million to empower dozens of Tribes and their families to decide which education services will best support their children.
- In the Federal Charter School Programs, the Trump Administration **prioritized high-quality charter schools** with a mission to address the unique educational needs of Native American students using instructional programs and teaching methods that reflect and preserve Native American language, culture, and history.
- To promote Tribal self-determination in education, the Trump Administration provided grants to **support both the establishment and development of Tribal Education Agencies**. Through these grants, Tribal Education Agencies will recruit and retain educators, promote the availability of work-based learning experiences or career exploration, and build capacity to open a charter school or to operate a BIE school.
- The Trump Administration has **prioritized both new and existing Native American language programs**.

President Trump is committed to addressing crime, promoting public safety, and supporting victims in Native American communities to ensure Native Americans are forgotten no more.

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a **proclamation** in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day. The President signed a second **proclamation** on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.

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- **President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives** to develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives—especially women and children. The Task Force has opened six cold case offices across the country, conducted 12 regional consultations, and hosted numerous listening sessions.
- President Trump signed ***Savanna's Act***, which directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop law enforcement protocols to better address the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans. The President also **signed the *Not Invisible Act of 2019***, which directs DOJ and the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a joint commission on violent crime within and against the Native American community.
- The **Department of Justice recently allocated more than $295 million in grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime** in Native American communities, totaling $922 million in grants since Fiscal Year 2017.
- The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families released the framework on Missing and Murdered Native Americans**, which contains guidance for supporting and strengthening Tribal and Native American communities whose citizens are at risk for going missing or being murdered.
- **The President convened a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health System** to examine systematic problems in the IHS that resulted in failures to protect children. The Task Force held listening sessions and consultations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana to address this long-neglected issue. The Task Force work released its recommendations in July 2020.
- **Allocated $150 million in State Opioid Response Grants** (tribal set-aside) to assist tribal governments in accessing medication-assisted treatment and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

The Trump Administration is committed to investing important resources into Native American communities across the country and ensuring that no community is left behind.

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.
- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment

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into low-income communities across the United States.

- In 2018**, President Trump signed into law the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly $70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over $150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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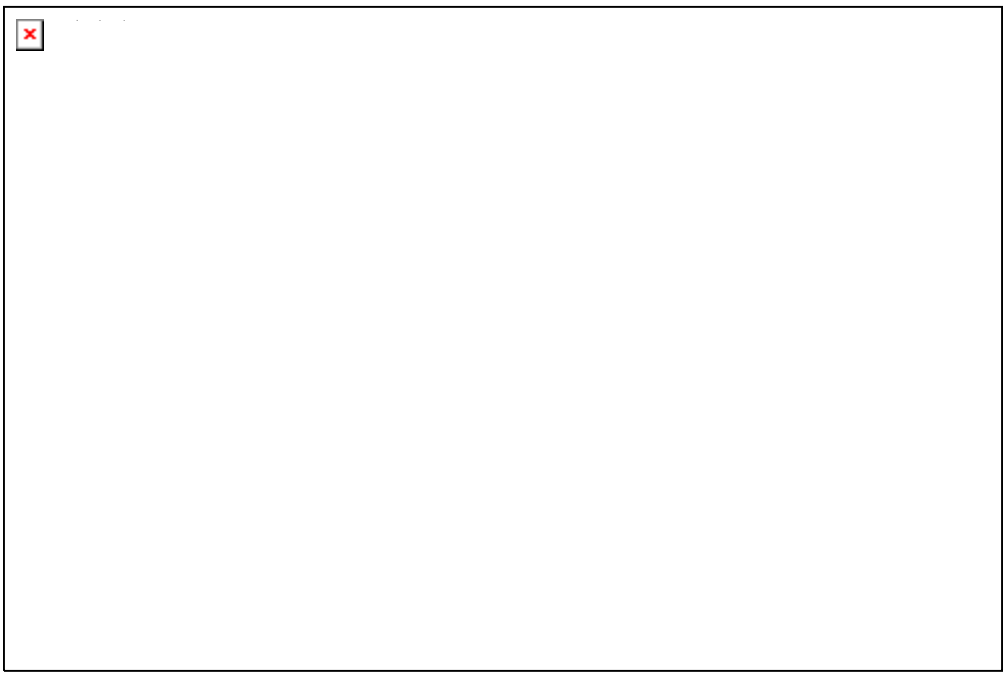

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From: White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Brnovich, Mark
Subject: Call Invite: Operation Lady Justice Update; Report Rollout - TODAY (12/10) @ 5 PM ET

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Operation Lady Justice Briefing Call

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to join a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials for an update on Operation Lady Justice, including a report from the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Native's report. The report, which follows consultations with Tribal governments, will be available **here** beginning at 12:00 p.m. Eastern.

Find call registration and additional information about Operation Lady Justice and other Trump Administration engagements with Indian Country below.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

Time: 5:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

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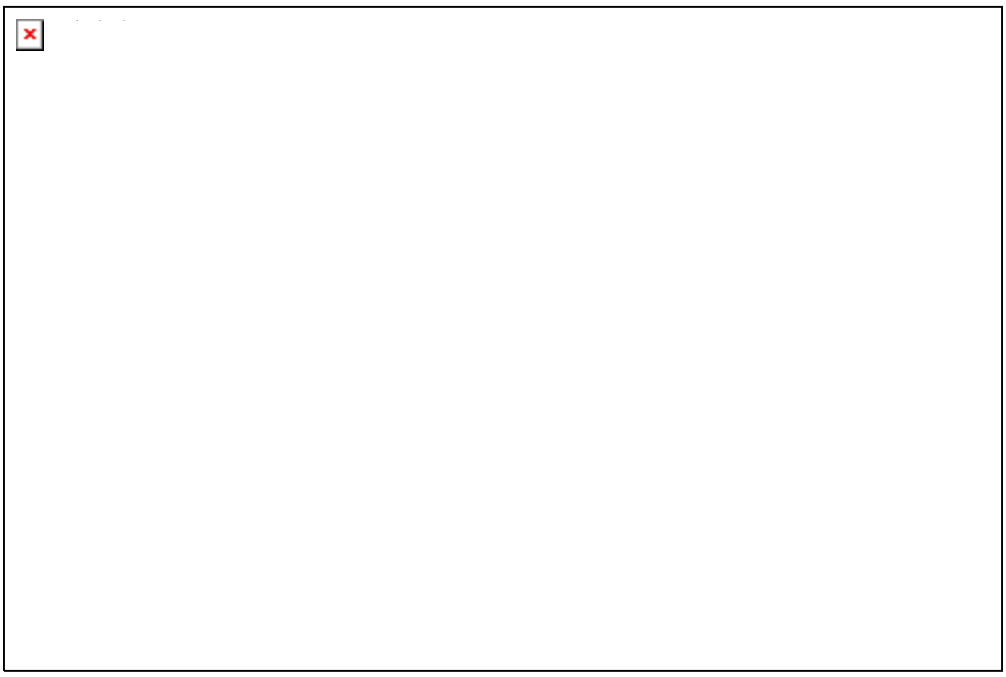

President Trump, joined by Tribal leaders, signs the Executive Order on Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives on November 26, 2019.

About Operation Lady Justice: According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center, there are more than 1400 unresolved American Indian and Alaska Native missing person cases in the U.S. To address this crisis, President Trump - joined by Tribal leaders from across the country - signed **Executive Order 13898** on November 26, 2019 (***Interior Applauds Trump Administration's Establishment of Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Native Task Force***).

President Trump's Executive Order established the Operation Lady Justice Task Force, a multi-agency effort co-chaired by Secretary Bernhardt and U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr. The purpose of the Task Force is to enhance the operation of the criminal justice system and address the number of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Natives in Tribal communities. Find more information on Operation Lady Justice **here**.

Ivanka Trump: **The Trump Administration in 2019 formed Operation Lady Justice, a long overdue federal task force that enhances the operation of the criminal justice system + addresses concerns of the Indian Country on missing and murdered people – particularly women and girls.**

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting Native American and Alaska Native Communities

"We remain committed to preserving and protecting Native American cultures, languages, and history, while ensuring prosperity and opportunity for all Native Americans." – **President Donald J. Trump**

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Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Brnovich, Mark
Cc: Lumpp, Rachelle
Subject: RE: Invitation: White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General (12/10)

Attorney General Brnovich,

We are pleased that you are able to join us tomorrow at the White House. All pertinent information is below. Please note the 11:30 a.m. arrival time to accommodate COVID-19 testing. You will need to be dropped off at the 17th and State Place entrance. After you arrive and pass through security, please proceed to Room 180/180A in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB 180/180A is located on the first floor of the EEOB near the entrance to the Navy steps). From there, our team will escort you to the White House Medical Unit for testing.

For any day of questions, please contact my colleague Nick Barbknecht (cc'd) at 202-881-9124.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:17 AM
To: 'mark.brnovich@azag.gov' <mark.brnovich@azag.gov>
Cc: 'Rachelle.lumpp@azag.gov' <Rachelle.lumpp@azag.gov>
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You are cordially invited to join President Donald J. Trump at the White House for a luncheon on Thursday, December 10 at 12:45 p.m. Eastern. Please find pertinent registration information and other details below, including COVID-19 arrival and testing protocols. Note that this invitation is non-transferable and we are unable to accommodate additional staff or security.

White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General

Registration: Please submit your security information **here**. The information you submit must exactly match your identification. Please note that we are unable to accommodate staff or security.

Arrival Date/Time: Thursday, December 10, 11:30 a.m. Eastern (note arrival time)

Arrival Location: 17th Street NW and State Place NW

Security/Check-In: You will need to be dropped off at 17th and State Place – we are unable to accommodate car entry. Upon your arrival, Secret Service will check your driver's license, passport, or other government issued photo ID (such as a CAC Card). This must be a current, valid form of identification. Paper copies and expired IDs will not be accepted. Keep in mind that if there are any discrepancies (including minor "typos") between the personal information that you submit and what is listed on your identification, this will delay your entrance into the EEOB. After passing through the security entrance at 17th and State Place, you will proceed to a second security screening point on West Executive Avenue. There, you will receive security credentials and pass through screening.

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Hold Room: We have reserved a hold room prior to the luncheon – EEOB 180/180A.

Luncheon Details: The luncheon will be held in the White House Cabinet Room at 12:45 p.m. Eastern with the President. We anticipate approximately 12-15 attendees.

Day-of Point of Contact: Nick Barbknecht (202-881-9124)

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Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Lumpp, Rachelle
Subject: RE: Christmas Party Dress Code?

Good afternoon,

We have received General Brnovich's RSVP response and are looking forward to hosting him at the White House! The suggested attire is business. Feel free to reach out again should you have any further questions or concerns and we will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

The White House Social Office

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update - Operation Warp Speed

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Briefing Call Registration

Date: Monday, December 7th, 2020

Time: 5:00 PM Eastern (4:00 PM Central/ 3:00 PM MT /2:00 PM Pacific)

Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE**

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8th at 2 PM Eastern, President Trump will host State and local leaders from across the country and private sector partners for the **Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit** at the White House. The Summit will feature remarks from President Trump, Vice President Pence and panel discussions on the development, testing, and distribution of the vaccine in record time. To watch the summit live, tune in to **whitehouse.gov/live** at 2:00 PM Eastern on Tuesday, December 8th (note start time is subject to change).

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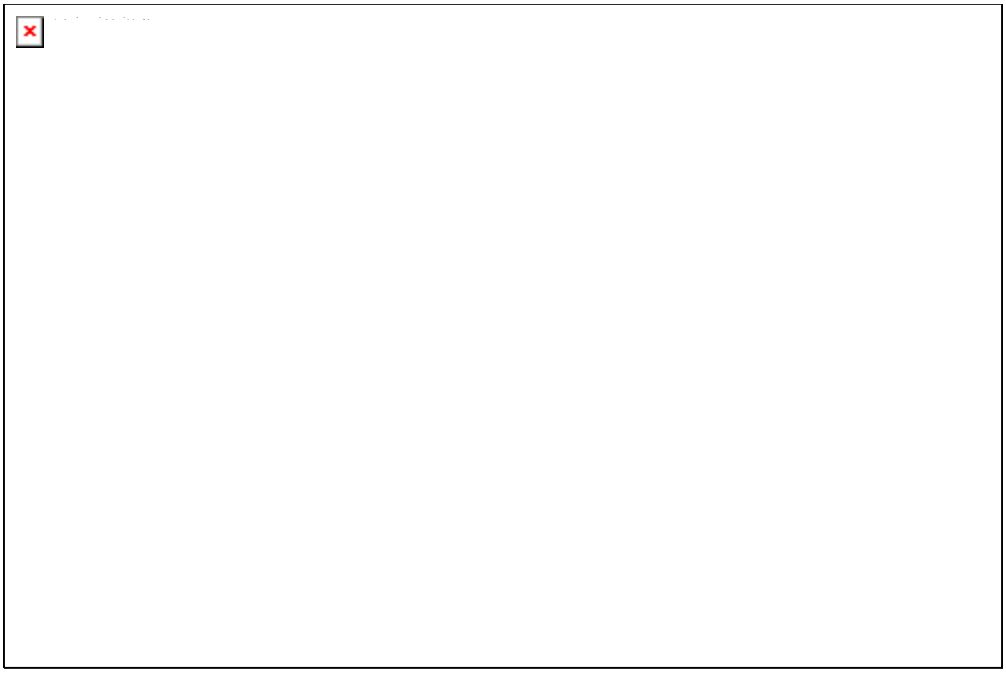

President Donald J. Trump is leading the historic effort to deliver a safe and effective vaccine to the American people as soon as possible. **Earlier this year, President Trump launched Operation Warp Speed, a groundbreaking partnership between the Federal Government, scientific community, and private sector to develop and deliver safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines to the American people**. Operation Warp Speed represents the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history - pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

The White House: The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.

✔ **Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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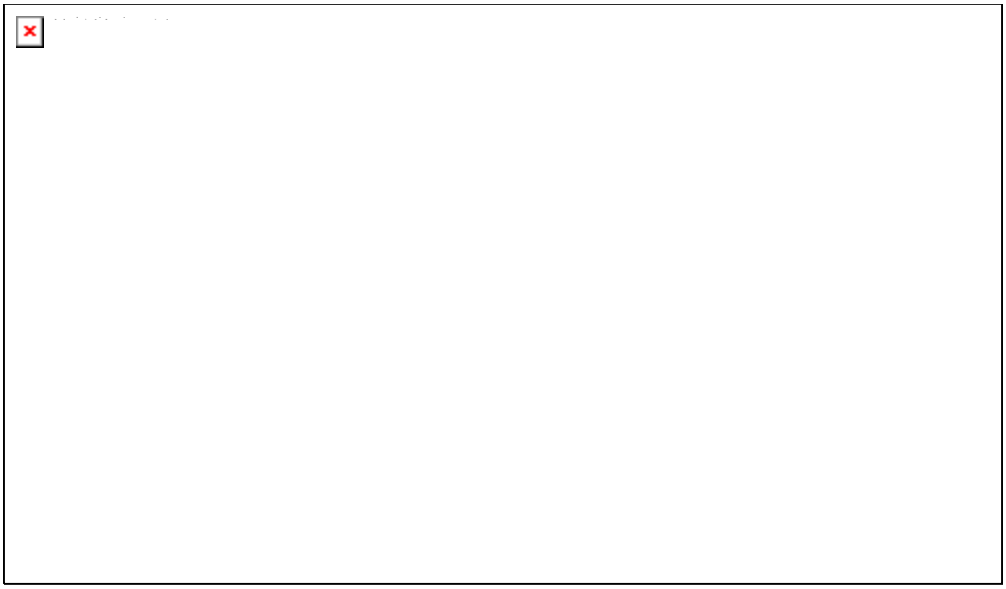

President Trump is committed to providing free or low-cost COVID-19 countermeasures to the American people as soon as possible. On Friday, November 13, President Trump announced from the Rose Garden that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December (**followed by 60 million doses in January and 100 million does by February**)**. Any vaccine or therapeutic doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be given to the American people at no cost. Congress has directed almost $10 billion to this effort through supplemental funding, including the CARES Act.

Vice President Mike Pence: We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.

Each State will be responsible for administering vaccines. All 64 public health jurisdictions– including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents. All Tribal Health Programs and Urban Indian Health Organizations have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine as well. Now as the Administration prepares for distribution of the vaccine, these 64 jurisdictions will help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. All 64 jurisdictions' plan draft executive summaries are available for review here.

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Multiple vaccine candidates are under development. On November 16, Moderna announced that its COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials. Moderna's announcement followed that from Pfizer, which released data on November 9 showing its vaccine may be more than 90 percent effective. Both Pfizer and Moderna have received funding and operational **support** for development, manufacturing, and eventual potential delivery of their respective vaccines. In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Defense **announced** an agreement with Pfizer for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the United States following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: The strategy we devised for Operation #WarpSpeed will allow us to deliver a COVID-19 vaccine while following all the same procedures for safety and efficacy, applied by the same apolitical FDA experts, that Americans expect with all vaccines.

Both Moderna and Pfizer have submitted their Emergency Use Authorization approval requests to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA **has scheduled** a meeting of its vaccine advisory committee to review the Pfizer vaccine on December 10 and the Moderna vaccine on December 17. After FDA review and authorization, the vaccines will be distributed to any location in America that each State approves as the provider. Already, vaccine delivery dry runs are taking place across the country (learn more **here**).

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Additional Information

- **Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed** (here)
- **CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations (Version 2.0)**. You can find the full **Interim Playbook Here**.
- **State-Submitted Vaccine Distribution Draft Plans (here)**
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- **Dr. Slaoui, Dr. Greene, & Dr. Woodcock Op-Ed in the New England Journal of Medicine**: Bridging the Gap at Warp Speed — Delivering Options for Preventing and Treating Covid-19 (here)
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- **FDA Commissioner Hahn Op-Ed**: No Matter What, Only a Safe, Effective Vaccine Will Get Our Approval (here)
- **Equitable Allocation of a COVID-19 Vaccine Draft Framework**: At the request of the NIH and CDC, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine has released draft framework for equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine (here)
- **Encourage Participation in Clinical Trials**: The Vice President has asked State and local officials to encourage citizens to participate in clinical trials. For more information, visit **CoronavirusPreventionNetwork.org**

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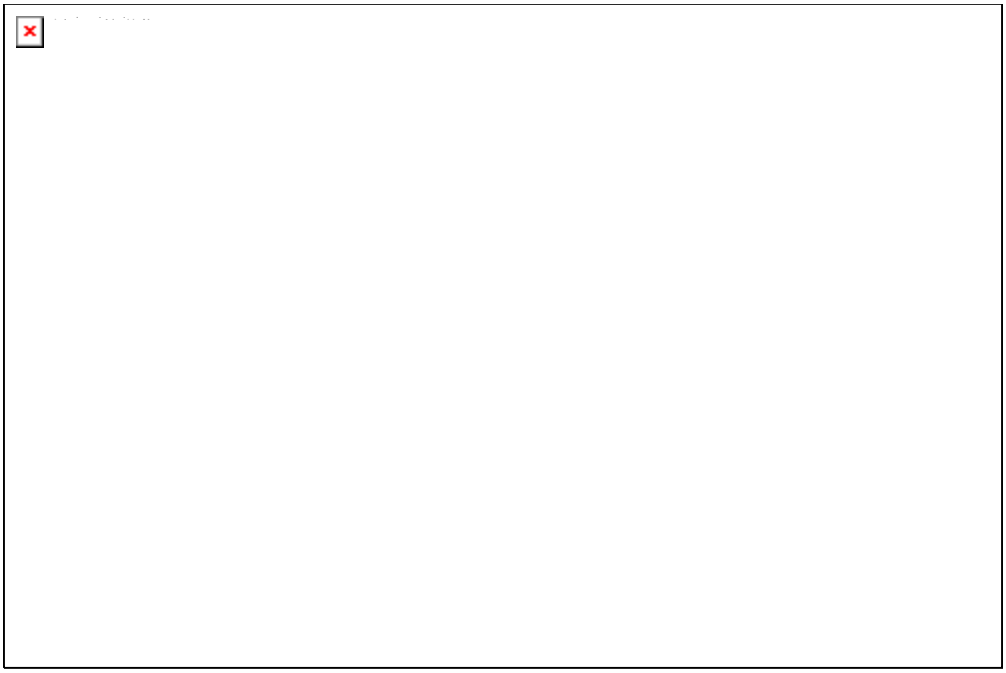

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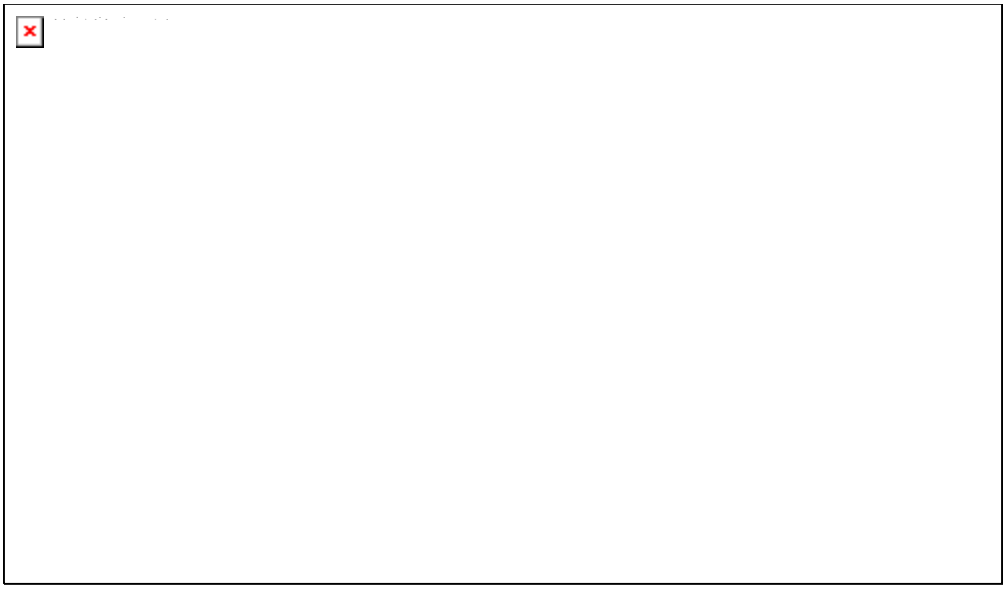

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update - Operation Warp Speed

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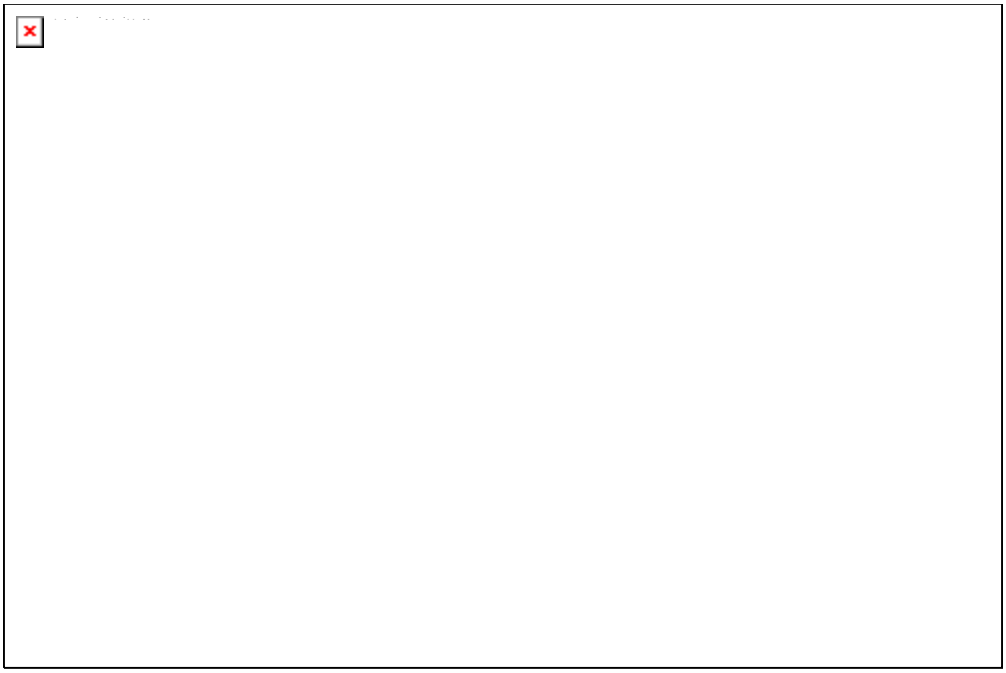

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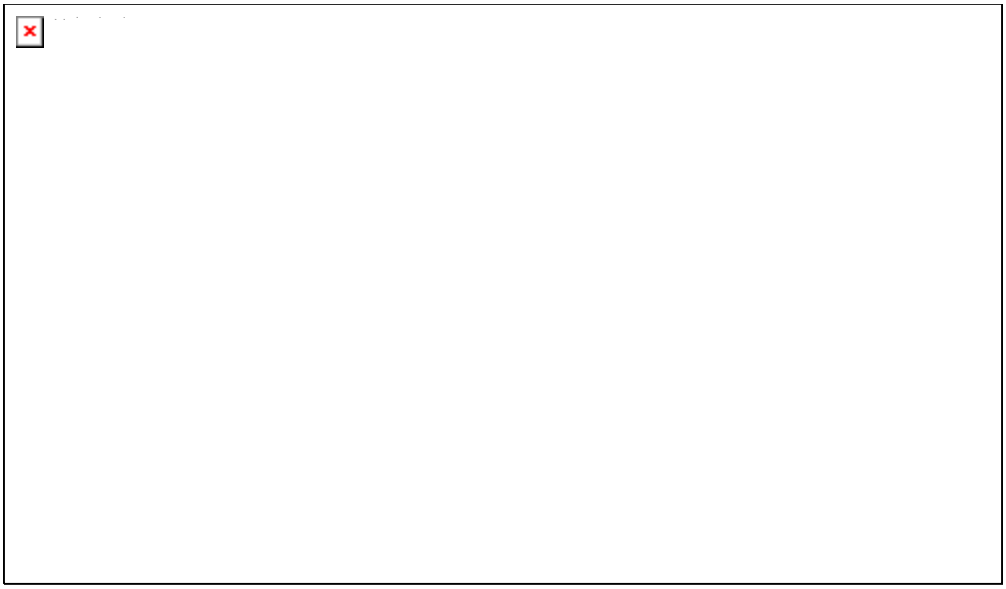

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | December 5, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 16.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit vaccines.gov to learn more and find a

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location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update 🚨 Operation Warp Speed 🚨
- 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 43rd Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- November Jobs Numbers - The Rebound Continues
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COVID-19 Update

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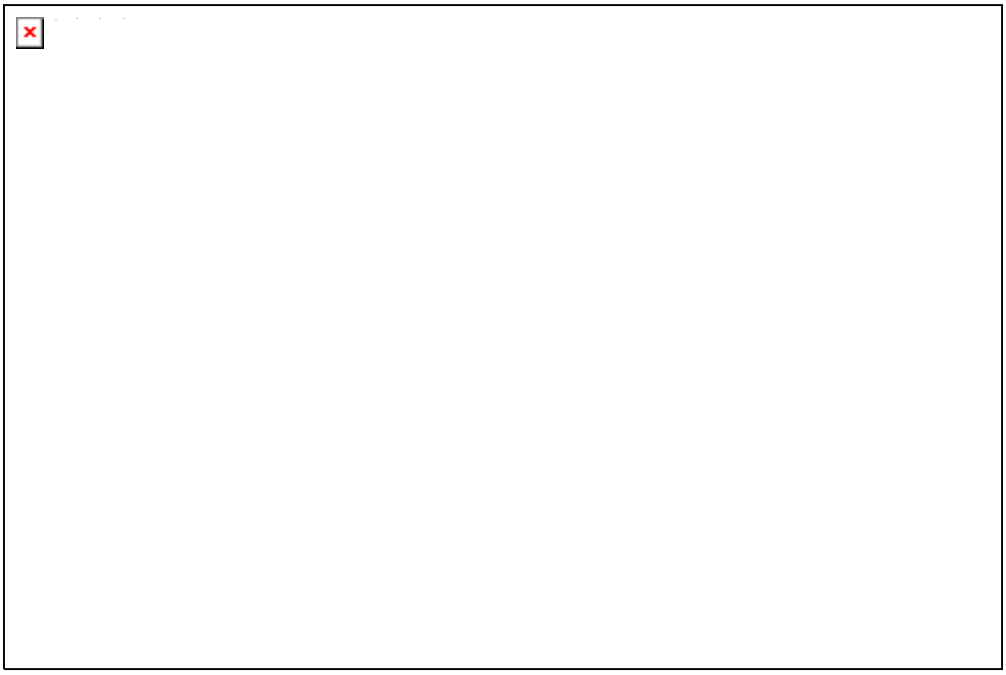

On Thursday, December 3, Vice President Pence and HHS Secretary Azar traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to meet with Governor Bill Lee and participate in a roundtable highlighting Operation Warp Speed and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine distribution program, and Tennessee's plan to operationalize vaccinations once approved.

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Vice President Pence: Pleased to be joined by @SecAzar, @CDCDirector, @GovBillLee & @FedEx in Memphis. Early on, @FedEx helped meet the need of the American people by delivering PPE to healthcare workers, & we look forward to continuing that seamless partnership to deliver millions of vaccine doses!

HHS Secretary Azar: Thanks to @POTUS's #OperationWarpSpeed, we are incredibly close to delivering safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Joining @VP, @CDCDirector, @GovBillLee, FedEx leadership, and state and local leaders in Memphis to discuss the upcoming distribution efforts.

On Friday, December 4, 2020, Vice President Pence also traveled to Georgia where he participated in another roundtable discussing the unprecedented progress toward a COVID-19 vaccine. Watch the Vice President deliver remarks here.

Vice President Pence: We would not be here but for the tireless efforts of everyone involved in our national response.

📖 **Read More:** Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Roundtable Discussion on Vaccine Distribution in Atlanta, GA

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,025 COVID-19 briefings with over 253,600 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

In addition to the readout, we would like to highlight that on on Thursday, December 3, President Trump approved a federal funding extension for the Nation Guard's COVID-19 relief work through the end of March 2021. The extension reflects President Trump's consistent recognition

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of the important role the men and women of the National Guard play in the response to and economic recovery from COVID-19. President Trump's extension of federal funding for the National Guard is yet another unprecedented, proactive step in providing State's with the resources they need in their response to COVID-19.

Participants on the December 2nd call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
- Dr. Robert Redfield, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- RADM Michael Iademarco, *Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted the rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. Where cases had risen in the Rocky Mountains, Northern plains, and in the heartland states - which recently received cold temperatures - these regions have shown COVID-19 cases stabilizing prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. These states will be a helpful indicator as data reporting becomes available in the coming weeks to determine any potential surge from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Birx encouraged individuals who may not have closely followed mitigation measures to get tested. Dr. Birx noted the importance of testing in identifying asymptomatic cases.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH: Dr. Fauci provided an update on the Government's Federal efforts on vaccine planning and distribution. The Federal Government has been working in coordination with State and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine to the American people in record time. Dr. Fauci indicated that the speed of which a vaccine has become available is a reflection of the extraordinary technological advances that started nearly a decade ago, which has led to the utilization of the scientific data today. This speed is a result of the investment of billions of dollars from Operation Warp Speed that provided funding at once, rather than over time.

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The process of determining a safe an effective vaccine has been a sound process free from outside influence. Career scientists who analyze the data are an independent body and work hand-in-hand with the FDA allowing for full transparency.

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dr. Redfield provided an update on the distribution plan for the 64 jurisdictions. Within the jurisdictions, there is a micro-jurisdiction plan, which emphasizes the importance of supporting each community through the Coronavirus pandemic. This week, the CDC completed exercises with all jurisdictions that simulated the distribution plan and addressed any potential glitches. On this micro-level, Governors and their states will help determine and facilitate how to best distribute and apply the vaccines.

Along with Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx is asking all States and local communities to begin using their **BinaxNow COVID-19 tests** that have already been sent to States. Dr. Birx emphasized that if communities can get 20-25 county workers to get tested, it will makes a significant impact.

Additionally, Dr. Redfield **announced** that HHS is laying the necessary groundwork for the distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine by ensuring that all tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations have the choice on how they receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On December 1, 2020, HHS **announced** that all tribal health programs and UIOs (Urban Indian Organizations) have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

Finally, the CDC announced on December 2, 2020 options to reduce quarantine for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others. It also ensures that persons who become symptomatic or are otherwise diagnosed during quarantine can be rapidly brought to care and evaluated. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose personal burdens that may affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Based on local circumstances and resources, CDC finds the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable to the recommended 14 days.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported

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during daily monitoring.

  - With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.

- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available,* then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
  - With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.

🕮 **Read More:** **Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing**

RADM Michael Iademarco, Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC: RADM Michael F. Iademarco, MD, MPH is Director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who discussed the importance of the successful **Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit** that has been authorized by the FDA for home use provides the ability to efficiently track and monitor results.

Also do not forget that if you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more **here**.

To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **donatingplasma.org** and **coronavirus.gov**.

Surgeon General Jerome Adams: **Been previously diagnosed with #COVID19 & fortunate enough to have recovered? Well you can help others recover too, by donating your plasma. It has antibodies that could literally save a life. Find out where you can donate at http://thefightisinus.org. Because the fight is in YOU!**

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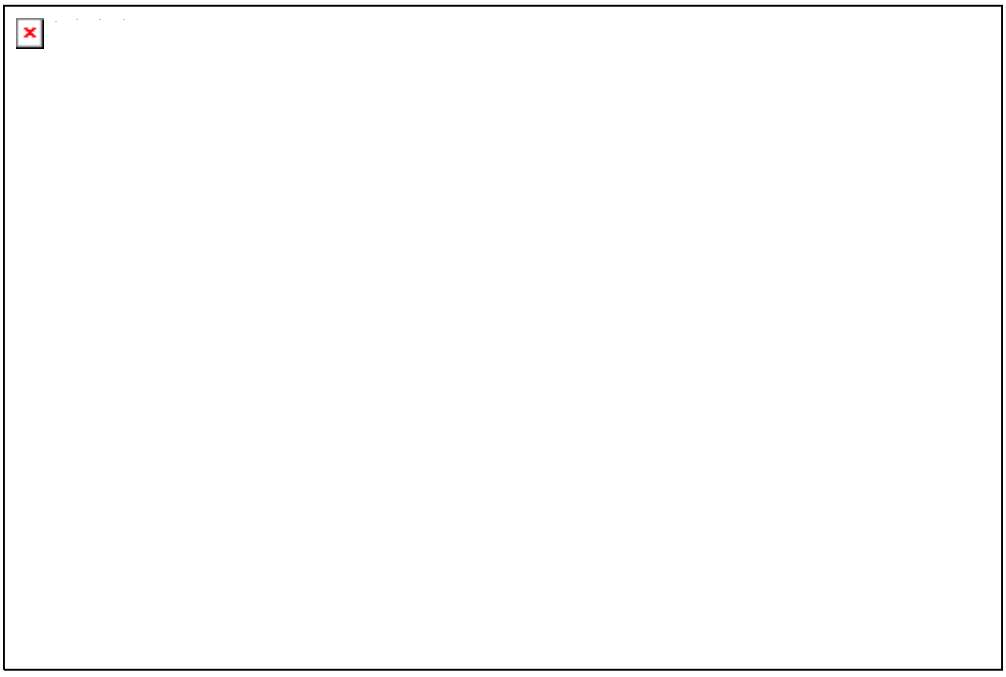

On Monday, November 30, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

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Vice President Pence: **In August, President @realDonaldTrump said we would have a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year, and today, American companies have produced 2 Vaccines in RECORD TIME! Once approved, we will inoculate millions by years end! Help is on the Way America!**

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

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- Assistant Administrator David Bibo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, ongoing robust partnership to prepare in distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. Governors, including Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine.

The Vice President also noted that the Federal government has worked towards 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing mechanism to replenish the stockpile.

FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor: **This morning I participated in an Agency Review Team briefing on current needs and status of PPE and #COVID19 supplies. Thank you to @DHSgov and @HHSGOV for your ongoing partnership in the ongoing response efforts.**

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FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and Dr. Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments, and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Specifically, Dr. Hahn reiterated that the rigorous standards of the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed—leads to no cut corners.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning efforts including reviewing outstanding State-Federal needs, ongoing table top exercises with public and private partners, and ongoing communication with state partners. Further, General Perna called on governors to ensure that healthcare providers are included in State distribution plans to increase States' operational effectiveness.

Secretary Azar provided on update on Moderna's vaccine trial and the impending submission of the company's EUA application. Additionally, Secretary Azar provided an update on an aspect of Operation Warp Speed that has resulted in 99% of nursing homes partnering with private pharmacies to ensure the safe and effective delivery of vaccines to nursing home residents.

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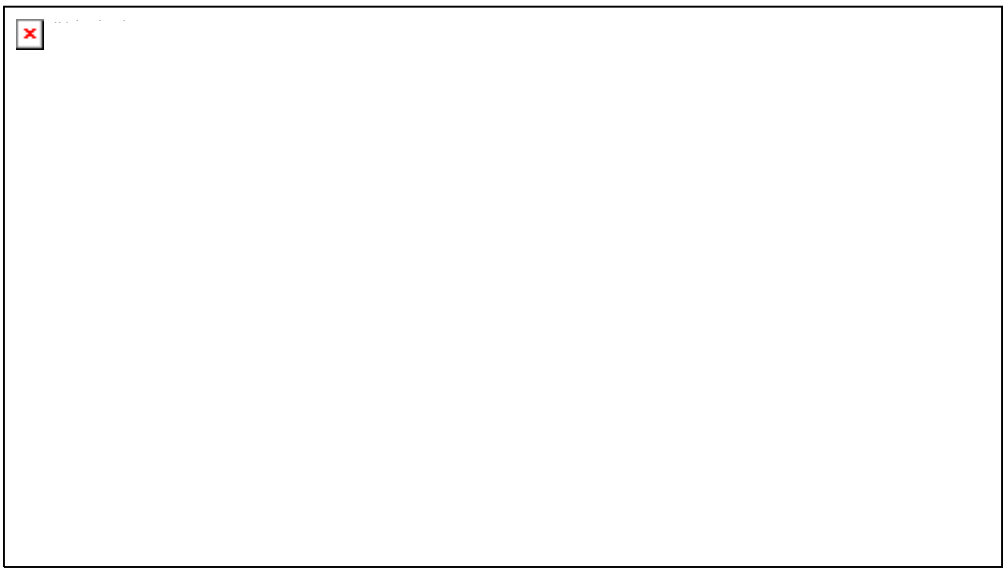

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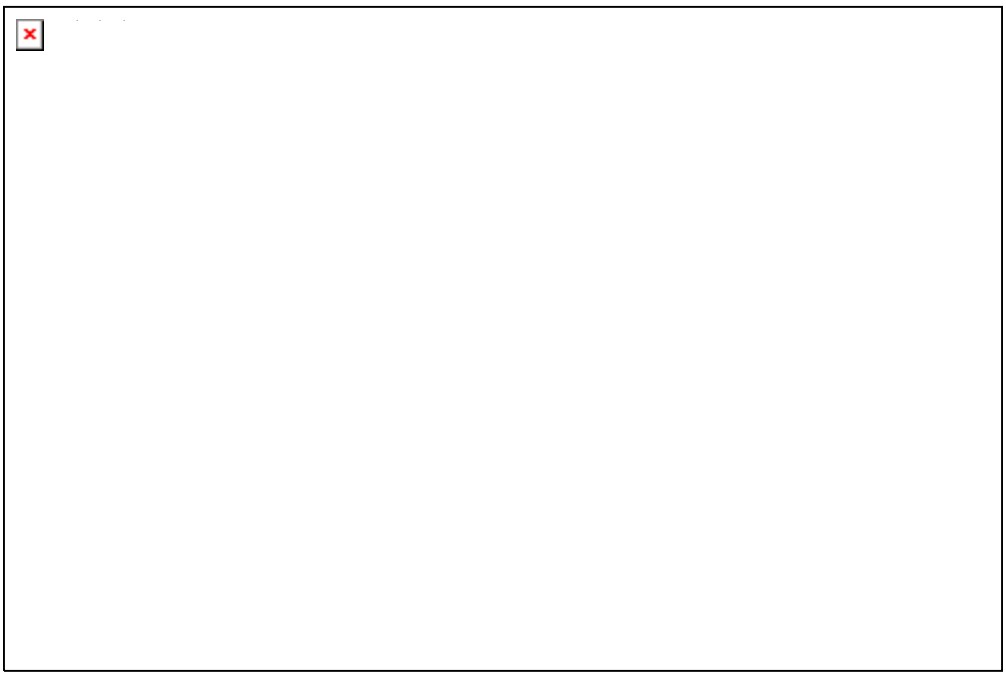

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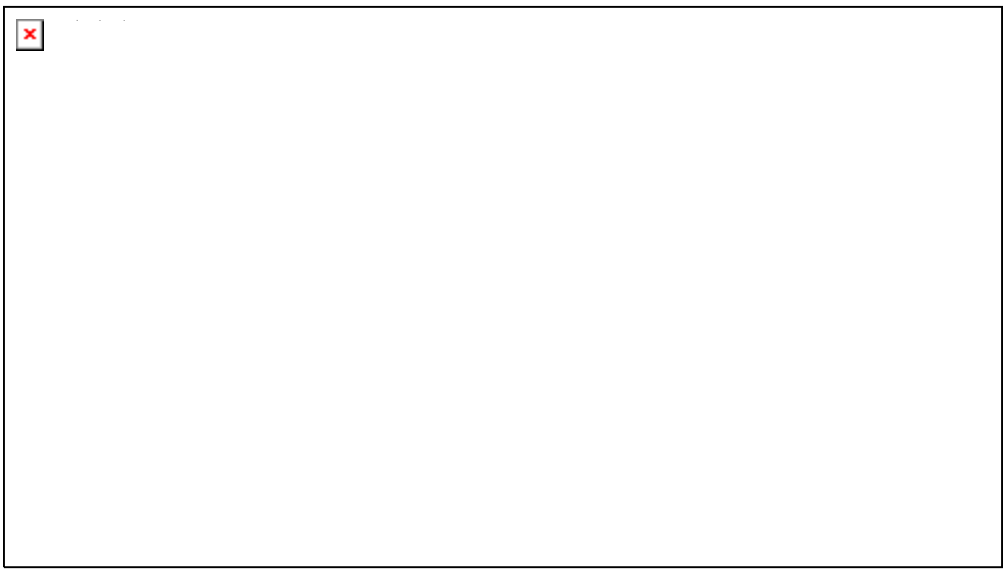

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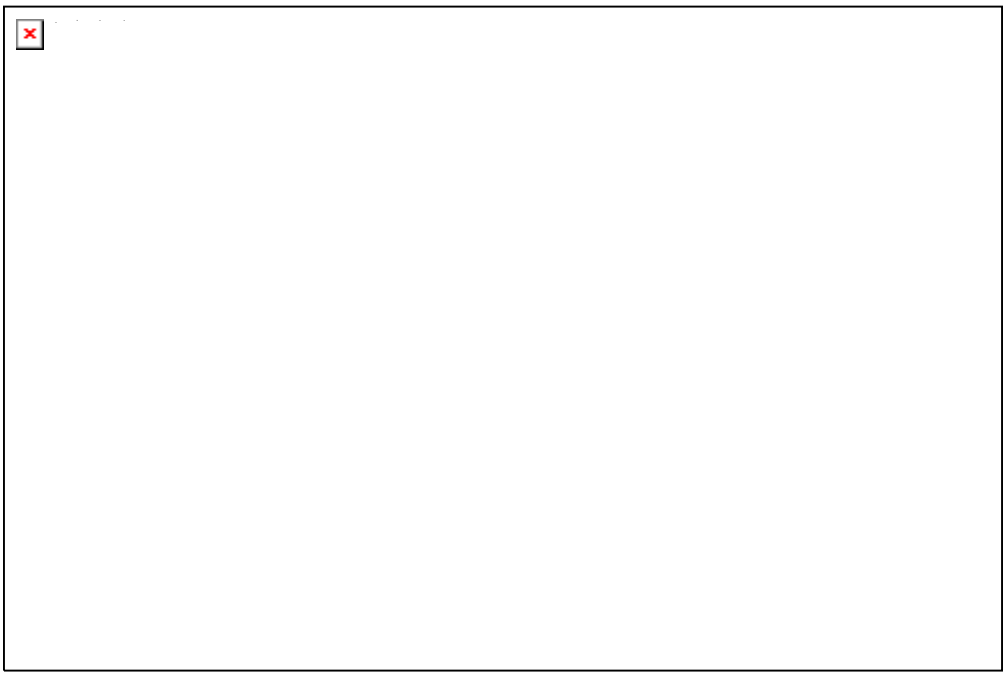

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National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

On Tuesday, December 8, President Trump will host a **Coronavirus Vaccine Summit** at the White House. The summit will bring together leaders from the federal government, State, local & Tribal governments, private sector, military, and scientific community for a comprehensive discussion as the Administration prepares to deliver life-saving vaccines to the American people. We will share additional information about the summit next week. You will be able to view the summit live here.

And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit vaccines.gov to learn more and find a

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location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update 🚨 Operation Warp Speed 🚨
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We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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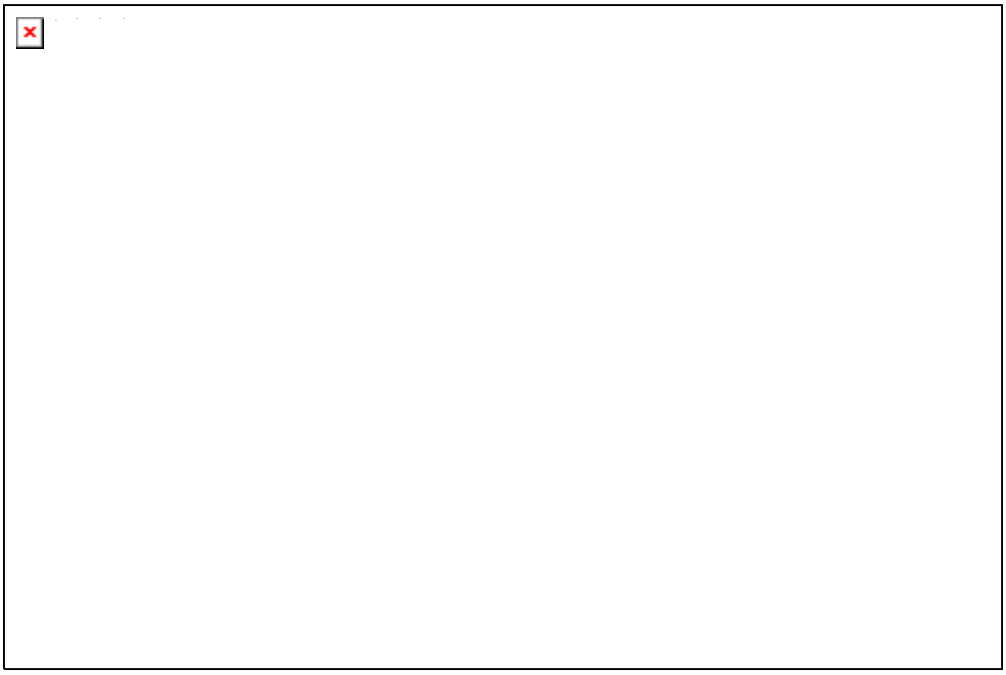
COVID-19 Update

This week, Vice President Mike Pence traveled to Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia to highlight the work of **Operation Warp Speed** and ensuring vaccines are distributed quickly to the American people. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **delivered an update** from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed is focused on the development of treatments for COVID-19 along with a safe and effective vaccine. All 64 public health jurisdictions– including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents. Now as the Administration moves toward distribution these 64 jurisdictions will help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. All 64 jurisdictions' plan draft executive summaries are available for review **here**.



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Vice President Pence: Pleased to be joined by @SecAzar, @CDCDirector, @GovBillLee & @FedEx in Memphis. Early on, @FedEx helped meet the need of the American people by delivering PPE to healthcare workers, & we look forward to continuing that seamless partnership to deliver millions of vaccine doses!

HHS Secretary Azar: Thanks to @POTUS's #OperationWarpSpeed, we are incredibly close to delivering safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Joining @VP, @CDCDirector, @GovBillLee, FedEx leadership, and state and local leaders in Memphis to discuss the upcoming distribution efforts.

On Friday, December 4, 2020, Vice President Pence also traveled to Georgia where he participated in another roundtable discussing the unprecedented progress toward a COVID-19 vaccine. Watch the Vice President deliver remarks here.

Vice President Pence: We would not be here but for the tireless efforts of everyone involved in our national response.

📖 **Read More:** Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Roundtable Discussion on Vaccine Distribution in Atlanta, GA

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,025 COVID-19 briefings with over 253,600 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

In addition to the readout, we would like to highlight that on on Thursday, December 3, President Trump approved a federal funding extension for the Nation Guard's COVID-19 relief work through the end of March 2021. The extension reflects President Trump's consistent recognition

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of the important role the men and women of the National Guard play in the response to and economic recovery from COVID-19. President Trump's extension of federal funding for the National Guard is yet another unprecedented, proactive step in providing State's with the resources they need in their response to COVID-19.

Participants on the December 2nd call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
- Dr. Robert Redfield, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- RADM Michael Iademarco, *Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted the rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. Where cases had risen in the Rocky Mountains, Northern plains, and in the heartland states - which recently received cold temperatures - these regions have shown COVID-19 cases stabilizing prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. These states will be a helpful indicator as data reporting becomes available in the coming weeks to determine any potential surge from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Birx encouraged individuals who may not have closely followed mitigation measures to get tested. Dr. Birx noted the importance of testing in identifying asymptomatic cases.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH: Dr. Fauci provided an update on the Government's Federal efforts on vaccine planning and distribution. The Federal Government has been working in coordination with State and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine to the American people in record time. Dr. Fauci indicated that the speed of which a vaccine has become available is a reflection of the extraordinary technological advances that started nearly a decade ago, which has led to the utilization of the scientific data today. This speed is a result of the investment of billions of dollars from Operation Warp Speed that provided funding at once, rather than over time.

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The process of determining a safe an effective vaccine has been a sound process free from outside influence. Career scientists who analyze the data are an independent body and work hand-in-hand with the FDA allowing for full transparency.

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dr. Redfield provided an update on the distribution plan for the 64 jurisdictions. Within the jurisdictions, there is a micro-jurisdiction plan, which emphasizes the importance of supporting each community through the Coronavirus pandemic. This week, the CDC completed exercises with all jurisdictions that simulated the distribution plan and addressed any potential glitches. On this micro-level, Governors and their states will help determine and facilitate how to best distribute and apply the vaccines.

Along with Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx is asking all States and local communities to begin using their **BinaxNow COVID-19 tests** that have already been sent to States. Dr. Birx emphasized that if communities can get 20-25 county workers to get tested, it will makes a significant impact.

Additionally, Dr. Redfield **announced** that HHS is laying the necessary groundwork for the distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine by ensuring that all tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations have the choice on how they receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On December 1, 2020, HHS **announced** that all tribal health programs and UIOs (Urban Indian Organizations) have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

Finally, the CDC announced on December 2, 2020 options to reduce quarantine for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others. It also ensures that persons who become symptomatic or are otherwise diagnosed during quarantine can be rapidly brought to care and evaluated. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose personal burdens that may affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Based on local circumstances and resources, CDC finds the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable to the recommended 14 days.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported

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- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available,* then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
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🕮 **Read More:** **Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing**

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Also do not forget that if you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more **here**.

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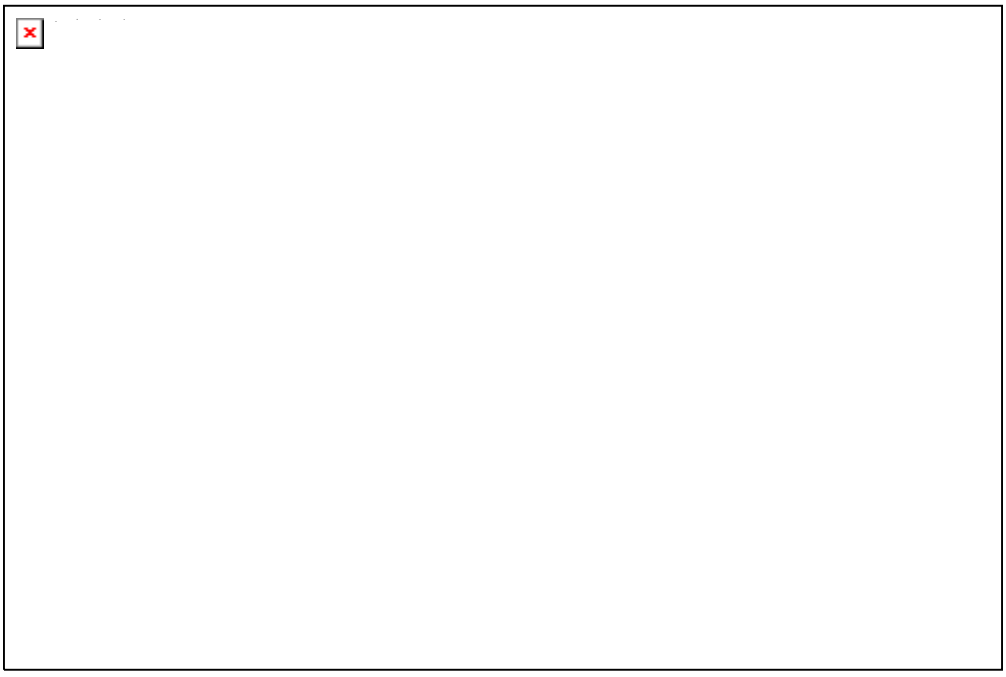

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The Vice President also noted that the Federal government has worked towards 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing mechanism to replenish the stockpile.

FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor: **This morning I participated in an Agency Review Team briefing on current needs and status of PPE and #COVID19 supplies. Thank you to @DHSgov and @HHSGOV for your ongoing partnership in the ongoing response efforts.**

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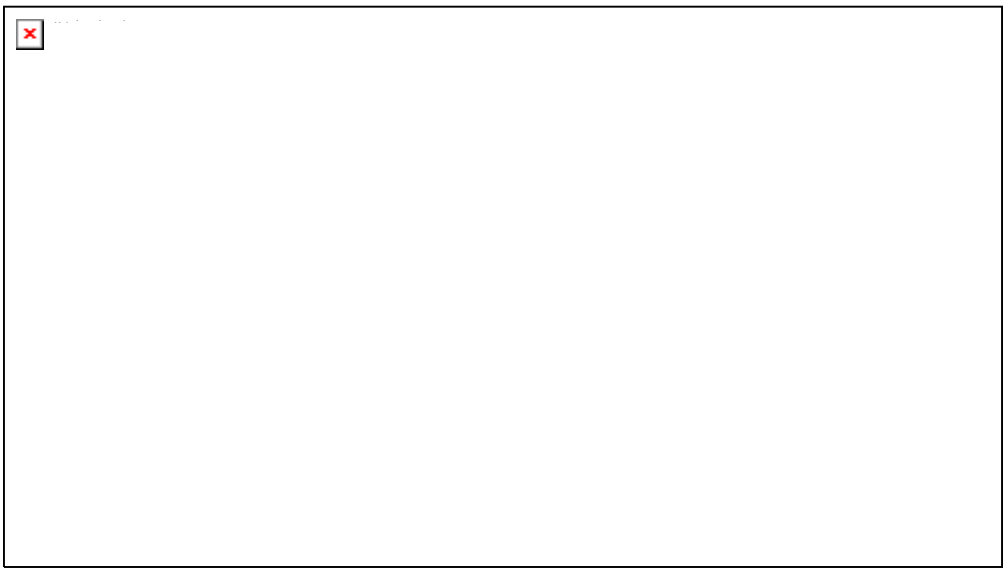

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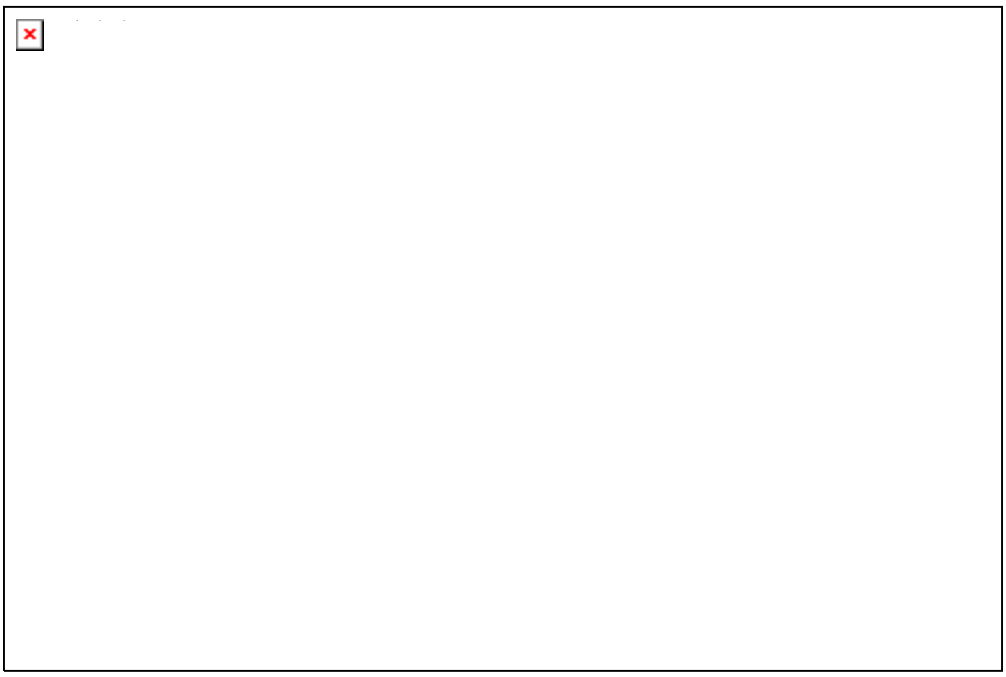

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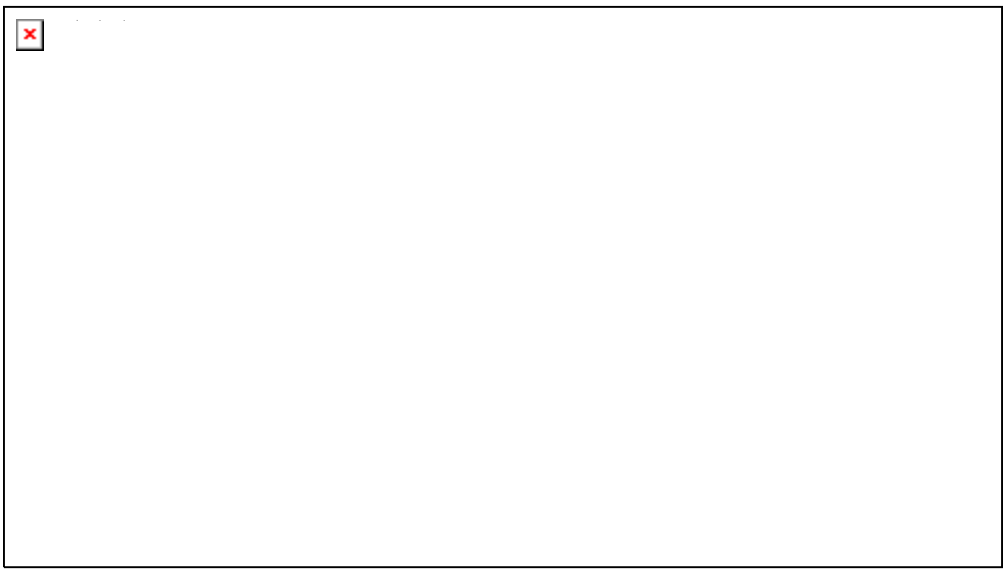

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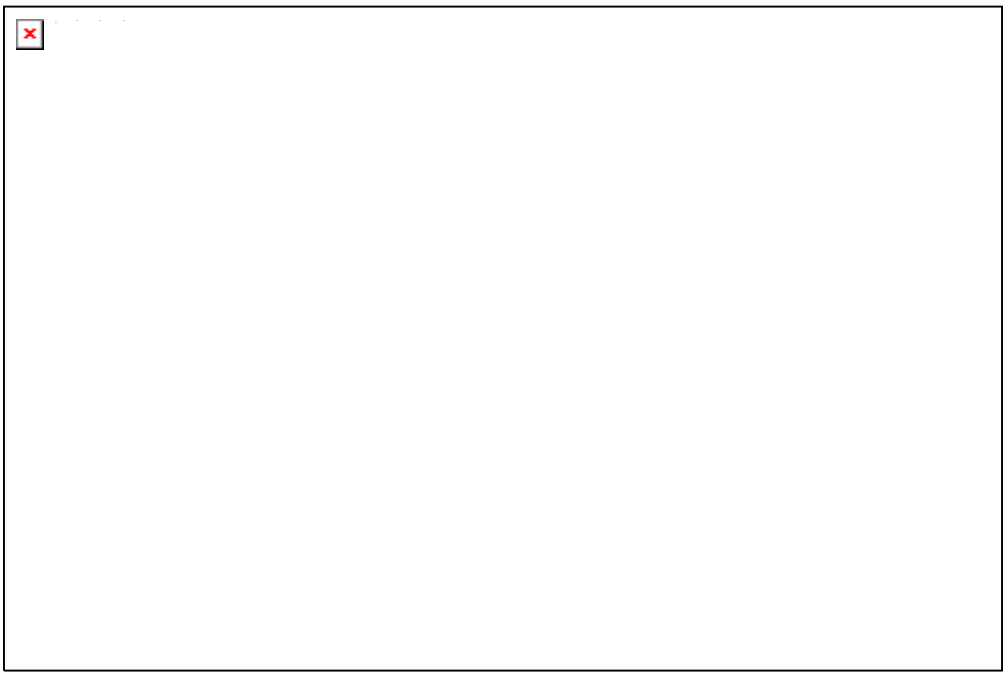

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White House Weekly Recap

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On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 16.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)
Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE
Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

On Tuesday, December 8, President Trump will host a **Coronavirus Vaccine Summit** at the White House. The summit will bring together leaders from the federal government, State, local & Tribal governments, private sector, military, and scientific community for a comprehensive discussion as the Administration prepares to deliver life-saving vaccines to the American people. We will share additional information about the summit next week. You will be able to view the summit live here.

And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit vaccines.gov to learn more and find a

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location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update 🚨 Operation Warp Speed 🚨
- 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 43rd Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- November Jobs Numbers - The Rebound Continues
- Presidential Medal of Freedom for Lou Holtz
- 2020 White House Christmas Decorations 🎄

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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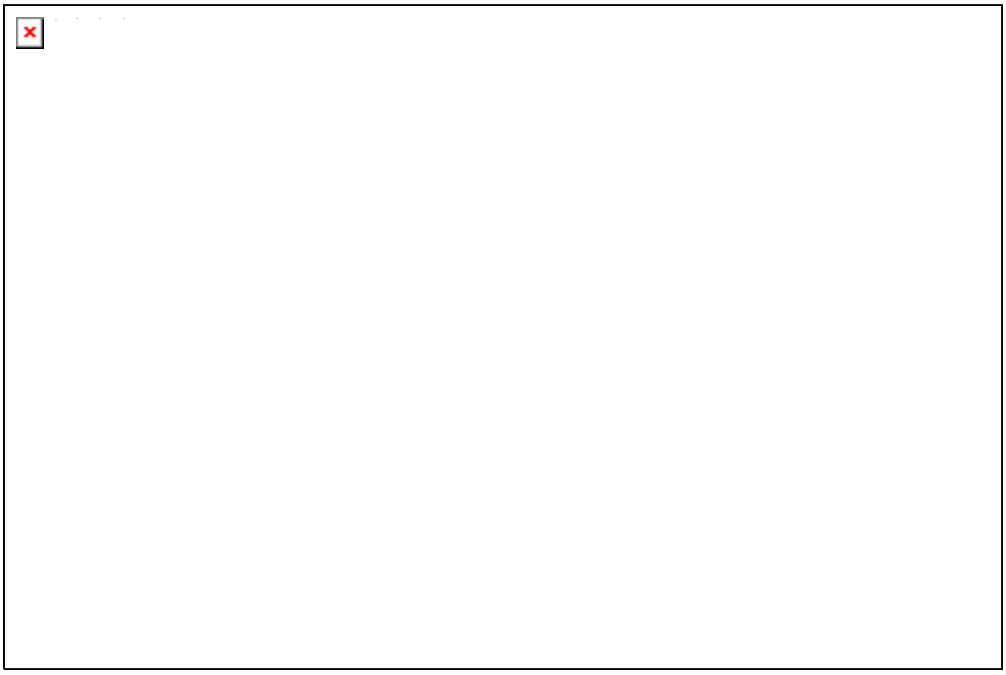
COVID-19 Update

This week, Vice President Mike Pence traveled to Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia to highlight the work of **Operation Warp Speed** and ensuring vaccines are distributed quickly to the American people. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **delivered an update** from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed is focused on the development of treatments for COVID-19 along with a safe and effective vaccine. All 64 public health jurisdictions– including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents. Now as the Administration moves toward distribution these 64 jurisdictions will help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. All 64 jurisdictions' plan draft executive summaries are available for review **here**.



On Thursday, December 3, Vice President Pence and HHS Secretary Azar traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to meet with Governor Bill Lee and participate in a roundtable highlighting Operation Warp Speed and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine distribution program, and Tennessee's plan to operationalize vaccinations once approved.

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Vice President Pence: Pleased to be joined by @SecAzar, @CDCDirector, @GovBillLee & @FedEx in Memphis. Early on, @FedEx helped meet the need of the American people by delivering PPE to healthcare workers, & we look forward to continuing that seamless partnership to deliver millions of vaccine doses!

HHS Secretary Azar: Thanks to @POTUS's #OperationWarpSpeed, we are incredibly close to delivering safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Joining @VP, @CDCDirector, @GovBillLee, FedEx leadership, and state and local leaders in Memphis to discuss the upcoming distribution efforts.

On Friday, December 4, 2020, Vice President Pence also traveled to Georgia where he participated in another roundtable discussing the unprecedented progress toward a COVID-19 vaccine. Watch the Vice President deliver remarks here.

Vice President Pence: We would not be here but for the tireless efforts of everyone involved in our national response.

📖 **Read More:** Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Roundtable Discussion on Vaccine Distribution in Atlanta, GA

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,025 COVID-19 briefings with over 253,600 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

In addition to the readout, we would like to highlight that on on Thursday, December 3, President Trump approved a federal funding extension for the Nation Guard's COVID-19 relief work through the end of March 2021. The extension reflects President Trump's consistent recognition

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of the important role the men and women of the National Guard play in the response to and economic recovery from COVID-19. President Trump's extension of federal funding for the National Guard is yet another unprecedented, proactive step in providing State's with the resources they need in their response to COVID-19.

Participants on the December 2nd call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
- Dr. Robert Redfield, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- RADM Michael Iademarco, *Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted the rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. Where cases had risen in the Rocky Mountains, Northern plains, and in the heartland states - which recently received cold temperatures - these regions have shown COVID-19 cases stabilizing prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. These states will be a helpful indicator as data reporting becomes available in the coming weeks to determine any potential surge from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Birx encouraged individuals who may not have closely followed mitigation measures to get tested. Dr. Birx noted the importance of testing in identifying asymptomatic cases.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH: Dr. Fauci provided an update on the Government's Federal efforts on vaccine planning and distribution. The Federal Government has been working in coordination with State and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine to the American people in record time. Dr. Fauci indicated that the speed of which a vaccine has become available is a reflection of the extraordinary technological advances that started nearly a decade ago, which has led to the utilization of the scientific data today. This speed is a result of the investment of billions of dollars from Operation Warp Speed that provided funding at once, rather than over time.

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The process of determining a safe an effective vaccine has been a sound process free from outside influence. Career scientists who analyze the data are an independent body and work hand-in-hand with the FDA allowing for full transparency.

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dr. Redfield provided an update on the distribution plan for the 64 jurisdictions. Within the jurisdictions, there is a micro-jurisdiction plan, which emphasizes the importance of supporting each community through the Coronavirus pandemic. This week, the CDC completed exercises with all jurisdictions that simulated the distribution plan and addressed any potential glitches. On this micro-level, Governors and their states will help determine and facilitate how to best distribute and apply the vaccines.

Along with Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx is asking all States and local communities to begin using their **BinaxNow COVID-19 tests** that have already been sent to States. Dr. Birx emphasized that if communities can get 20-25 county workers to get tested, it will makes a significant impact.

Additionally, Dr. Redfield **announced** that HHS is laying the necessary groundwork for the distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine by ensuring that all tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations have the choice on how they receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On December 1, 2020, HHS **announced** that all tribal health programs and UIOs (Urban Indian Organizations) have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

Finally, the CDC announced on December 2, 2020 options to reduce quarantine for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others. It also ensures that persons who become symptomatic or are otherwise diagnosed during quarantine can be rapidly brought to care and evaluated. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose personal burdens that may affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Based on local circumstances and resources, CDC finds the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable to the recommended 14 days.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported

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during daily monitoring.

  - With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.

- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available,* then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
  - With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.

🕮 **Read More:** **Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing**

RADM Michael Iademarco, Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC: RADM Michael F. Iademarco, MD, MPH is Director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who discussed the importance of the successful **Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit** that has been authorized by the FDA for home use provides the ability to efficiently track and monitor results.

Also do not forget that if you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more **here**.

To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **donatingplasma.org** and **coronavirus.gov**.

Surgeon General Jerome Adams: **Been previously diagnosed with #COVID19 & fortunate enough to have recovered? Well you can help others recover too, by donating your plasma. It has antibodies that could literally save a life. Find out where you can donate at http://thefightisinus.org. Because the fight is in YOU!**

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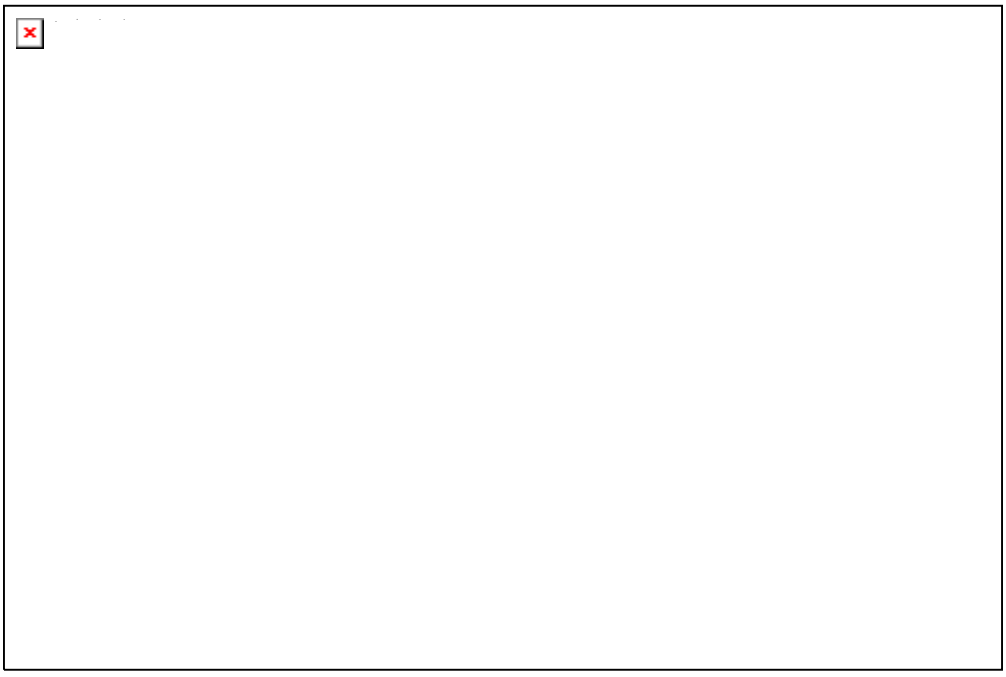
Readout from the 43st Governors Call on COVID-19



On Monday, November 30, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

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Vice President Pence: **In August, President @realDonaldTrump said we would have a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year, and today, American companies have produced 2 Vaccines in RECORD TIME! Once approved, we will inoculate millions by years end! Help is on the Way America!**

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator
- General Gustave F. Perna, Chief Operation Officer, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)
- Director Anthony Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS
- Director Robert Redfield, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, M.D., Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS
- Brigadier General David Sanford, Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
- Assistant Administrator David Bibo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, ongoing robust partnership to prepare in distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. Governors, including Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine.

The Vice President also noted that the Federal government has worked towards 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing mechanism to replenish the stockpile.

FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor: **This morning I participated in an Agency Review Team briefing on current needs and status of PPE and #COVID19 supplies. Thank you to @DHSgov and @HHSGOV for your ongoing partnership in the ongoing response efforts.**

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FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and Dr. Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments, and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Specifically, Dr. Hahn reiterated that the rigorous standards of the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed—leads to no cut corners.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning efforts including reviewing outstanding State-Federal needs, ongoing table top exercises with public and private partners, and ongoing communication with state partners. Further, General Perna called on governors to ensure that healthcare providers are included in State distribution plans to increase States' operational effectiveness.

Secretary Azar provided on update on Moderna's vaccine trial and the impending submission of the company's EUA application. Additionally, Secretary Azar provided an update on an aspect of Operation Warp Speed that has resulted in 99% of nursing homes partnering with private pharmacies to ensure the safe and effective delivery of vaccines to nursing home residents.

Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine planning and CDC planning activities. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution interim plans to the CDC earlier in October, the CDC reviewed these iterative documents providing feedback to states recently, and states are working to finalize their plans in the coming days.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 43 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

November Jobs Numbers - Economy Continues Rebound

On Friday, December 4, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics **released** jobs numbers showing the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in November with the unemployment rate dropping by 0.2 percent to 6.7 percent. The net 245,000 jobs added in November included an

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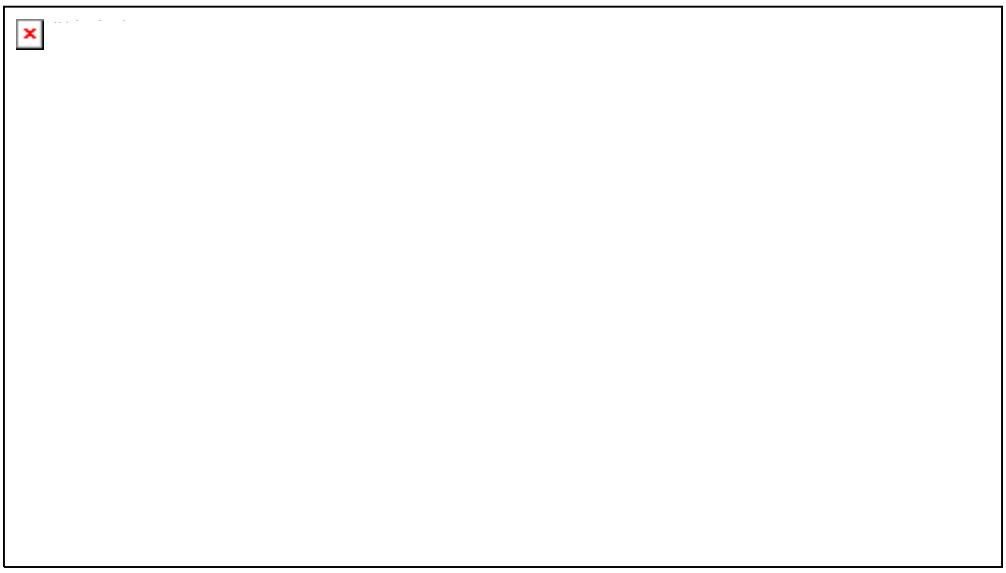
increase of 344,000 jobs in the private sector.



Per the Council of Economic Advisors, since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.3 million jobs. This is 4 million more jobs than predicted by the Congressional Budget Office in July. The economy has now recovered roughly 6 in 10 (56%) of pandemic job losses in just 7 months. Roughly two-thirds (66.8%) of jobs gains over the past 7 months occurred in the retail, leisure & hospitality, and education & health services sectors.

🕮 **Read More:** [The White House Favors a Bridge to Recovery]

President Trump Awards the Medal of Freedom to Lou Holtz

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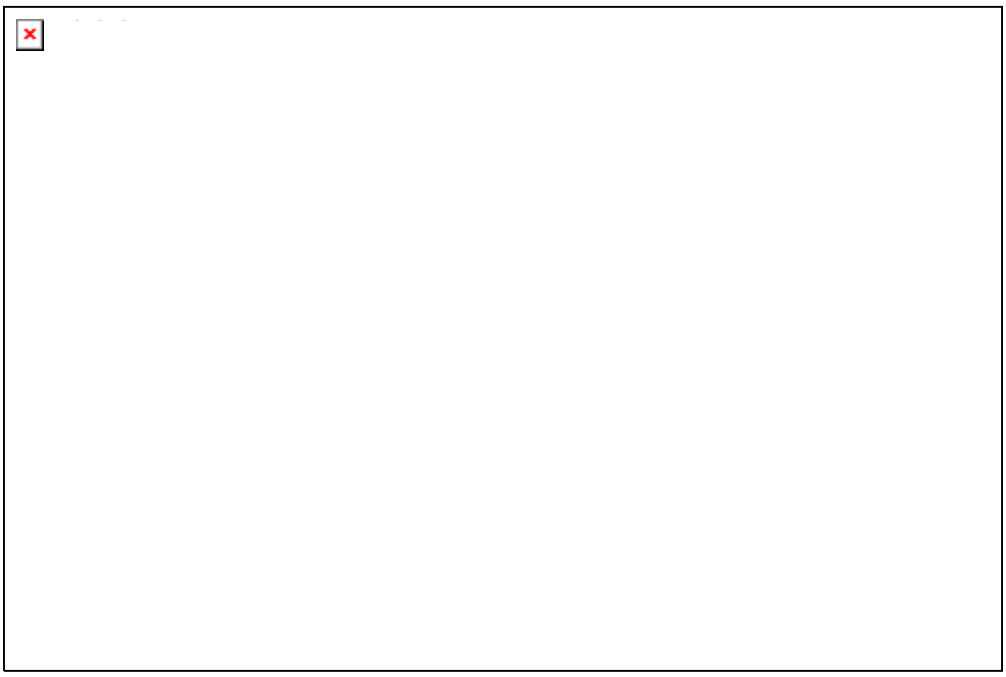

On Thursday, December 4, 2020, **President Donald J. Trump awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Louis Leo Holtz**. This prestigious award is the Nation's highest civilian honor, which may be awarded by the President to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

America recognizes Lou Holtz as one of the greatest football coaches of all time for his unmatched accomplishments on the gridiron, but he is also a philanthropist, author, and true American patriot. After growing up in a small town in West Virginia, Holtz attended Kent State University, becoming the first member of his family to enroll in college. At Kent State, Holtz played football, studied history, and joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. For the next 7 years, he honorably served as an Officer in the United States Army Reserves. When asked about his service during an interview with the American Legion, Holtz said, "I was taught at an early age that I had an obligation to serve my country."

🎬 **Watch**: **Congratulations @CoachLouHoltz88!**

Upon graduating from Kent State, Holtz began his historic coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa before landing his first head-coaching job at the College of William and Mary, leading the team to the Southern Conference Title and an appearance in the Tangerine Bowl. Over the next 35 years, Holtz led successful college and professional football teams,

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including North Carolina State, the University of Arkansas, the New York Jets, the University of Minnesota, and the University of South Carolina, compiling an impressive overall record of 249-132-7. Most notably, Holtz earned an outstanding 100-30-2 record in 11 seasons at the University of Notre Dame. His 1988 team earned a perfect 12-0 record and were crowned national champions. Most importantly, he inspired generations of young athletes along the way.

Since his retirement from coaching, Holtz has authored several books, contributed to ESPN and CBS as a sports analyst, and continues to give back to his community through two of his own charities, the Holtz Charitable Foundation and the Holtz's Heroes Foundation. In commemoration of his outstanding accomplishments both on and off the football field, Holtz was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Notre Dame, the University of South Carolina, Trine University, and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He was also elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, and the Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame, among many other well-deserved accolades.

2020 White House Christmas Decorations

The First Family is celebrating Christmas at the White House. This year's theme, "America the Beautiful," is a tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. From coast to coast, our country is blessed with boundless natural wonders. The timeless treasures represented in this year's holiday showcase remind us of the true American spirit. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home.

First Lady Melania Trump: **During this special time of the year, I am delighted to share "America the Beautiful" and pay tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home. #WHChristmas**

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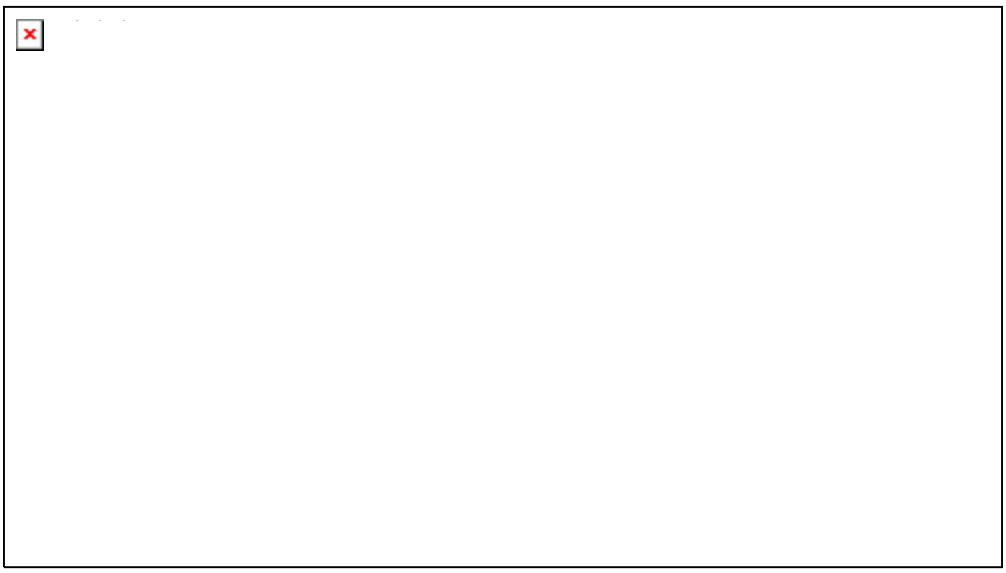
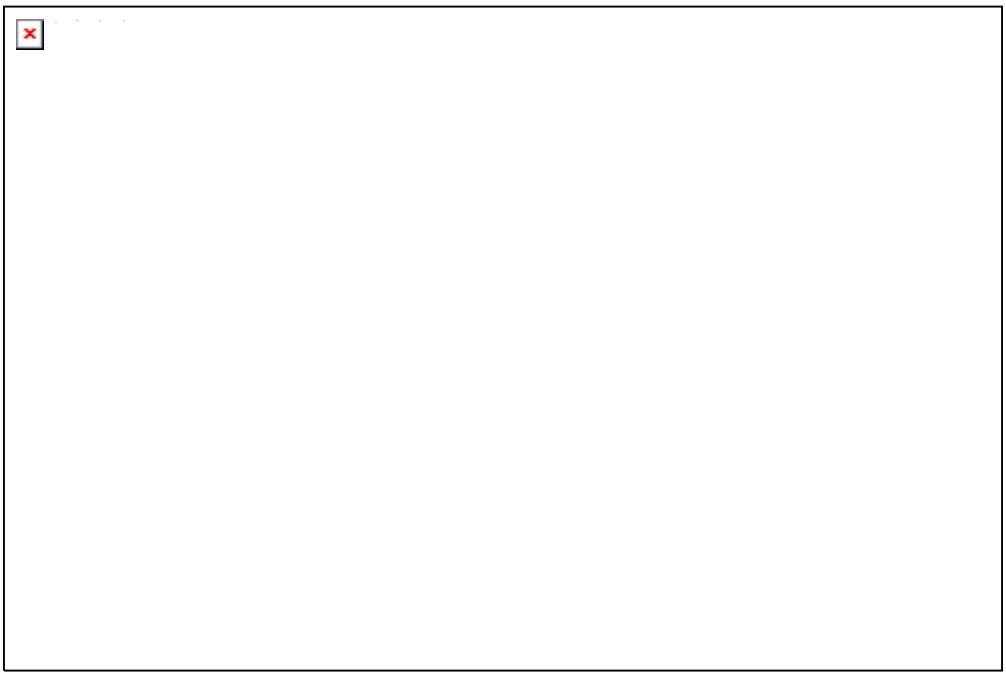


Upon entering the East Wing, visitors are welcomed by The Gold Star Family Tree, an annual tradition among the holiday decorations. Draped in blue, the color of perseverance and justice, it pays tribute to our American heroes and their families who walk beside them in service. This year, families who decorated the tree placed the name of their fallen family member on ribbon that will adorn the tree.



First Lady Melania Trump tours young, talented children around the White House to unveil the art they depicted of what makes their state beautify by highlighting the people, places, and things that capture the spirit of the state in which they call home. The First Lady's BE BEST initiative focuses on building a brighter future for America's children. Learn more **here**.

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First Lady Melania Trump: Décor in the @WhiteHouse Library celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Trees are adorned with ornaments featuring notable women in our Nation's history & center tables showcase children's art from @Flotus #BuildingtheMovement exhibit #WHChristmas.

On Thursday, December 3, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued the tradition started by President Calvin Coolidge in 1923, of the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Watch the virtual ceremony **here**.

Read More: First Lady Melania Trump Unveils the 2020 White House Christmas Décor

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Subject: RE: Invitation: White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General (12/10)

William,
Thank you for the clarification. The AG is looking forward to attending.
Happy holidays!

From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO [mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov]
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White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General

Registration: Please submit your security information **here**. The information you submit must exactly match your identification. Please note that we are unable to accommodate staff or security.

Arrival Date/Time: Thursday, December 10, 11:15 a.m. Eastern (note arrival time)

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Arrival Location: 17th Street NW and State Place NW

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COVID-19 Testing and Protocols: Per CDC guidance, we ask that you please wear a mask upon arrival. If you have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms, we ask that you please decline from attending. After you clear security screening, please proceed to Room 180/180A in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. From there, we will escort you for COVID-19 testing at the White House Medical Unit.

Hold Room: We have reserved a hold room prior to the luncheon – EEOB 180/180A.

Luncheon Details: The luncheon will be held in the White House Cabinet Room at 12:30 p.m. Eastern with the President. We anticipate approximately 12-15 attendees.

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COVID-19 Testing and Protocols: Per CDC guidance, we ask that you please wear a mask upon arrival. If you have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms, we ask that you please decline from attending. After you clear security screening, please proceed to Room 180/180A in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. From there, we will escort you for COVID-19 testing at the White House Medical Unit.

Hold Room: We have reserved a hold room prior to the luncheon – EEOB 180/180A.

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Luncheon Details: The luncheon will be held in the White House Cabinet Room at 12:30 p.m. Eastern with the President. We anticipate approximately 12-15 attendees.

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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we wish a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

On Wednesday, November 25, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation to remember and honor the Thanksgiving holiday for all Americans.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season of generosity, hope, and gratitude, we commemorate America's founding traditions of faith, family, and friendship, and give thanks for the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy that make our country exceptional in the history of the world.

Read More: **Presidential Proclamation on Thanksgiving Day, 2020**

President Donald Trump: **On behalf of the entire Trump Family, I want to wish every American a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! Today we gathered in the Rose Garden to continue a beloved annual tradition: the Official Presidential Pardon of a very fortunate Thanksgiving Turkey.**

Earlier this week on Tuesday, November 24, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued a beloved annual White House tradition of issuing a Presidential pardon of the National Thanksgiving Turkey. President Trump granted Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon. After the ceremony, both Corn and Cob will retire to Iowa State University

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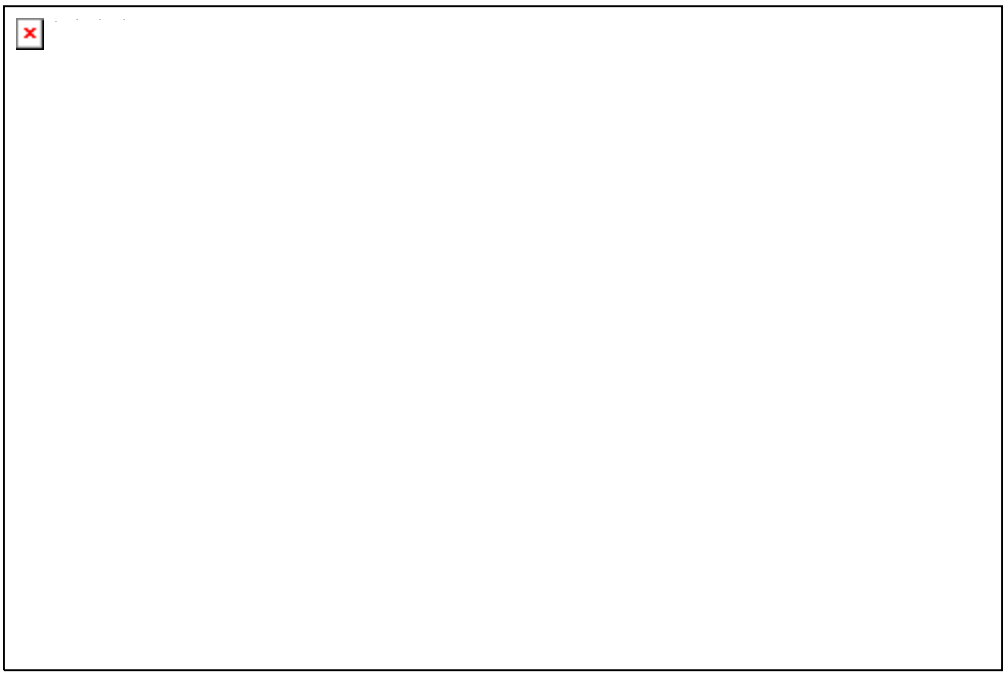
where they will be cared for by skilled veterinarians.

For the past 73 years, the National Turkey Federation has presented the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President. Starting under President George H.W. Bush, these birds have received a formal pardon every single year.

🎬 **Watch:** **President Trump grants Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon!**

The White House: **Learn more about Corn and Cob's journey.**

🕮 **Read More:** **Remarks by President Trump at the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony**



President Donald J. Trump participated in the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from the Rose Garden of the White House.

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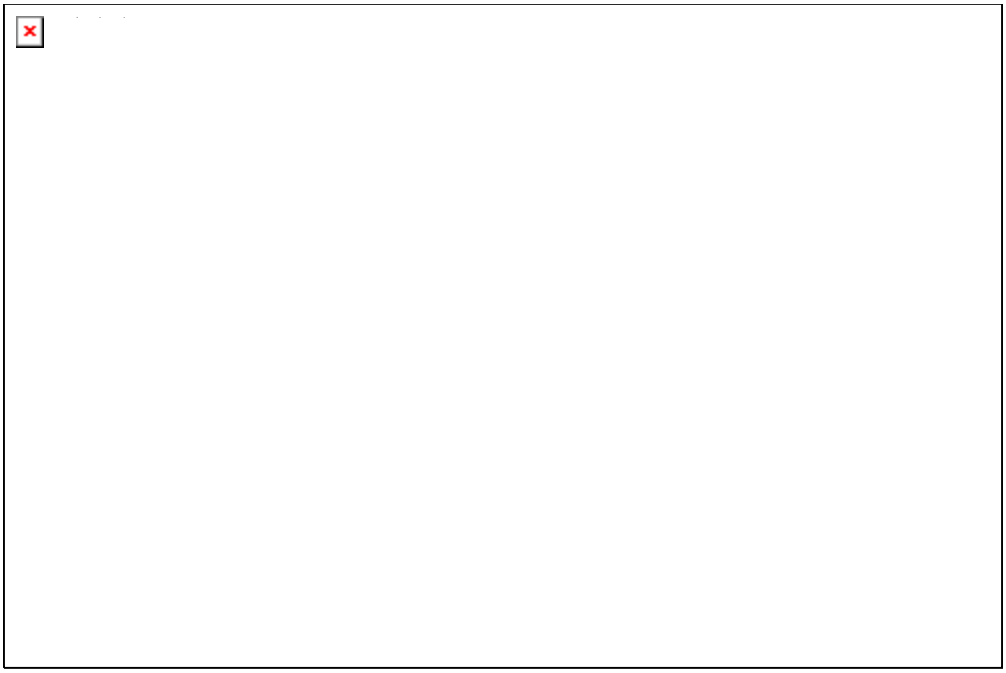
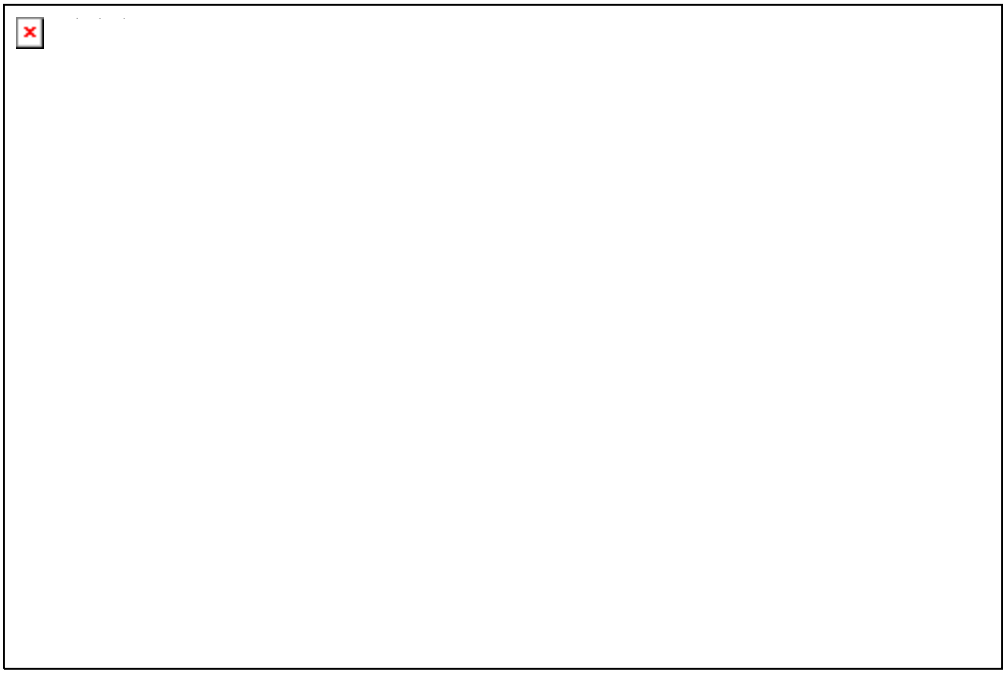


The Presidential Turkeys arrive at The Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, ahead of Tuesday's National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony at the White House.



President Donald J. Trump, joined by Senator John Barrasso, R-WY, sits with U.S. troops Thursday, November 28, 2019, at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, during a surprise Thanksgiving meal.

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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:48 AM
Subject: RE: White House Christmas Reception (Friday, December 11, 7:00 PM)

Attorneys General –

Please note that invitations for the White House Christmas Party on December 11 have been sent via email through the White House Social Office.

Don't forget to RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you.

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
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Attorneys General –

On behalf of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, we are glad that you are able to join for a White House Christmas Reception on Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.

You are confirmed to attend and will have a +1. Please note that this email is not a formal RSVP. The White House Social Office will send you an official invitation to this email address in the near future. You will formally RSVP through that invitation, which will have additional details.

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update - Vaccine Candidates
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Lower Drug Prices for All Americans
- First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act

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- U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement; Tribal Transportation Funding Grant Announcement
- Women's Entrepreneurship Day 2020
- Education Week 2020

Also do not forget the White House IGA ***Promoting Rural Prosperity in America*** guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide **here**.

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory (here): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager**.

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota** established free, "no barrier" testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- **Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota** established free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- **Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island** established an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state's early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- **Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia** established immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

🚨 Second Vaccine Announcement🚨

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 13, 2020 to deliver a safe vaccine and Moderna was **supported in research and development** through Operation Warp Speed.

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90

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percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of volunteers from a Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

🕮 **Read More:** **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**

The White House: **Since the very beginning, President @realDonaldTrump has focused on removing every possible bureaucratic barrier to delivering a safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine to Americans. Today's vaccine update once again shows that commitment in action!**

Vice President Pence: **We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.**

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

The White House: **The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.**

✔ **Fact Sheet:** **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) **announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc.** for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's **Operation Warp Speed** goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping

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mitigate the spread of the virus through working with State, local, and Tribal leaders. While cases have risen, the Federal government is in a better position than it has ever been before to handle and respond to COVID-19.

For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an **at- home test**. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

Dr. Adams also encouraged Americans to get a flu shot as it is more important than ever this year to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. Because many symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 overlap, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms and testing may be needed to help confirm diagnosis. Learn more at **vaccines.gov**. And learn more about similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19 **here**.

Finally, Dr. Adams provided an update on the importance of prioritizing the re-opening of schools. Dr. Adams noted that the transmission rate in schools is generally lower than the community around them. This is because during school, individuals wear masks among other preventative practices but when individuals leave school grounds, not everyone necessarily continues these measures. New data also suggests there are unintended negative consequences to shutting down schools (*see* **Estimation of US Children's Educational Attainment and Years of Life Lost Associated With Primary School Closures During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**). Potential adverse impacts on students may be social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health, as well as the critical services provided to students to help mitigate health disparities and serve children in need, such as school lunch programs, special education services, after-school programs and **mental health services**.

The White House: **"We should be making data-driven decisions," @CDCDirector said- and there is ample data confirming that K-12 schools can operate with in-person learning safely and responsibly.**

The CDC offers numerous resources for operating schools during COVID-19. Learn more about the CDC's considerations and reopening efforts **here**.

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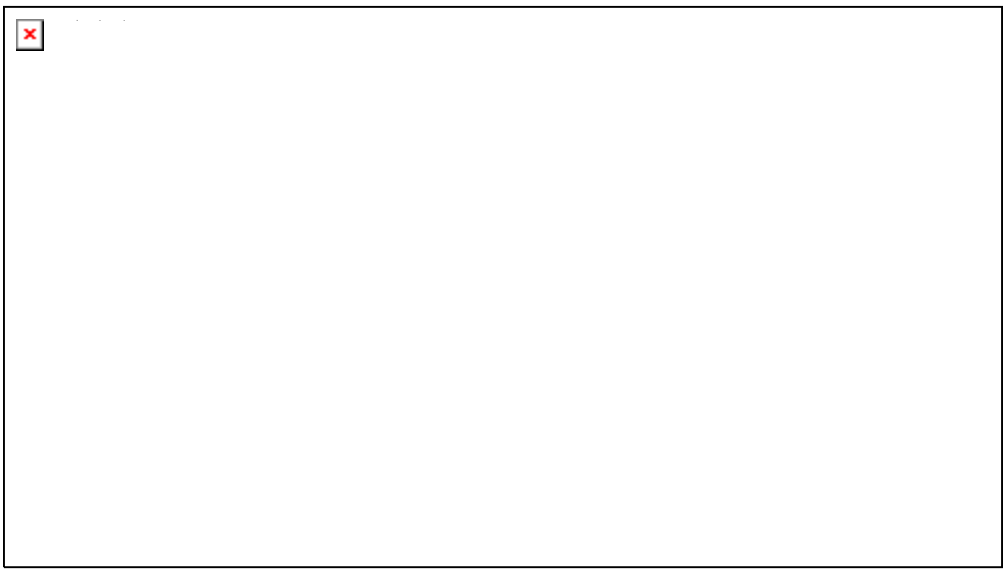

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America approach has helped leverage all the U.S. can offer through using our resources to expand our industrial base and enhance the typical vaccine approval process.

The White House: **Dr. Fauci - "The speed did not compromise at all safety, nor did it compromsie scientific integrity. It was a reflection of the extraordinary scientific advances in these types of vaccines which allowed us to do things in months that actually took years before."**

There are currently four vaccines in the clinical trial Phase 3 with a total of six vaccine candidates coming to the U.S. On November 9, **Pfizer and BioNTech** announced their vaccine demonstrated an efficacy rate above 90% from their Phase 3 study and **applied for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday, November 11**. On November 16, under OWS and a multi-agency collaboration, **Moderna** announced their vaccine met an efficacy rate of 94.5% and has a longer shelf life. Moderna plans to submit for a EUA with FDA in the coming weeks.

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): Incredible news over the past several days with data showing two COVID-19 vaccines may be over 90 percent effective. #OperationWarpSpeed is working to begin delivering safe and effective vaccines to Americans by the end of the

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year once they are authorized by the @US_FDA.

Marion Whicker also addressed the partnership between the Trump Administration and large chain pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens, which will play a vital role in ensuring confidence in the vaccine and that Americans have access to the vaccines when they become available – particularly to our most vulnerable and underserved populations.

🕮 **Read More: Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called on the 64 jurisdictions – including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – to help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. The jurisdictions will also help imbed essential healthcare personnel to administer the vaccines.

Find a list of frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination **here**.

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,020 COVID-19 briefings with over 251,520 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 41st Governors Call on COVID-19

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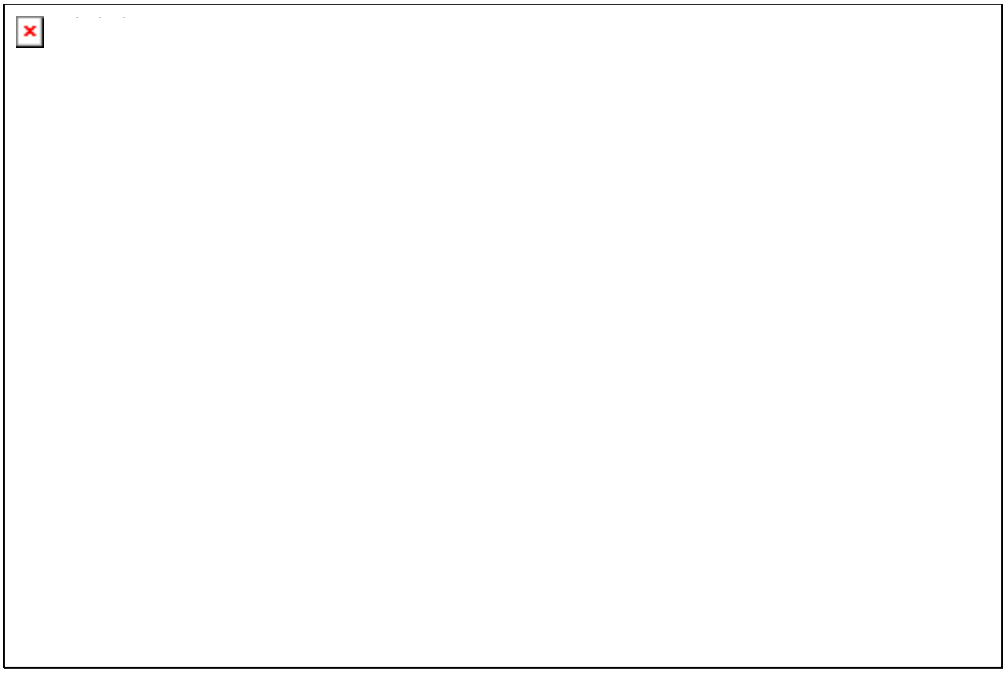

On Monday, November 16, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Vice President Pence: @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force had a 2+ hour call with Governors to review vaccine distribution plans after 2 HUGE announcements from Moderna & Pfizer. Under President Trump's leadership, we're ensuring every state has what they need to deliver a vaccine to every American!

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Administrator Pete Gaynor, *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, *Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS*
- Administrator Seema Verma, *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS*
- Director Robert Redfield, *M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),*

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- Brigadier General David Sanford, *Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, DOD*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)*

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing robust coordination with state and local governments in preparing to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The Vice President also updated governors on the unprecedented medical and supply mobilization to support state and hospital needs.

FEMA Administrator Gaynor and General Sanford of DOD provided an update on key medical supply chain and stockpiles management. The Vice President previously asked governors to work with their state emergency managers and health teams to build a 60-day state stockpile of PPE and key supplies and to ensure healthcare providers quality and timely reporting of supplies at the provider-level (e.g., hospital, long-term care facility) to help support data-driven decision-making to ensure data-drive decisions on healthcare supplies and support. The Federal government has worked towards building a 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing protocols to replenish the stockpile.

Dr. Fauci and Administrator Hahn provided an update on vaccine development and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Commissioner Hahn also provided an update on the authorization of monoclonal antibodies as a treatment for COVID-19. Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine distribution plans and ongoing CDC technical assistance efforts. Secretary Azar and Operation Warp Speed Ostrowski provided an update on vaccine distribution and administrative planning. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents.

Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed

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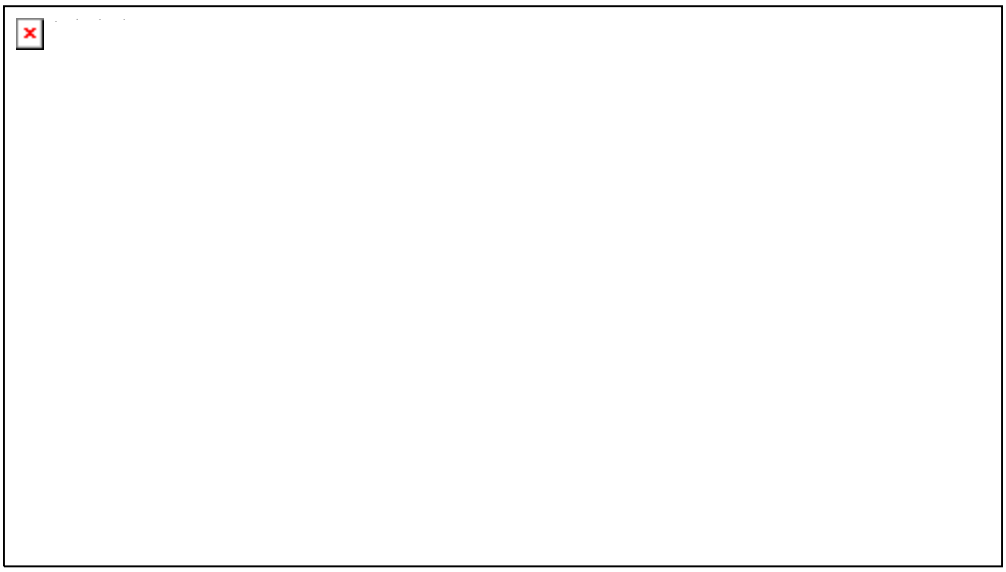

🎬 **Watch:** **President Trump Announces Two Groundbreaking Rules on Drug Pricing**

🕮 **Read More:** **Remarks by President Trump on Delivering Lower Prescription Drug Prices**

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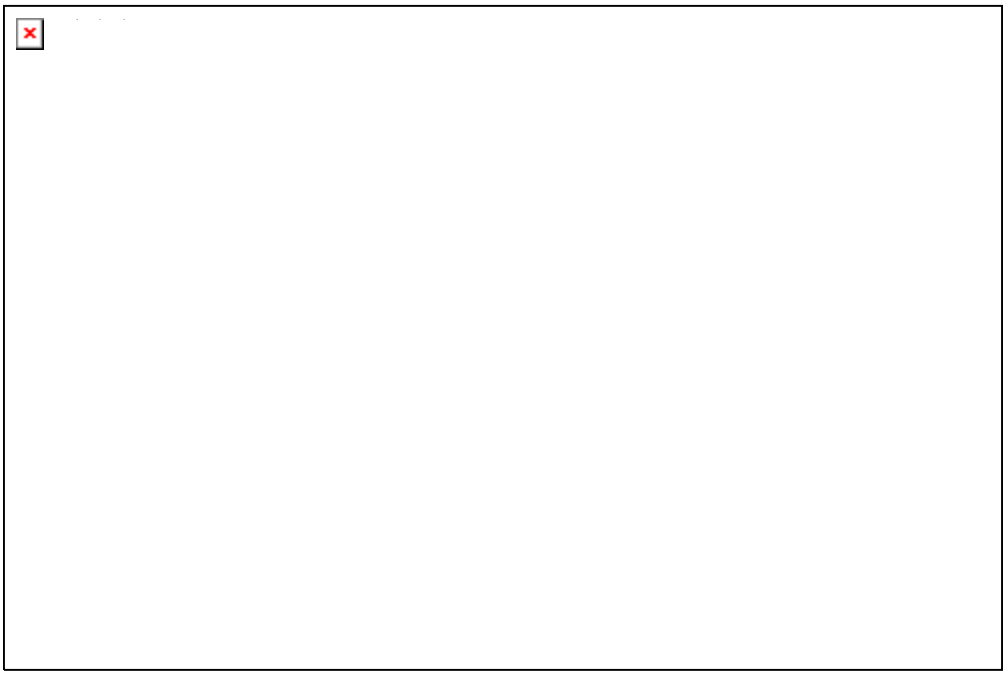

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Vice President Pence: **The launch of the Resilience Spacecraft is the culmination of four years of renewed leadership in Space. It's a tribute to the courage of our astronauts, the ingenuity of the men and women of @NASA and @SpaceX, and the unrelenting vision of President @realDonaldTrump!**

Watch: **The hatches are open and NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 astronauts Shannon Walker, @Astro_Soichi, @AstroVicGlover, and @Astro_illini are the newest residents aboard the @Space_Station. Welcome aboard!**

Earlier this year, President Trump and Vice President Pence traveled to Cape Canaveral, Florida for the launch of the Dragon Spacecraft Launch. "Today, as we gather in this special place to celebrate not only the launch of a new spacecraft, but also our nation's bold and triumphant return to the stars, it's a special day. Moments ago, the world bore witness to the flight of the first new manned U.S. spacecraft in nearly 40 years, since the space shuttle launched in 1981 – a long time ago," President Trump stated following the launch.

The White House: **President @realDonaldTrump is en route to Kennedy Space Center to view the planned @NASA and @SpaceX rocket launch.**

Trump Administration Reduces Record Wildfire Risk

On November 18, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced that the Department of the Interior reduced wildfire risk across 1.5 million acres of Interior-managed lands in FY 2020, bringing its total to 5.4 million acres since 2017. This is the most acreage treated during a Presidential term since Interior started tracking the data in 2003 and an increase of 49% compared to the last four years of the previous administration.

Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI): **@realDonaldTrump set aggressive targets to more effectively and actively manage our rangelands and forests to prevent catastrophic wildfires. He took bold action on this issue, which had been missing in previous administrations. Answering the call were our top-class wildland firefighter crews, who have worked around the clock to conduct these preventative treatments and extinguish destructive blazes throughout the West this year. They deserve our unending appreciation.**

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Bureau of Indian Affairs: Trump Administration Reduces Wildfire Risk by Record 5.4 Million Acres. "Tribes that live on reservations, rancherias and pueblos depend on their land for physical, economic, cultural and their spiritual wellbeing," said @ASIndianAffairs.

Under President Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk, Interior was directed to:

- Treat 750,000 acres of public lands to reduce fuel loads;
- Treat 500,000 acres of public lands to protect water quality and mitigate severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires; and
- Reduce vegetation through forest health treatments by offering for sale 600 million board feet of timber from public lands.

Surpassing these goals, Interior:

- Reduced fuel loads on 1,534,136 acres;
- Protected water quality and mitigated severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires on 1,691,167 acres;
- Addressed non-native and invasive species across 1,099,576 acres;
- Offered for sale 763 million board feet of timber; and
- Performed maintenance on public roads needed to provide access for emergency services and restoration work across 19,797 miles.

🕮 **Read More:** Trump Administration Reduces Wildfire Risk Across Record 5.4 Million Acres

Great American Outdoors Act Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects

On Friday, November 20, the Great American Outdoors Act Coordination and Implementation Task Force released further details about Fiscal Year 2021 Great American Outdoors Act deferred maintenance and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects.

For FY 2021, the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will leverage more

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than $125 million for 46 different conservation projects as funded through the LWCF. This includes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquiring approximately 667 acres for Arkansas' Cache River National Wildlife Refuge to significantly expand public access for hunting, fishing and boating opportunities, and the National Park Service acquiring four tracts of land for Georgia's Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, connecting two of areas of the park to better providing public access and important resource protections.

Approximately $1.6 billion will be invested into more than 160 deferred maintenance projects, benefiting a majority states and numerous Bureau of Indian Education schools. Yosemite National Park will be rehabilitating the Tuolumne campground with a hardened parking pad, new picnic tables, fire rings, and food storage containers for bear protection, in addition to fixing the surrounding campground roads, replacing its aged water distribution system and completely replacing its sewer collection system.

🕮 **Read More**: **Great American Outdoors Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects**

U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement

On Tuesday, November 17, the United States and the United Kingdom completed the signature of the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo signed the Agreement for the United States. Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps signed the Agreement for the United Kingdom.

Secretary Elaine Chao (DOT): Joined @SecPompeo to sign a new historic US-UK Open Skies Agreement. We are proud to keep the Special Relationship going through our skies.

The signing of the Agreement will facilitate a seamless transition in international air transportation markets for the traveling public, airlines, shippers, and other stakeholders. The Agreement meets all the criteria of the U.S. Open Skies policy and provides for additional traffic rights for U.S. all-cargo operations to and from the United Kingdom. The Agreement also includes the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, expanding and modernizing our air transport relationship with those regions. The Parties plan to begin applying the Agreement on

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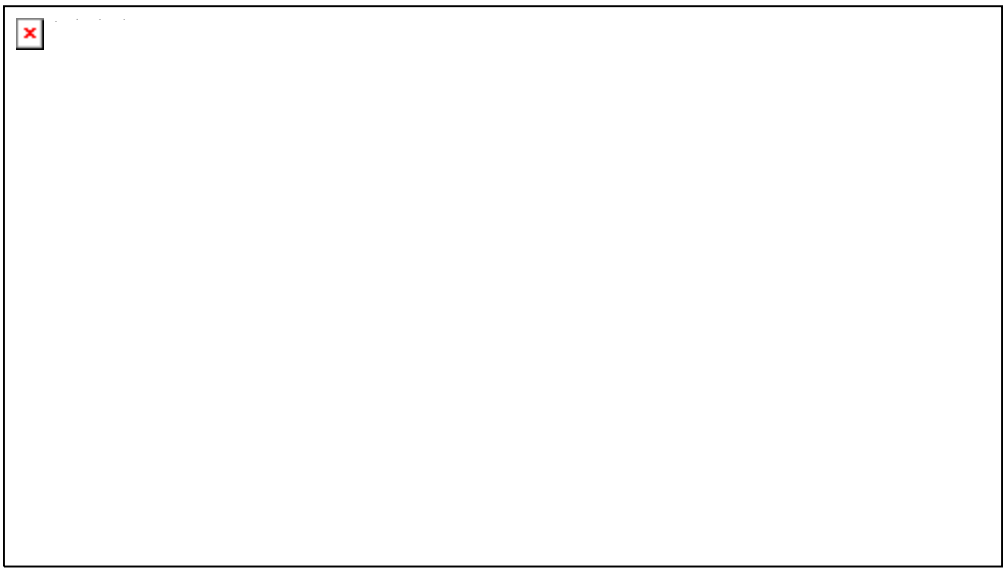
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

On Tuesday, November 17, DOT announced an award of 25 federal grants totaling $7.7 million to help American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments provide public transportation in rural areas, connecting tribal residents with jobs, healthcare, and other essential services. Read more here.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day

On Thursday, November 19, women across the world celebrated ***Women's Entrepreneurship Day*** - a day to continue to raise awareness, inspire, and empower women in business.

Administrator Jovita Carranza (SBA): Happy Women's Entrepreneurship Day! We honor the ambitious businesswomen who are building a legacy for future generations. Women entrepreneurs are a growing force—creating jobs, increasing innovation, and powering the Great American Comeback.



In February 2019, President Trump established the Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and

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#WeFi as well as successfully advocating to get #WPS and the #WEE Act signed into law. The best is yet to come for women at home and abroad!

W-GDP seeks to reach 50 million women in the developing world by 2025 through U.S. government activities, private-public partnerships, and a new, innovative W-GDP Fund. In its first year, W-GDP reached 12 million women worldwide.

The W-GDP Initiative aims to enhance opportunities for women to participate meaningfully in the economy and advance both prosperity and national security. W-GDP focuses on three pillars: Women Prospering in the Workforce, Women Succeeding as Entrepreneurs, and Women Enabled in the Economy.

To learn more about W-GDP's pillars, goals, and the annual report, click **here**.

Ivanka Trump: #WGDP is empowering women entrepreneurs, an investment that is more important than ever as we seek to collectively recover from #COVID19. Women are key drivers of recovery by creating jobs in their communities & growing their local economies. #WEDO2020

📖 **Read More: Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month**

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation on American Education Week**.

Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

📖 **Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week**

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Watch Education Secretary Betsy DeVos address Education Week in the video above.

Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed): When America's students have opportunities to engage with others around the world, we all benefit. This week, @usedgov is proud to celebrate international education and exchange and the immense value it brings to students as they acquire global and cultural competencies. #IEW2020

On November 16, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education marked **International Education Week** with a joint initiative, which provides an opportunity to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. This celebration highlights the benefits of international education through the stories and experiences of alumni and institutions who participated in international exchange programs.

Read More: Celebrating International Education Week

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update - Vaccine Candidates
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Lower Drug Prices for All Americans
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- U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement; Tribal Transportation Funding Grant Announcement
- Women's Entrepreneurship Day 2020
- Education Week 2020

Also do not forget the White House IGA ***Promoting Rural Prosperity in America*** guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide **here**.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory (here): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager**.

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota established** free, "no barrier" testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- **Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota established** free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- **Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island established** an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state's early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- **Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia established** immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

🚨 Second Vaccine Announcement🚨

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 13, 2020 to deliver a safe vaccine and Moderna was **supported in research and development** through Operation Warp Speed.

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90

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percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of volunteers from a Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

🕮 **Read More:** **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**

The White House: **Since the very beginning, President @realDonaldTrump has focused on removing every possible bureaucratic barrier to delivering a safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine to Americans. Today's vaccine update once again shows that commitment in action!**

Vice President Pence: **We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.**

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

The White House: **The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.**

✔ **Fact Sheet:** **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) **announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc.** for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's **Operation Warp Speed** goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping

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mitigate the spread of the virus through working with State, local, and Tribal leaders. While cases have risen, the Federal government is in a better position than it has ever been before to handle and respond to COVID-19.

For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an **at- home test**. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

Dr. Adams also encouraged Americans to get a flu shot as it is more important than ever this year to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. Because many symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 overlap, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms and testing may be needed to help confirm diagnosis. Learn more at **vaccines.gov**. And learn more about similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19 **here**.

Finally, Dr. Adams provided an update on the importance of prioritizing the re-opening of schools. Dr. Adams noted that the transmission rate in schools is generally lower than the community around them. This is because during school, individuals wear masks among other preventative practices but when individuals leave school grounds, not everyone necessarily continues these measures. New data also suggests there are unintended negative consequences to shutting down schools (*see* **Estimation of US Children's Educational Attainment and Years of Life Lost Associated With Primary School Closures During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**). Potential adverse impacts on students may be social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health, as well as the critical services provided to students to help mitigate health disparities and serve children in need, such as school lunch programs, special education services, after-school programs and **mental health services**.

The White House: **"We should be making data-driven decisions," @CDCDirector said- and there is ample data confirming that K-12 schools can operate with in-person learning safely and responsibly.**

The CDC offers numerous resources for operating schools during COVID-19. Learn more about the CDC's considerations and reopening efforts **here**.

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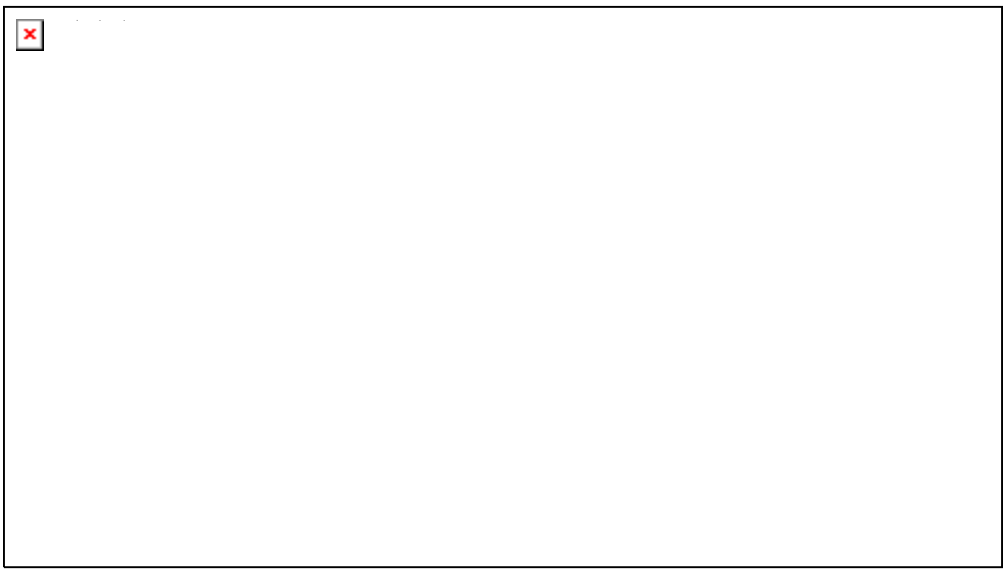

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America approach has helped leverage all the U.S. can offer through using our resources to expand our industrial base and enhance the typical vaccine approval process.

The White House: **Dr. Fauci - "The speed did not compromise at all safety, nor did it compromsie scientific integrity. It was a reflection of the extraordinary scientific advances in these types of vaccines which allowed us to do things in months that actually took years before."**

There are currently four vaccines in the clinical trial Phase 3 with a total of six vaccine candidates coming to the U.S. On November 9, **Pfizer and BioNTech** announced their vaccine demonstrated an efficacy rate above 90% from their Phase 3 study and **applied for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday, November 11**. On November 16, under OWS and a multi-agency collaboration, **Moderna** announced their vaccine met an efficacy rate of 94.5% and has a longer shelf life. Moderna plans to submit for a EUA with FDA in the coming weeks.

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): Incredible news over the past several days with data showing two COVID-19 vaccines may be over 90 percent effective. #OperationWarpSpeed is working to begin delivering safe and effective vaccines to Americans by the end of the

year once they are authorized by the @US_FDA.

Marion Whicker also addressed the partnership between the Trump Administration and large chain pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens, which will play a vital role in ensuring confidence in the vaccine and that Americans have access to the vaccines when they become available – particularly to our most vulnerable and underserved populations.

🕮 **Read More: Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called on the 64 jurisdictions – including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – to help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. The jurisdictions will also help imbed essential healthcare personnel to administer the vaccines.

Find a list of frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination **here**.

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,020 COVID-19 briefings with over 251,520 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 41st Governors Call on COVID-19

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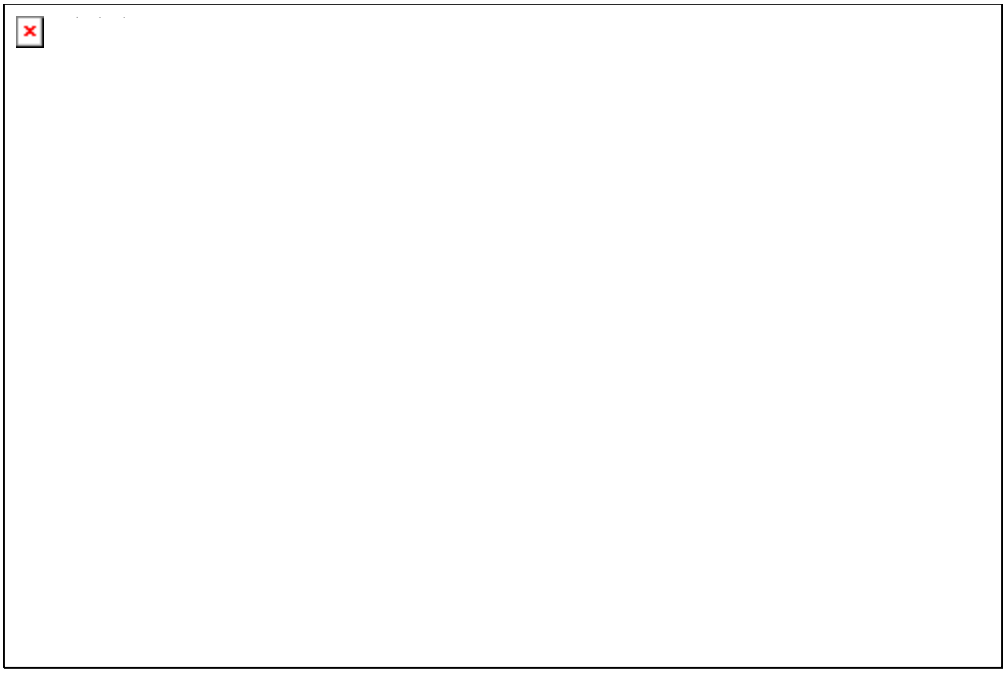

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Vice President Pence: @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force had a 2+ hour call with Governors to review vaccine distribution plans after 2 HUGE announcements from Moderna & Pfizer. Under President Trump's leadership, we're ensuring every state has what they need to deliver a vaccine to every American!

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Administrator Pete Gaynor, *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, *Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS*
- Administrator Seema Verma, *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS*
- Director Robert Redfield, *M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),*

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- Brigadier General David Sanford, *Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, DOD*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)*

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing robust coordination with state and local governments in preparing to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The Vice President also updated governors on the unprecedented medical and supply mobilization to support state and hospital needs.

FEMA Administrator Gaynor and General Sanford of DOD provided an update on key medical supply chain and stockpiles management. The Vice President previously asked governors to work with their state emergency managers and health teams to build a 60-day state stockpile of PPE and key supplies and to ensure healthcare providers quality and timely reporting of supplies at the provider-level (e.g., hospital, long-term care facility) to help support data-driven decision-making to ensure data-drive decisions on healthcare supplies and support. The Federal government has worked towards building a 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing protocols to replenish the stockpile.

Dr. Fauci and Administrator Hahn provided an update on vaccine development and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Commissioner Hahn also provided an update on the authorization of monoclonal antibodies as a treatment for COVID-19. Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine distribution plans and ongoing CDC technical assistance efforts. Secretary Azar and Operation Warp Speed Ostrowski provided an update on vaccine distribution and administrative planning. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents.

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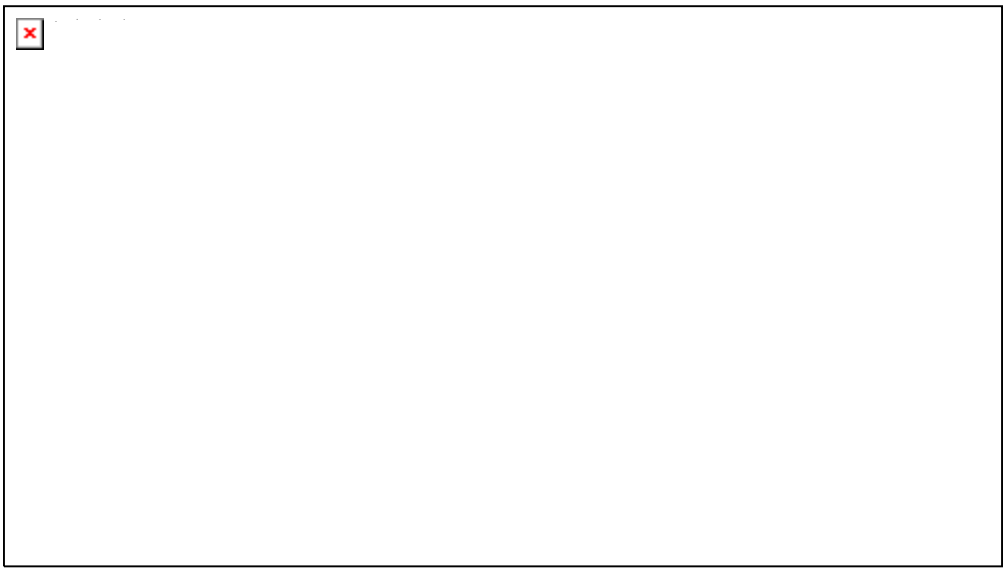

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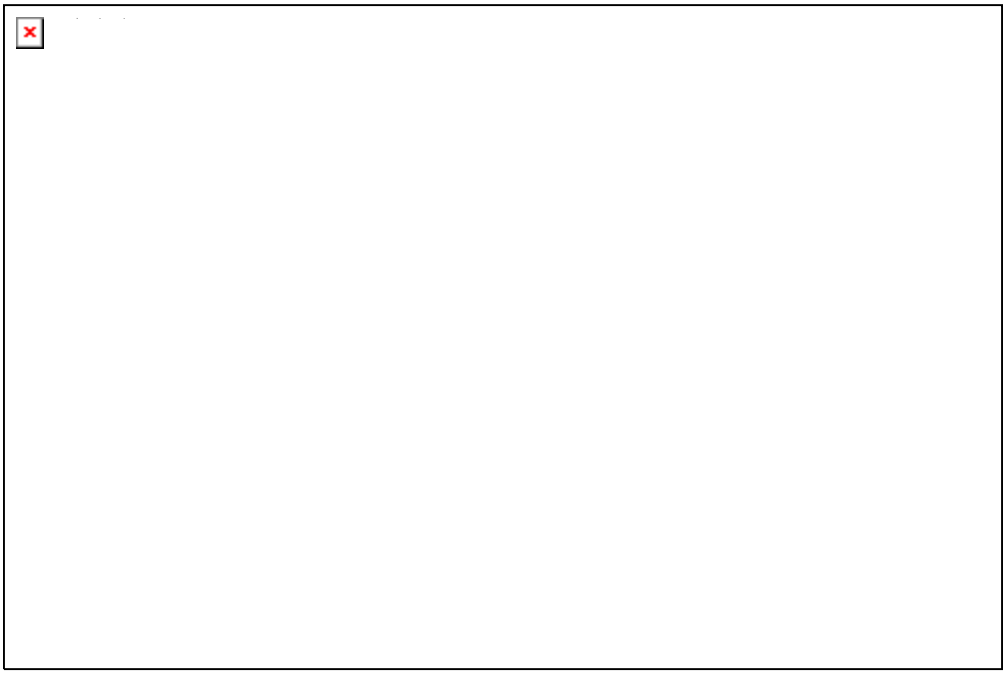

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🕮 **Read More**: **Great American Outdoors Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects**

U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement

On Tuesday, November 17, the United States and the United Kingdom completed the signature of the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo signed the Agreement for the United States. Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps signed the Agreement for the United Kingdom.

Secretary Elaine Chao (DOT): Joined @SecPompeo to sign a new historic US-UK Open Skies Agreement. We are proud to keep the Special Relationship going through our skies.

The signing of the Agreement will facilitate a seamless transition in international air transportation markets for the traveling public, airlines, shippers, and other stakeholders. The Agreement meets all the criteria of the U.S. Open Skies policy and provides for additional traffic rights for U.S. all-cargo operations to and from the United Kingdom. The Agreement also includes the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, expanding and modernizing our air transport relationship with those regions. The Parties plan to begin applying the Agreement on

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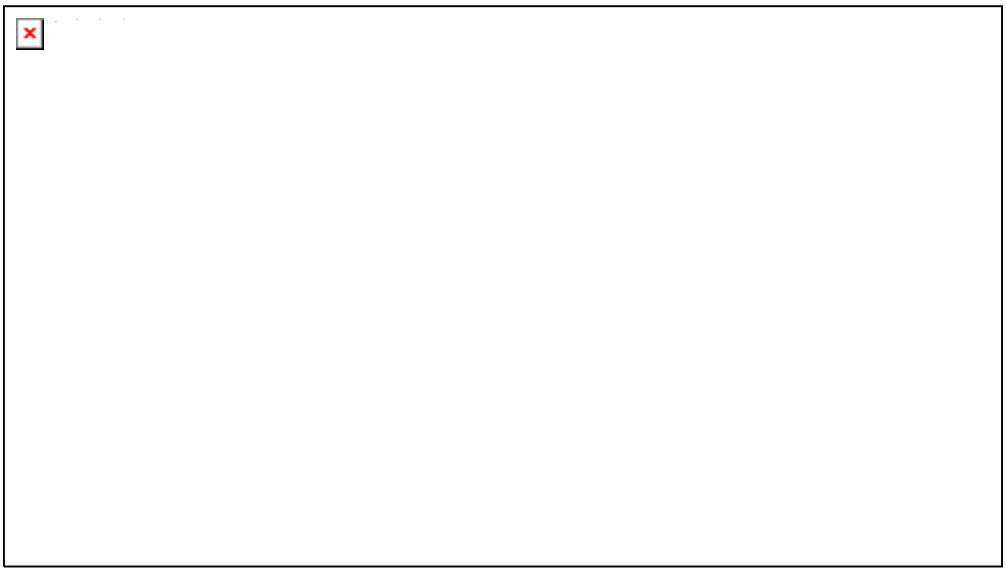
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

On Tuesday, November 17, DOT announced an award of 25 federal grants totaling $7.7 million to help American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments provide public transportation in rural areas, connecting tribal residents with jobs, healthcare, and other essential services. Read more here.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day

On Thursday, November 19, women across the world celebrated ***Women's Entrepreneurship Day*** - a day to continue to raise awareness, inspire, and empower women in business.

Administrator Jovita Carranza (SBA): Happy Women's Entrepreneurship Day! We honor the ambitious businesswomen who are building a legacy for future generations. Women entrepreneurs are a growing force—creating jobs, increasing innovation, and powering the Great American Comeback.



In February 2019, President Trump established the Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and

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#WeFi as well as successfully advocating to get #WPS and the #WEE Act signed into law. The best is yet to come for women at home and abroad!

W-GDP seeks to reach 50 million women in the developing world by 2025 through U.S. government activities, private-public partnerships, and a new, innovative W-GDP Fund. In its first year, W-GDP reached 12 million women worldwide.

The W-GDP Initiative aims to enhance opportunities for women to participate meaningfully in the economy and advance both prosperity and national security. W-GDP focuses on three pillars: Women Prospering in the Workforce, Women Succeeding as Entrepreneurs, and Women Enabled in the Economy.

To learn more about W-GDP's pillars, goals, and the annual report, click **here**.

Ivanka Trump: #WGDP is empowering women entrepreneurs, an investment that is more important than ever as we seek to collectively recover from #COVID19. Women are key drivers of recovery by creating jobs in their communities & growing their local economies. #WEDO2020

📖 **Read More: Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month**

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation on American Education Week**.

Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

📖 **Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week**

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Watch Education Secretary Betsy DeVos address Education Week in the video above.

Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed): When America's students have opportunities to engage with others around the world, we all benefit. This week, @usedgov is proud to celebrate international education and exchange and the immense value it brings to students as they acquire global and cultural competencies. #IEW2020

On November 16, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education marked **International Education Week** with a joint initiative, which provides an opportunity to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. This celebration highlights the benefits of international education through the stories and experiences of alumni and institutions who participated in international exchange programs.

Read More: Celebrating International Education Week

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 🕮 Update - Vaccine Candidates 🕮
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Lower Drug Prices for All Americans
- First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch
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- U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement; Tribal Transportation Funding Grant Announcement
- Women's Entrepreneurship Day 2020
- Education Week 2020

Also do not forget the White House IGA ***Promoting Rural Prosperity in America*** guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide **here**.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory (here): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager**.

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota** established free, "no barrier" testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- **Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota** established free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- **Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island** established an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state's early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- **Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia** established immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

🚨 Second Vaccine Announcement🚨

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 13, 2020 to deliver a safe vaccine and Moderna was **supported in research and development** through Operation Warp Speed.

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90

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percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of volunteers from a Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

🕮 **Read More:** **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**

The White House: **Since the very beginning, President @realDonaldTrump has focused on removing every possible bureaucratic barrier to delivering a safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine to Americans. Today's vaccine update once again shows that commitment in action!**

Vice President Pence: **We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.**

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

The White House: **The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.**

✔ **Fact Sheet:** **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) **announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc.** for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's **Operation Warp Speed** goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping

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mitigate the spread of the virus through working with State, local, and Tribal leaders. While cases have risen, the Federal government is in a better position than it has ever been before to handle and respond to COVID-19.

For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an **at- home test**. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

Dr. Adams also encouraged Americans to get a flu shot as it is more important than ever this year to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. Because many symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 overlap, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms and testing may be needed to help confirm diagnosis. Learn more at **vaccines.gov**. And learn more about similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19 **here**.

Finally, Dr. Adams provided an update on the importance of prioritizing the re-opening of schools. Dr. Adams noted that the transmission rate in schools is generally lower than the community around them. This is because during school, individuals wear masks among other preventative practices but when individuals leave school grounds, not everyone necessarily continues these measures. New data also suggests there are unintended negative consequences to shutting down schools (*see* **Estimation of US Children's Educational Attainment and Years of Life Lost Associated With Primary School Closures During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**). Potential adverse impacts on students may be social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health, as well as the critical services provided to students to help mitigate health disparities and serve children in need, such as school lunch programs, special education services, after-school programs and **mental health services**.

The White House: **"We should be making data-driven decisions," @CDCDirector said- and there is ample data confirming that K-12 schools can operate with in-person learning safely and responsibly.**

The CDC offers numerous resources for operating schools during COVID-19. Learn more about the CDC's considerations and reopening efforts **here**.

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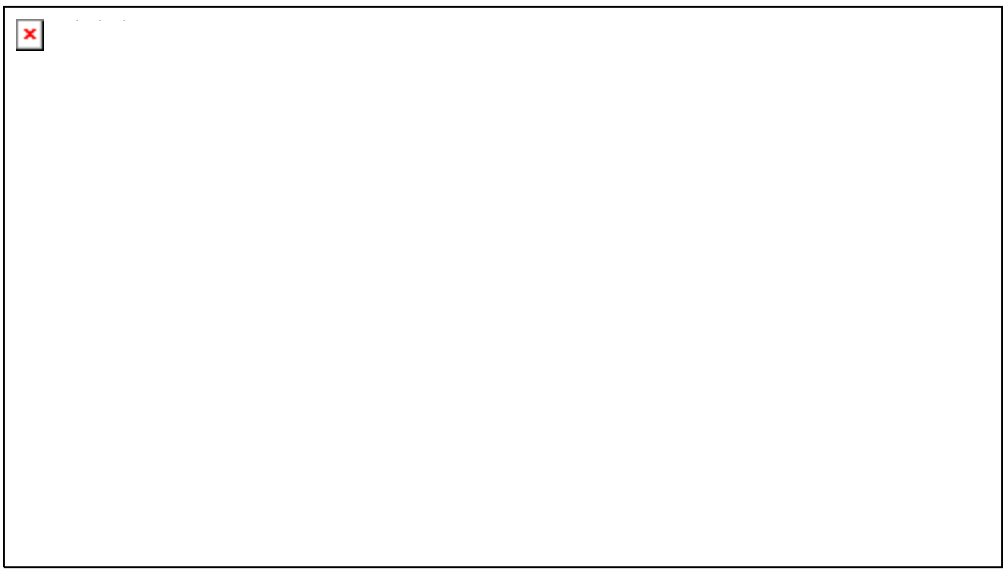

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America approach has helped leverage all the U.S. can offer through using our resources to expand our industrial base and enhance the typical vaccine approval process.

The White House: **Dr. Fauci - "The speed did not compromise at all safety, nor did it compromsie scientific integrity. It was a reflection of the extraordinary scientific advances in these types of vaccines which allowed us to do things in months that actually took years before."**

There are currently four vaccines in the clinical trial Phase 3 with a total of six vaccine candidates coming to the U.S. On November 9, **Pfizer and BioNTech** announced their vaccine demonstrated an efficacy rate above 90% from their Phase 3 study and **applied for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday, November 11**. On November 16, under OWS and a multi-agency collaboration, **Moderna** announced their vaccine met an efficacy rate of 94.5% and has a longer shelf life. Moderna plans to submit for a EUA with FDA in the coming weeks.

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): Incredible news over the past several days with data showing two COVID-19 vaccines may be over 90 percent effective. #OperationWarpSpeed is working to begin delivering safe and effective vaccines to Americans by the end of the

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year once they are authorized by the @US_FDA.

Marion Whicker also addressed the partnership between the Trump Administration and large chain pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens, which will play a vital role in ensuring confidence in the vaccine and that Americans have access to the vaccines when they become available – particularly to our most vulnerable and underserved populations.

🕮 **Read More: Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called on the 64 jurisdictions – including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – to help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. The jurisdictions will also help imbed essential healthcare personnel to administer the vaccines.

Find a list of frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination **here**.

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,020 COVID-19 briefings with over 251,520 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 41st Governors Call on COVID-19

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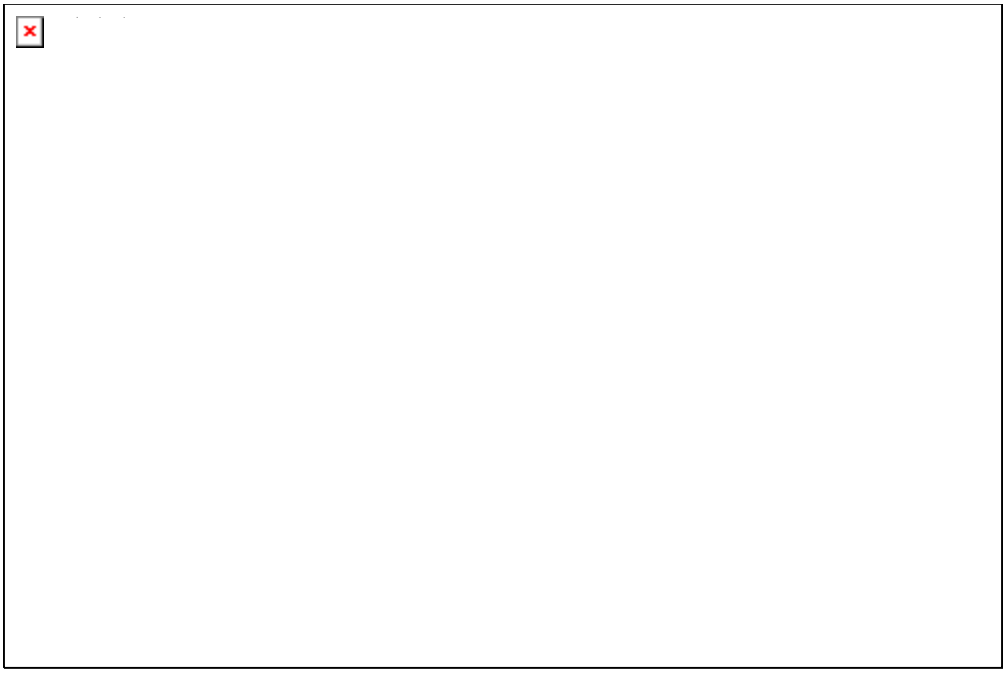

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Vice President Pence: @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force had a 2+ hour call with Governors to review vaccine distribution plans after 2 HUGE announcements from Moderna & Pfizer. Under President Trump's leadership, we're ensuring every state has what they need to deliver a vaccine to every American!

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Administrator Pete Gaynor, *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, *Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS*
- Administrator Seema Verma, *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS*
- Director Robert Redfield, *M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),*

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- Brigadier General David Sanford, *Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, DOD*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)*

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing robust coordination with state and local governments in preparing to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The Vice President also updated governors on the unprecedented medical and supply mobilization to support state and hospital needs.

FEMA Administrator Gaynor and General Sanford of DOD provided an update on key medical supply chain and stockpiles management. The Vice President previously asked governors to work with their state emergency managers and health teams to build a 60-day state stockpile of PPE and key supplies and to ensure healthcare providers quality and timely reporting of supplies at the provider-level (e.g., hospital, long-term care facility) to help support data-driven decision-making to ensure data-drive decisions on healthcare supplies and support. The Federal government has worked towards building a 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing protocols to replenish the stockpile.

Dr. Fauci and Administrator Hahn provided an update on vaccine development and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Commissioner Hahn also provided an update on the authorization of monoclonal antibodies as a treatment for COVID-19. Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine distribution plans and ongoing CDC technical assistance efforts. Secretary Azar and Operation Warp Speed Ostrowski provided an update on vaccine distribution and administrative planning. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents.

Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed

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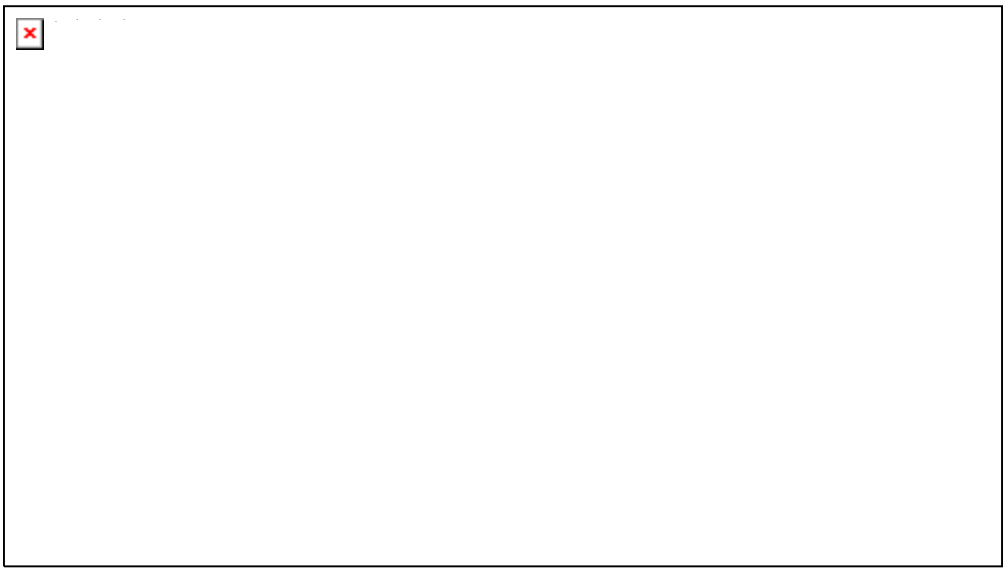
engagement meeting with state, local, tribal, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 41 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Lower Drug Prices for All Americans

On Friday, November 20, President announced two groundbreaking rules that will lower the price of prescription drugs for American patients and seniors. A new drug payment model through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will lower Medicare Part B payments for certain drugs to the lowest price for similar countries and save American taxpayers and beneficiaries more than $85 billion over seven years.



🎬 **Watch:** **President Trump Announces Two Groundbreaking Rules on Drug Pricing**

🕮 **Read More:** **Remarks by President Trump on Delivering Lower Prescription Drug Prices**

Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent

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The White House/Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): **President @realDonaldTrump has done more to lower medicine prices than any President in history!**

Administrator Seema Verma (CMS): **Starting January 1st, the Most Favored Nation (MFN) model will test paying for select, high-cost Part B drugs based, in part, on what other countries pay. This approach introduces market competition into #Medicare, directly and immediately lowering beneficiaries' costs for drugs.**

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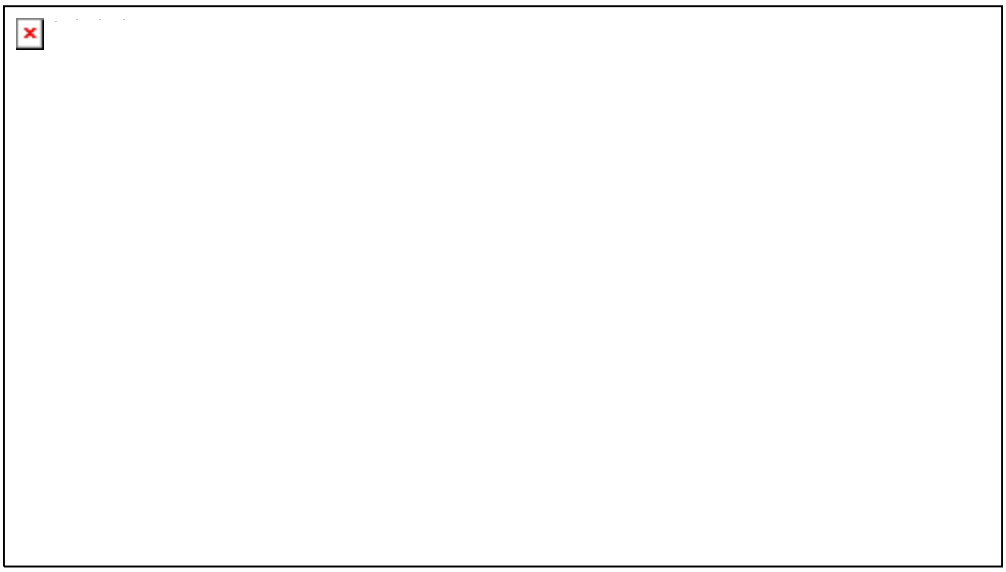

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W-GDP seeks to reach 50 million women in the developing world by 2025 through U.S. government activities, private-public partnerships, and a new, innovative W-GDP Fund. In its first year, W-GDP reached 12 million women worldwide.

The W-GDP Initiative aims to enhance opportunities for women to participate meaningfully in the economy and advance both prosperity and national security. W-GDP focuses on three pillars: Women Prospering in the Workforce, Women Succeeding as Entrepreneurs, and Women Enabled in the Economy.

To learn more about W-GDP's pillars, goals, and the annual report, click **here**.

Ivanka Trump: #WGDP is empowering women entrepreneurs, an investment that is more important than ever as we seek to collectively recover from #COVID19. Women are key drivers of recovery by creating jobs in their communities & growing their local economies. #WEDO2020

📖 **Read More: Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month**

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation on American Education Week**.

Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

📖 **Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week**

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Watch Education Secretary Betsy DeVos address Education Week in the video above.

Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed): When America's students have opportunities to engage with others around the world, we all benefit. This week, @usedgov is proud to celebrate international education and exchange and the immense value it brings to students as they acquire global and cultural competencies. #IEW2020

On November 16, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education marked **International Education Week** with a joint initiative, which provides an opportunity to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. This celebration highlights the benefits of international education through the stories and experiences of alumni and institutions who participated in international exchange programs.

Read More: Celebrating International Education Week

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update - Vaccine Candidates
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- First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch
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- Education Week 2020

Also do not forget the White House IGA ***Promoting Rural Prosperity in America*** guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide **here**.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory (here): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager**.

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota** established free, "no barrier" testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- **Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota** established free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- **Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island** established an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state's early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- **Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia** established immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

🚨 Second Vaccine Announcement🚨

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 13, 2020 to deliver a safe vaccine and Moderna was **supported in research and development** through Operation Warp Speed.

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90

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percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of volunteers from a Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

🕮 **Read More:** **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**

The White House: **Since the very beginning, President @realDonaldTrump has focused on removing every possible bureaucratic barrier to delivering a safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine to Americans. Today's vaccine update once again shows that commitment in action!**

Vice President Pence: **We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.**

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

The White House: **The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.**

✔ **Fact Sheet:** **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) **announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc.** for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's **Operation Warp Speed** goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping

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mitigate the spread of the virus through working with State, local, and Tribal leaders. While cases have risen, the Federal government is in a better position than it has ever been before to handle and respond to COVID-19.

For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an **at- home test**. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

Dr. Adams also encouraged Americans to get a flu shot as it is more important than ever this year to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. Because many symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 overlap, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms and testing may be needed to help confirm diagnosis. Learn more at **vaccines.gov**. And learn more about similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19 **here**.

Finally, Dr. Adams provided an update on the importance of prioritizing the re-opening of schools. Dr. Adams noted that the transmission rate in schools is generally lower than the community around them. This is because during school, individuals wear masks among other preventative practices but when individuals leave school grounds, not everyone necessarily continues these measures. New data also suggests there are unintended negative consequences to shutting down schools (*see* **Estimation of US Children's Educational Attainment and Years of Life Lost Associated With Primary School Closures During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**). Potential adverse impacts on students may be social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health, as well as the critical services provided to students to help mitigate health disparities and serve children in need, such as school lunch programs, special education services, after-school programs and **mental health services**.

The White House: **"We should be making data-driven decisions," @CDCDirector said- and there is ample data confirming that K-12 schools can operate with in-person learning safely and responsibly.**

The CDC offers numerous resources for operating schools during COVID-19. Learn more about the CDC's considerations and reopening efforts **here**.

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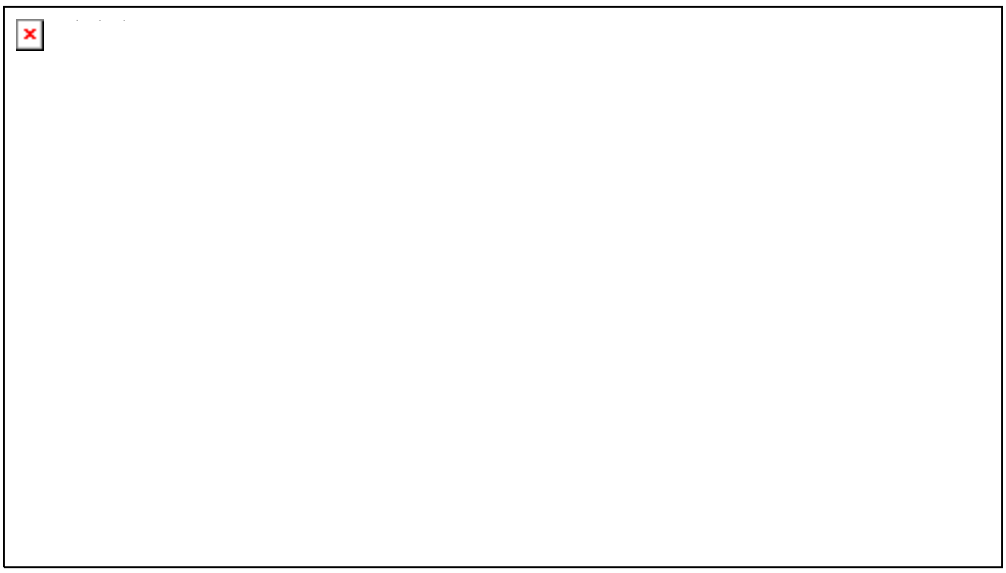

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America approach has helped leverage all the U.S. can offer through using our resources to expand our industrial base and enhance the typical vaccine approval process.

The White House: **Dr. Fauci - "The speed did not compromise at all safety, nor did it compromsie scientific integrity. It was a reflection of the extraordinary scientific advances in these types of vaccines which allowed us to do things in months that actually took years before."**

There are currently four vaccines in the clinical trial Phase 3 with a total of six vaccine candidates coming to the U.S. On November 9, **Pfizer and BioNTech** announced their vaccine demonstrated an efficacy rate above 90% from their Phase 3 study and **applied for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday, November 11**. On November 16, under OWS and a multi-agency collaboration, **Moderna** announced their vaccine met an efficacy rate of 94.5% and has a longer shelf life. Moderna plans to submit for a EUA with FDA in the coming weeks.

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): Incredible news over the past several days with data showing two COVID-19 vaccines may be over 90 percent effective. #OperationWarpSpeed is working to begin delivering safe and effective vaccines to Americans by the end of the

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year once they are authorized by the @US_FDA.

Marion Whicker also addressed the partnership between the Trump Administration and large chain pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens, which will play a vital role in ensuring confidence in the vaccine and that Americans have access to the vaccines when they become available – particularly to our most vulnerable and underserved populations.

🕮 **Read More: Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called on the 64 jurisdictions – including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – to help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. The jurisdictions will also help imbed essential healthcare personnel to administer the vaccines.

Find a list of frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination **here**.

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,020 COVID-19 briefings with over 251,520 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 41st Governors Call on COVID-19

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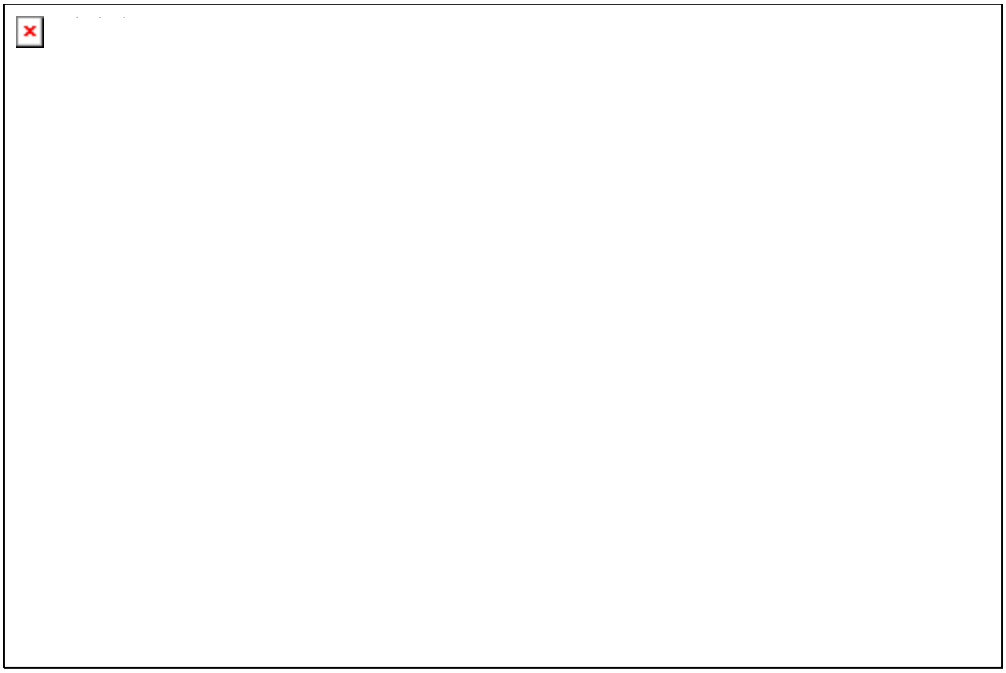

On Monday, November 16, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Vice President Pence: @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force had a 2+ hour call with Governors to review vaccine distribution plans after 2 HUGE announcements from Moderna & Pfizer. Under President Trump's leadership, we're ensuring every state has what they need to deliver a vaccine to every American!

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Administrator Pete Gaynor, *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, *Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS*
- Administrator Seema Verma, *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS*
- Director Robert Redfield, *M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),*

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- Brigadier General David Sanford, *Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, DOD*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)*

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing robust coordination with state and local governments in preparing to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The Vice President also updated governors on the unprecedented medical and supply mobilization to support state and hospital needs.

FEMA Administrator Gaynor and General Sanford of DOD provided an update on key medical supply chain and stockpiles management. The Vice President previously asked governors to work with their state emergency managers and health teams to build a 60-day state stockpile of PPE and key supplies and to ensure healthcare providers quality and timely reporting of supplies at the provider-level (e.g., hospital, long-term care facility) to help support data-driven decision-making to ensure data-drive decisions on healthcare supplies and support. The Federal government has worked towards building a 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing protocols to replenish the stockpile.

Dr. Fauci and Administrator Hahn provided an update on vaccine development and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Commissioner Hahn also provided an update on the authorization of monoclonal antibodies as a treatment for COVID-19. Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine distribution plans and ongoing CDC technical assistance efforts. Secretary Azar and Operation Warp Speed Ostrowski provided an update on vaccine distribution and administrative planning. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents.

Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed

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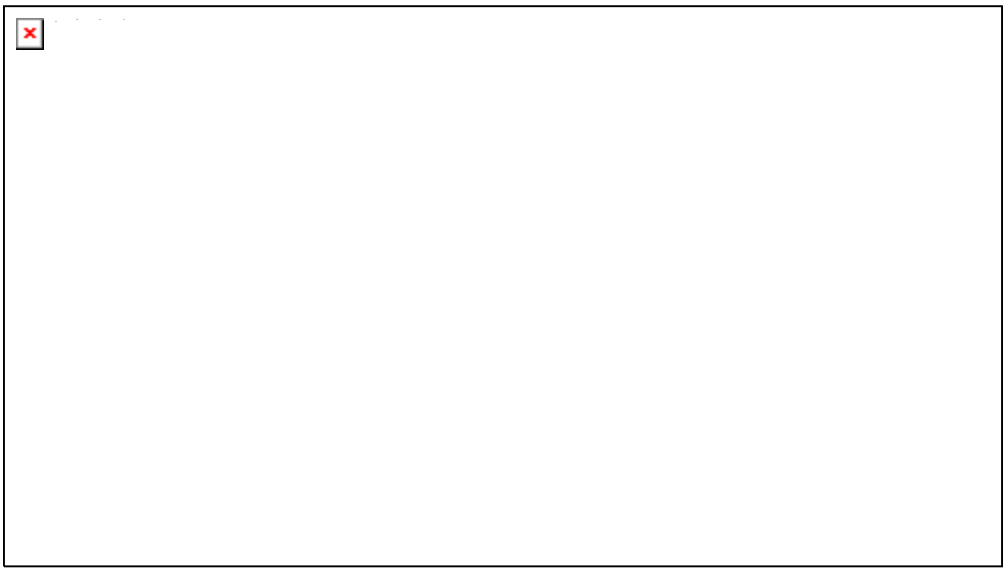
engagement meeting with state, local, tribal, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 41 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Lower Drug Prices for All Americans

On Friday, November 20, President announced two groundbreaking rules that will lower the price of prescription drugs for American patients and seniors. A new drug payment model through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will lower Medicare Part B payments for certain drugs to the lowest price for similar countries and save American taxpayers and beneficiaries more than $85 billion over seven years.



🎬 **Watch:** **President Trump Announces Two Groundbreaking Rules on Drug Pricing**

🕮 **Read More:** **Remarks by President Trump on Delivering Lower Prescription Drug Prices**

Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent

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Executive Orders to lower drug prices and improve access to life-saving medications, the MFN Model will protect current beneficiary access to Medicare Part B drugs, make them more affordable, and address the disparity of drug costs between the U.S. and other countries.

The White House/Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): **President @realDonaldTrump has done more to lower medicine prices than any President in history!**

Administrator Seema Verma (CMS): **Starting January 1st, the Most Favored Nation (MFN) model will test paying for select, high-cost Part B drugs based, in part, on what other countries pay. This approach introduces market competition into #Medicare, directly and immediately lowering beneficiaries' costs for drugs.**

📖 **Read More:** **Trump Administration Announces Prescription Drug Payment Model to Put American Patients First**

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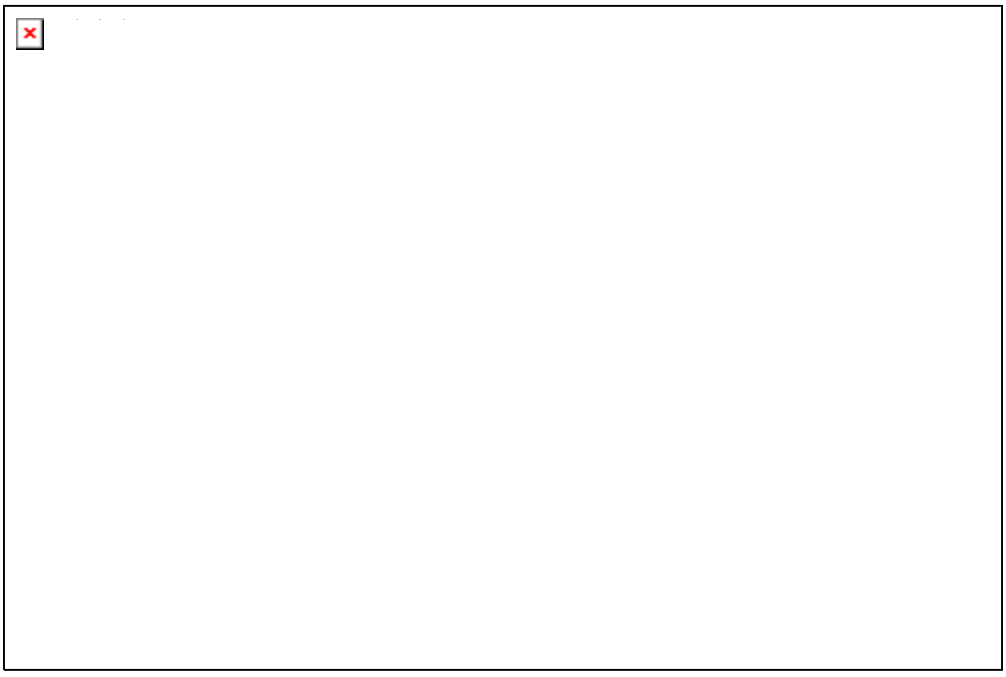

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Vice President Pence: **The launch of the Resilience Spacecraft is the culmination of four years of renewed leadership in Space. It's a tribute to the courage of our astronauts, the ingenuity of the men and women of @NASA and @SpaceX, and the unrelenting vision of President @realDonaldTrump!**

Watch: **The hatches are open and NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 astronauts Shannon Walker, @Astro_Soichi, @AstroVicGlover, and @Astro_illini are the newest residents aboard the @Space_Station. Welcome aboard!**

Earlier this year, President Trump and Vice President Pence traveled to Cape Canaveral, Florida for the launch of the Dragon Spacecraft Launch. "Today, as we gather in this special place to celebrate not only the launch of a new spacecraft, but also our nation's bold and triumphant return to the stars, it's a special day. Moments ago, the world bore witness to the flight of the first new manned U.S. spacecraft in nearly 40 years, since the space shuttle launched in 1981 – a long time ago," President Trump stated following the launch.

The White House: **President @realDonaldTrump is en route to Kennedy Space Center to view the planned @NASA and @SpaceX rocket launch.**

Trump Administration Reduces Record Wildfire Risk

On November 18, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced that the Department of the Interior reduced wildfire risk across 1.5 million acres of Interior-managed lands in FY 2020, bringing its total to 5.4 million acres since 2017. This is the most acreage treated during a Presidential term since Interior started tracking the data in 2003 and an increase of 49% compared to the last four years of the previous administration.

Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI): **@realDonaldTrump set aggressive targets to more effectively and actively manage our rangelands and forests to prevent catastrophic wildfires. He took bold action on this issue, which had been missing in previous administrations. Answering the call were our top-class wildland firefighter crews, who have worked around the clock to conduct these preventative treatments and extinguish destructive blazes throughout the West this year. They deserve our unending appreciation.**

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Bureau of Indian Affairs: **Trump Administration Reduces Wildfire Risk by Record 5.4 Million Acres. "Tribes that live on reservations, rancherias and pueblos depend on their land for physical, economic, cultural and their spiritual wellbeing," said @ASIndianAffairs.**

Under President Trump's **Executive Order** on Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk, Interior was directed to:

- Treat 750,000 acres of public lands to reduce fuel loads;
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- Reduce vegetation through forest health treatments by offering for sale 600 million board feet of timber from public lands.

Surpassing these goals, Interior:

- Reduced fuel loads on 1,534,136 acres;
- Protected water quality and mitigated severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires on 1,691,167 acres;
- Addressed non-native and invasive species across 1,099,576 acres;
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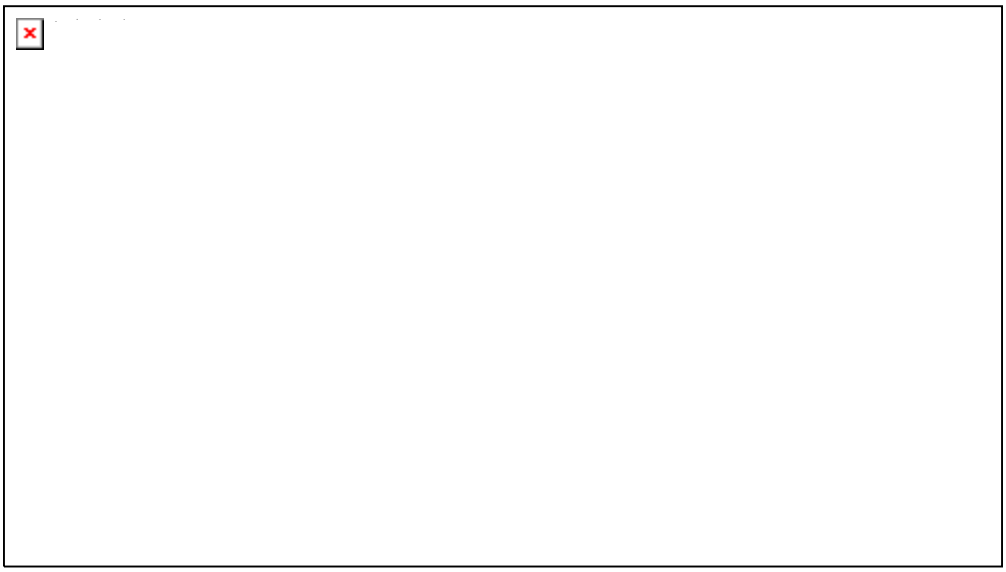

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To learn more about W-GDP's pillars, goals, and the annual report, click **here**.

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Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update - Vaccine Candidates
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
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- First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch
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- U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement; Tribal Transportation Funding Grant Announcement
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Also do not forget the White House IGA ***Promoting Rural Prosperity in America*** guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide **here**.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up **here**. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory (here): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager**.

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota** established free, "no barrier" testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- **Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota** established free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- **Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island** established an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state's early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- **Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia** established immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

🚨 Second Vaccine Announcement🚨

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 13, 2020 to deliver a safe vaccine and Moderna was **supported in research and development** through Operation Warp Speed.

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90

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percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of volunteers from a Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

🕮 **Read More:** **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**

The White House: **Since the very beginning, President @realDonaldTrump has focused on removing every possible bureaucratic barrier to delivering a safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine to Americans. Today's vaccine update once again shows that commitment in action!**

Vice President Pence: **We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.**

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

The White House: **The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.**

✔ **Fact Sheet:** **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) **announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc.** for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's **Operation Warp Speed** goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials.

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping

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mitigate the spread of the virus through working with State, local, and Tribal leaders. While cases have risen, the Federal government is in a better position than it has ever been before to handle and respond to COVID-19.

For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an **at- home test**. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

Dr. Adams also encouraged Americans to get a flu shot as it is more important than ever this year to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. Because many symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 overlap, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms and testing may be needed to help confirm diagnosis. Learn more at **vaccines.gov**. And learn more about similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19 **here**.

Finally, Dr. Adams provided an update on the importance of prioritizing the re-opening of schools. Dr. Adams noted that the transmission rate in schools is generally lower than the community around them. This is because during school, individuals wear masks among other preventative practices but when individuals leave school grounds, not everyone necessarily continues these measures. New data also suggests there are unintended negative consequences to shutting down schools (*see* **Estimation of US Children's Educational Attainment and Years of Life Lost Associated With Primary School Closures During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**). Potential adverse impacts on students may be social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health, as well as the critical services provided to students to help mitigate health disparities and serve children in need, such as school lunch programs, special education services, after-school programs and **mental health services**.

The White House: **"We should be making data-driven decisions," @CDCDirector said- and there is ample data confirming that K-12 schools can operate with in-person learning safely and responsibly.**

The CDC offers numerous resources for operating schools during COVID-19. Learn more about the CDC's considerations and reopening efforts **here**.

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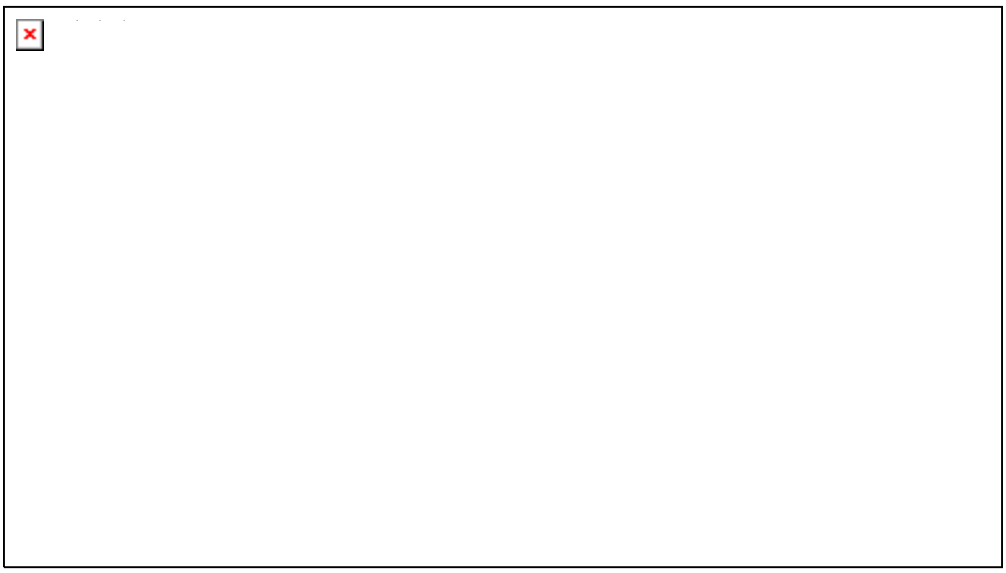

Marion Whicker ***SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed***: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America approach has helped leverage all the U.S. can offer through using our resources to expand our industrial base and enhance the typical vaccine approval process.

The White House: **Dr. Fauci - "The speed did not compromise at all safety, nor did it compromsie scientific integrity. It was a reflection of the extraordinary scientific advances in these types of vaccines which allowed us to do things in months that actually took years before."**

There are currently four vaccines in the clinical trial Phase 3 with a total of six vaccine candidates coming to the U.S. On November 9, **Pfizer and BioNTech** announced their vaccine demonstrated an efficacy rate above 90% from their Phase 3 study and **applied for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday, November 11**. On November 16, under OWS and a multi-agency collaboration, **Moderna** announced their vaccine met an efficacy rate of 94.5% and has a longer shelf life. Moderna plans to submit for a EUA with FDA in the coming weeks.

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): Incredible news over the past several days with data showing two COVID-19 vaccines may be over 90 percent effective. #OperationWarpSpeed is working to begin delivering safe and effective vaccines to Americans by the end of the

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year once they are authorized by the @US_FDA.

Marion Whicker also addressed the partnership between the Trump Administration and large chain pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens, which will play a vital role in ensuring confidence in the vaccine and that Americans have access to the vaccines when they become available – particularly to our most vulnerable and underserved populations.

🕮 **Read More: Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called on the 64 jurisdictions – including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – to help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. The jurisdictions will also help imbed essential healthcare personnel to administer the vaccines.

Find a list of frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination **here**.

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,020 COVID-19 briefings with over 251,520 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 41st Governors Call on COVID-19

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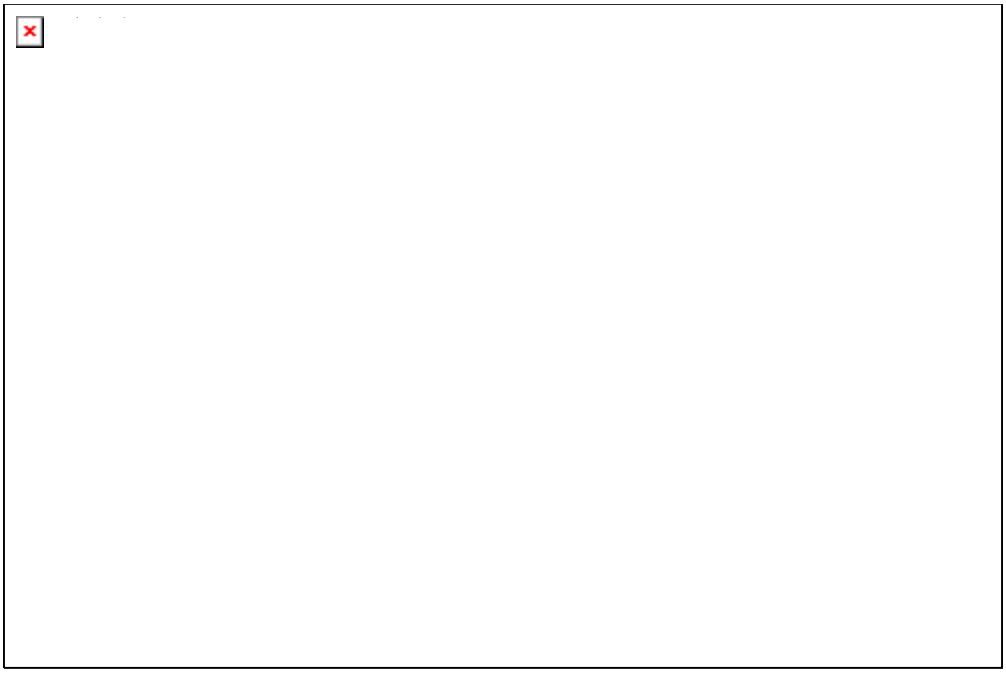

On Monday, November 16, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Vice President Pence: @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force had a 2+ hour call with Governors to review vaccine distribution plans after 2 HUGE announcements from Moderna & Pfizer. Under President Trump's leadership, we're ensuring every state has what they need to deliver a vaccine to every American!

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Administrator Pete Gaynor, *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, *Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS*
- Administrator Seema Verma, *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS*
- Director Robert Redfield, *M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),*

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- Brigadier General David Sanford, *Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, DOD*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)*

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing robust coordination with state and local governments in preparing to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The Vice President also updated governors on the unprecedented medical and supply mobilization to support state and hospital needs.

FEMA Administrator Gaynor and General Sanford of DOD provided an update on key medical supply chain and stockpiles management. The Vice President previously asked governors to work with their state emergency managers and health teams to build a 60-day state stockpile of PPE and key supplies and to ensure healthcare providers quality and timely reporting of supplies at the provider-level (e.g., hospital, long-term care facility) to help support data-driven decision-making to ensure data-drive decisions on healthcare supplies and support. The Federal government has worked towards building a 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing protocols to replenish the stockpile.

Dr. Fauci and Administrator Hahn provided an update on vaccine development and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Commissioner Hahn also provided an update on the authorization of monoclonal antibodies as a treatment for COVID-19. Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine distribution plans and ongoing CDC technical assistance efforts. Secretary Azar and Operation Warp Speed Ostrowski provided an update on vaccine distribution and administrative planning. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents.

Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed

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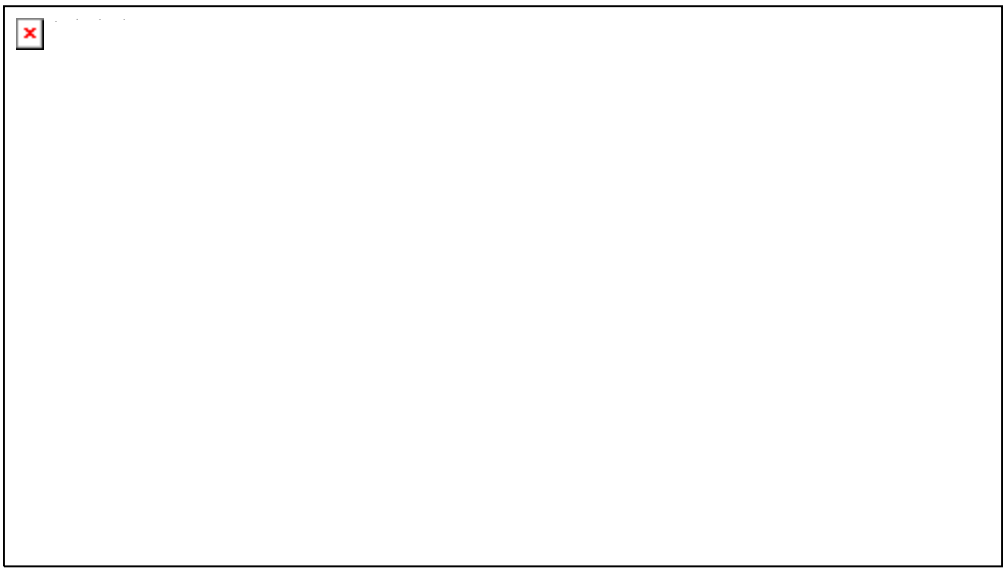
engagement meeting with state, local, tribal, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 41 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Lower Drug Prices for All Americans

On Friday, November 20, President announced two groundbreaking rules that will lower the price of prescription drugs for American patients and seniors. A new drug payment model through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will lower Medicare Part B payments for certain drugs to the lowest price for similar countries and save American taxpayers and beneficiaries more than $85 billion over seven years.



🎬 **Watch:** **President Trump Announces Two Groundbreaking Rules on Drug Pricing**

🕮 **Read More:** **Remarks by President Trump on Delivering Lower Prescription Drug Prices**

Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent

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Executive Orders to lower drug prices and improve access to life-saving medications, the MFN Model will protect current beneficiary access to Medicare Part B drugs, make them more affordable, and address the disparity of drug costs between the U.S. and other countries.

The White House/Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): **President @realDonaldTrump has done more to lower medicine prices than any President in history!**

Administrator Seema Verma (CMS): **Starting January 1st, the Most Favored Nation (MFN) model will test paying for select, high-cost Part B drugs based, in part, on what other countries pay. This approach introduces market competition into #Medicare, directly and immediately lowering beneficiaries' costs for drugs.**

📖 **Read More:** **Trump Administration Announces Prescription Drug Payment Model to Put American Patients First**

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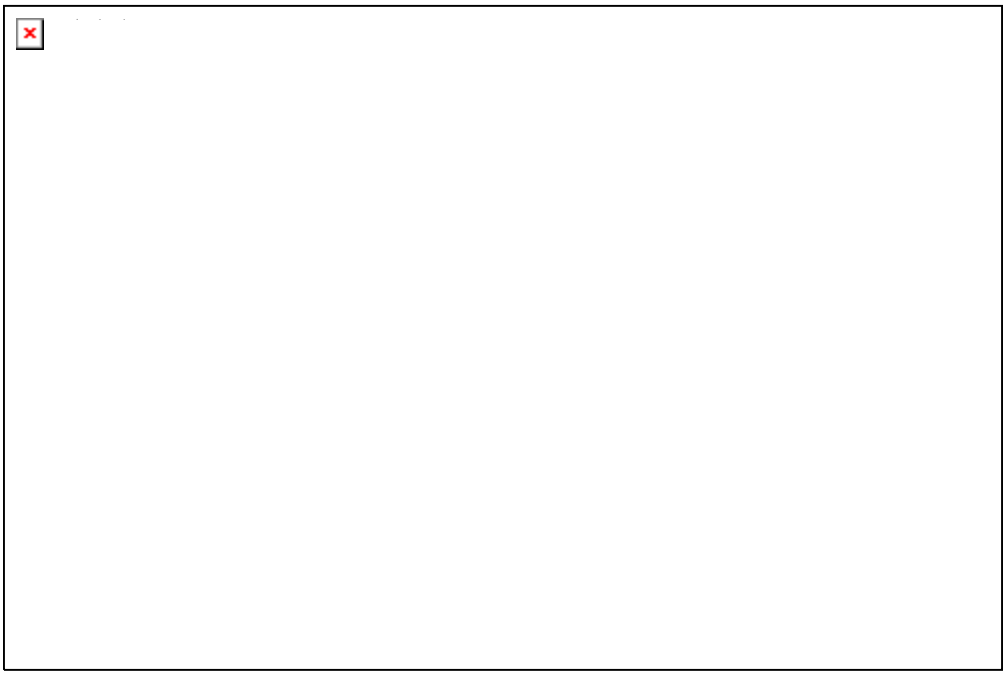

On Sunday, November 15, Vice President Mike Pence and Second Lady Karen Pence traveled to Cape Canaveral as America celebrated a historic milestone with the launch of NASA's SpaceX Crew-1: the first operational mission of the NASA Commercial Crew Program to the International Space Station and only the second time in nearly 10 years American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

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Vice President Pence: **The launch of the Resilience Spacecraft is the culmination of four years of renewed leadership in Space. It's a tribute to the courage of our astronauts, the ingenuity of the men and women of @NASA and @SpaceX, and the unrelenting vision of President @realDonaldTrump!**

Watch: **The hatches are open and NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 astronauts Shannon Walker, @Astro_Soichi, @AstroVicGlover, and @Astro_illini are the newest residents aboard the @Space_Station. Welcome aboard!**

Earlier this year, President Trump and Vice President Pence traveled to Cape Canaveral, Florida for the launch of the Dragon Spacecraft Launch. "Today, as we gather in this special place to celebrate not only the launch of a new spacecraft, but also our nation's bold and triumphant return to the stars, it's a special day. Moments ago, the world bore witness to the flight of the first new manned U.S. spacecraft in nearly 40 years, since the space shuttle launched in 1981 – a long time ago," President Trump stated following the launch.

The White House: **President @realDonaldTrump is en route to Kennedy Space Center to view the planned @NASA and @SpaceX rocket launch.**

Trump Administration Reduces Record Wildfire Risk

On November 18, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced that the Department of the Interior reduced wildfire risk across 1.5 million acres of Interior-managed lands in FY 2020, bringing its total to 5.4 million acres since 2017. This is the most acreage treated during a Presidential term since Interior started tracking the data in 2003 and an increase of 49% compared to the last four years of the previous administration.

Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI): **@realDonaldTrump set aggressive targets to more effectively and actively manage our rangelands and forests to prevent catastrophic wildfires. He took bold action on this issue, which had been missing in previous administrations. Answering the call were our top-class wildland firefighter crews, who have worked around the clock to conduct these preventative treatments and extinguish destructive blazes throughout the West this year. They deserve our unending appreciation.**

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Bureau of Indian Affairs: **Trump Administration Reduces Wildfire Risk by Record 5.4 Million Acres. "Tribes that live on reservations, rancherias and pueblos depend on their land for physical, economic, cultural and their spiritual wellbeing," said @ASIndianAffairs.**

Under President Trump's **Executive Order** on Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk, Interior was directed to:

- Treat 750,000 acres of public lands to reduce fuel loads;
- Treat 500,000 acres of public lands to protect water quality and mitigate severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires; and
- Reduce vegetation through forest health treatments by offering for sale 600 million board feet of timber from public lands.

Surpassing these goals, Interior:

- Reduced fuel loads on 1,534,136 acres;
- Protected water quality and mitigated severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires on 1,691,167 acres;
- Addressed non-native and invasive species across 1,099,576 acres;
- Offered for sale 763 million board feet of timber; and
- Performed maintenance on public roads needed to provide access for emergency services and restoration work across 19,797 miles.

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Great American Outdoors Act Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects

On Friday, November 20, the **Great American Outdoors Act Coordination and Implementation Task Force** released further details about Fiscal Year 2021 Great American Outdoors Act deferred maintenance and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects.

For FY 2021, the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will leverage more

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than $125 million for 46 different conservation projects as funded through the LWCF. This includes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquiring approximately 667 acres for Arkansas' Cache River National Wildlife Refuge to significantly expand public access for hunting, fishing and boating opportunities, and the National Park Service acquiring four tracts of land for Georgia's Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, connecting two of areas of the park to better providing public access and important resource protections.

Approximately $1.6 billion will be invested into more than 160 deferred maintenance projects, benefiting a majority states and numerous Bureau of Indian Education schools. Yosemite National Park will be rehabilitating the Tuolumne campground with a hardened parking pad, new picnic tables, fire rings, and food storage containers for bear protection, in addition to fixing the surrounding campground roads, replacing its aged water distribution system and completely replacing its sewer collection system.

🕮 **Read More**: **Great American Outdoors Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects**

U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement

On Tuesday, November 17, the United States and the United Kingdom completed the signature of the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo signed the Agreement for the United States. Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps signed the Agreement for the United Kingdom.

Secretary Elaine Chao (DOT): Joined @SecPompeo to sign a new historic US-UK Open Skies Agreement. We are proud to keep the Special Relationship going through our skies.

The signing of the Agreement will facilitate a seamless transition in international air transportation markets for the traveling public, airlines, shippers, and other stakeholders. The Agreement meets all the criteria of the U.S. Open Skies policy and provides for additional traffic rights for U.S. all-cargo operations to and from the United Kingdom. The Agreement also includes the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, expanding and modernizing our air transport relationship with those regions. The Parties plan to begin applying the Agreement on

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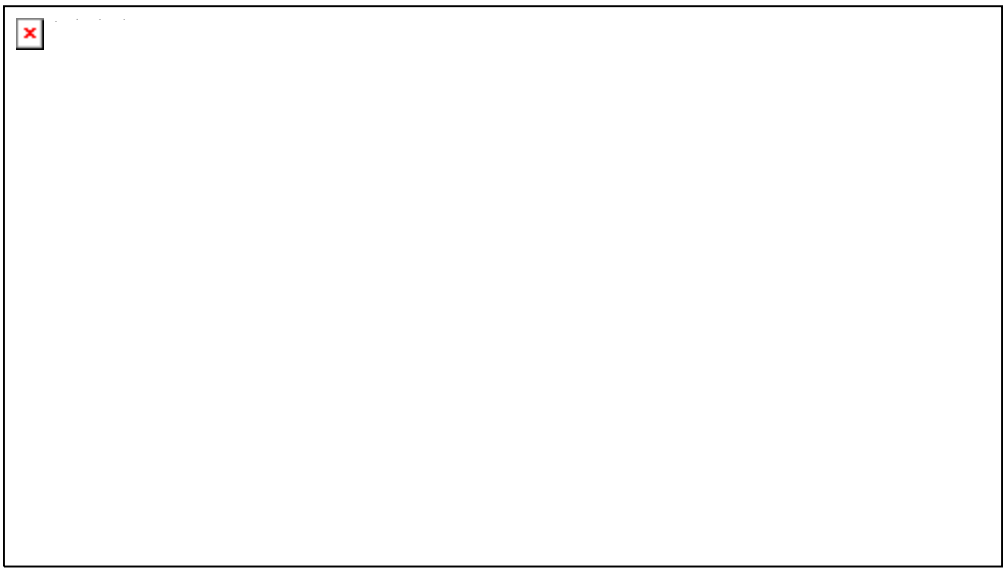
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

On Tuesday, November 17, DOT announced an award of 25 federal grants totaling $7.7 million to help American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments provide public transportation in rural areas, connecting tribal residents with jobs, healthcare, and other essential services. Read more here.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day

On Thursday, November 19, women across the world celebrated ***Women's Entrepreneurship Day*** - a day to continue to raise awareness, inspire, and empower women in business.

Administrator Jovita Carranza (SBA): Happy Women's Entrepreneurship Day! We honor the ambitious businesswomen who are building a legacy for future generations. Women entrepreneurs are a growing force—creating jobs, increasing innovation, and powering the Great American Comeback.



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Attachments: FAQs.pdf; Guest Access Map.pdf

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Please RSVP no later than Monday, December 7, 2020.

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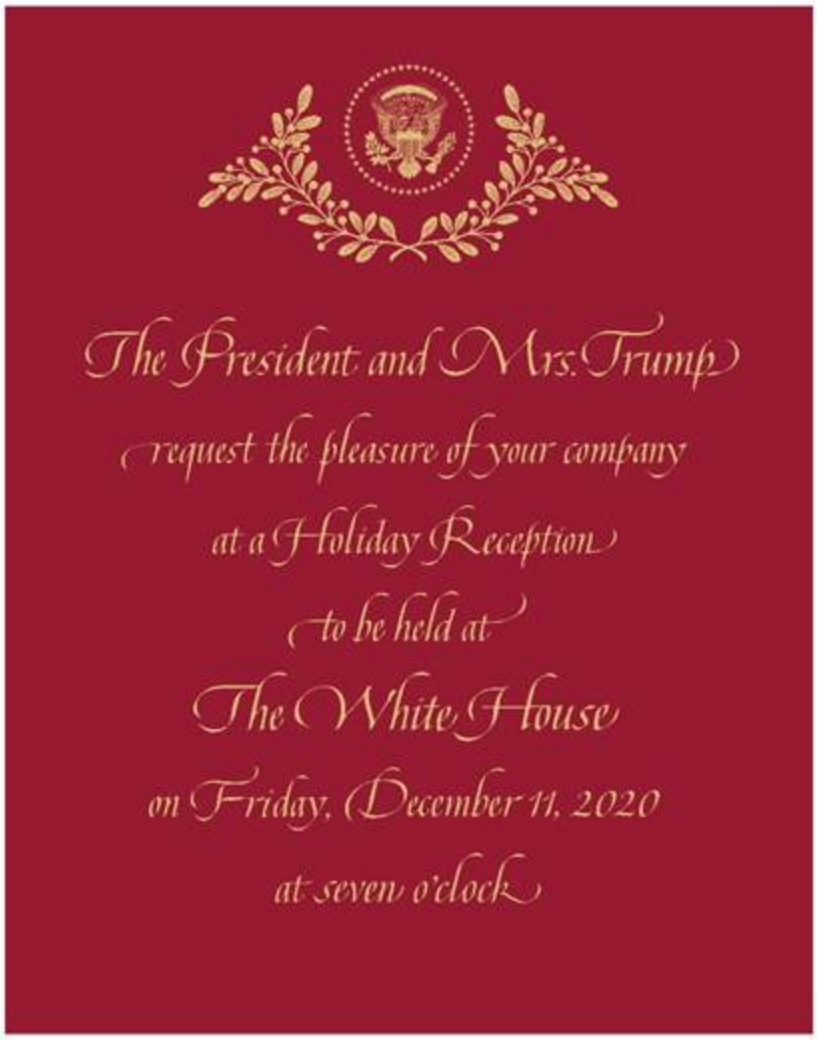

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 2020

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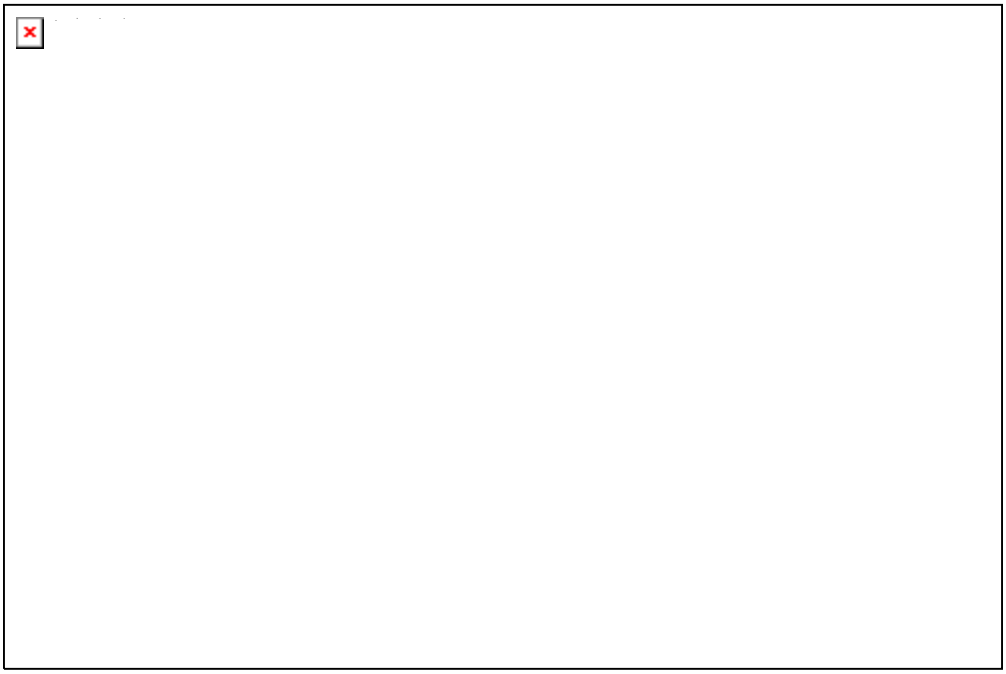

Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's

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Operation Warp Speed goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Ivanka Trump: @realDonaldTrump's Operation Warp Speed, launched in May, is a massive scientific, industrial + logistical endeavor unlike anything seen since the Manhattan Project to expedite the development, manufacturing and distribution of a coronavirus vaccine!

Click here to watch Secretary Azar's latest interview on Operation Warp Speed

✓ **Fact Sheet:** Explaining Operation Warp Speed

AP News: Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine is looking 90% effective

Antibody Treatment Authorization

Also on November 9, through Operation Warp Speed, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for the investigational monoclonal antibody treatment *bamlanivimab* for adult and pediatric patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19. While the safety and effectiveness of this investigational therapy continues to be evaluated, *bamlanivimab* was shown in clinical trials to reduce COVID-19 related hospitalization or emergency room visits in patients at high risk for disease progression within 28 dats after treatment when compared to placebo.

Read More: FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): BREAKING: Authorization of this new Eli Lilly antibody treatment is a significant step forward in treating patients and bridging us to the rollout of safe and effective vaccines, with all of these efforts made possible by #OperationWarpSpeed.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that starting Wednesday, November 11, Medicare beneficiaries can receive coverage of monoclonal antibodies to treat coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) with no cost-sharing during the public health emergency (PHE).

Administrator Seema Verma (CMS): "Today, @CMSGov is announcing a historic,

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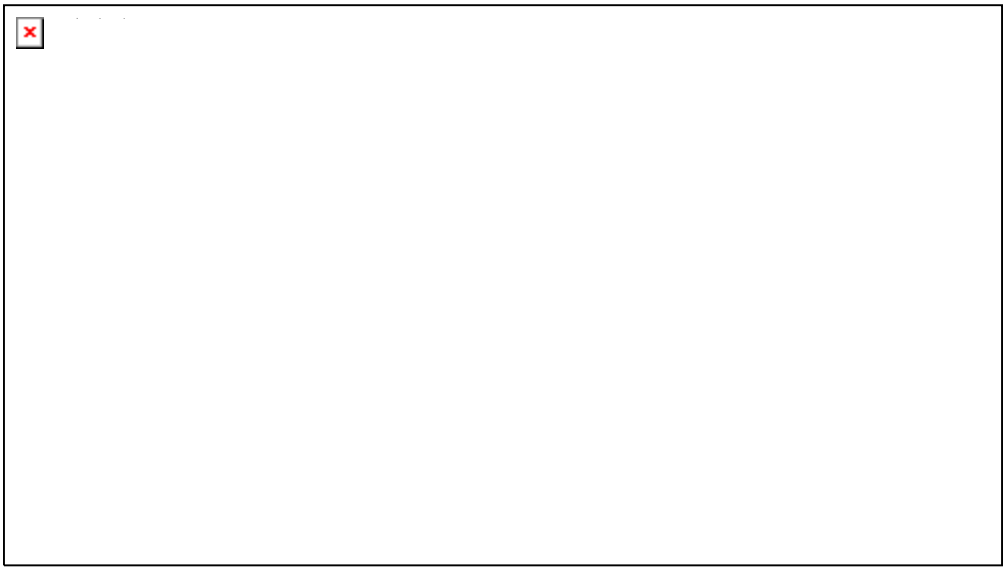
first-of-its kind policy that drastically expands access to #COVID19 monoclonal antibodies to beneficiaries without cost sharing."

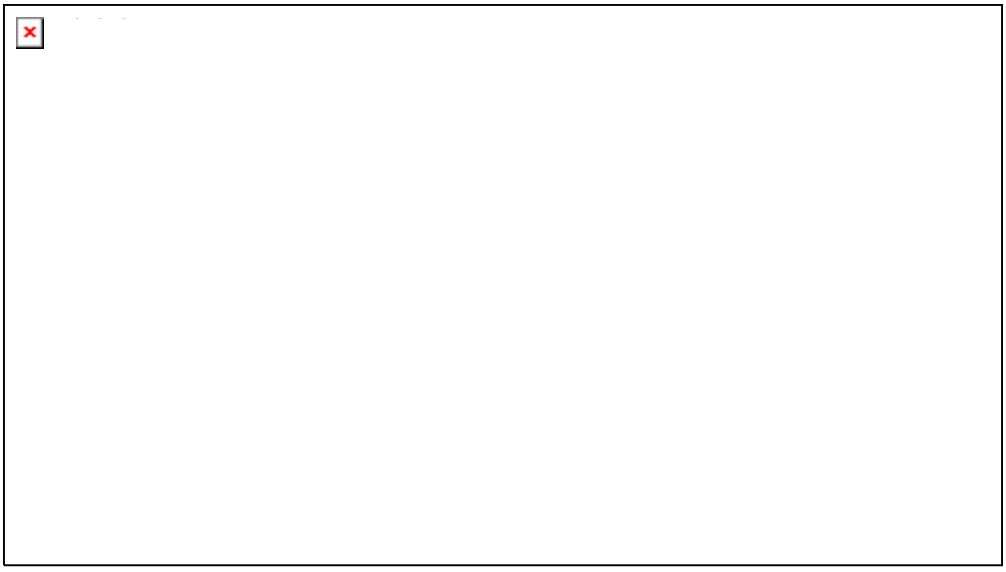
🕮 **Read More**: CMS Takes Steps to Ensure Medicare Beneficiaries Have Wide Access to COVID-19 Antibody Treatment



Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,014 COVID-19 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Veteran's Day 2020

On Wednesday, November 11, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the entire Administration celebrated Veterans Day, 2020 and recognized the sacrifice and bravery of our Nation's veterans.



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America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen selflessly placed lives, well-being, and security of others before their own. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them beyond measure.

📖 **Read More:** **Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020**

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🎬 **Watch:** **Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty**

📖 **Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie:** **How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans**

🎬 **Watch:** **Veterans Day Message from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie**

🕮 Beginning on Veterans Day, 2020, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families **free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones**

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fought to protect. It's a tangible way we can honor the service & sacrifice of those who've worn our country's uniform.

🕮 **Read More**: Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families

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National Native American Veterans Memorial

On November 11 - Veterans Day - the Smithsonian celebrated the opening of the National Native American Veterans Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated solely to Native American veterans. The design is the work of artist Harvey Pratt, a veteran, and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. A group of Native and non-Native jurors unanimously selected his design called Warriors' Circle of Honor from more than 120 submissions.

The $15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Other sponsors include Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Calista Corporation, and Doyon, Limited, all of which are Alaska Native corporations. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Employees and Supporters also contributed, as Pratt is a retired forensic artist and a retired investigator for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

🕮 **Read More:** Native American Veterans Receive a Place of Their Own to Reflect and to Heal

In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year, the Trump Administration recognized the service of

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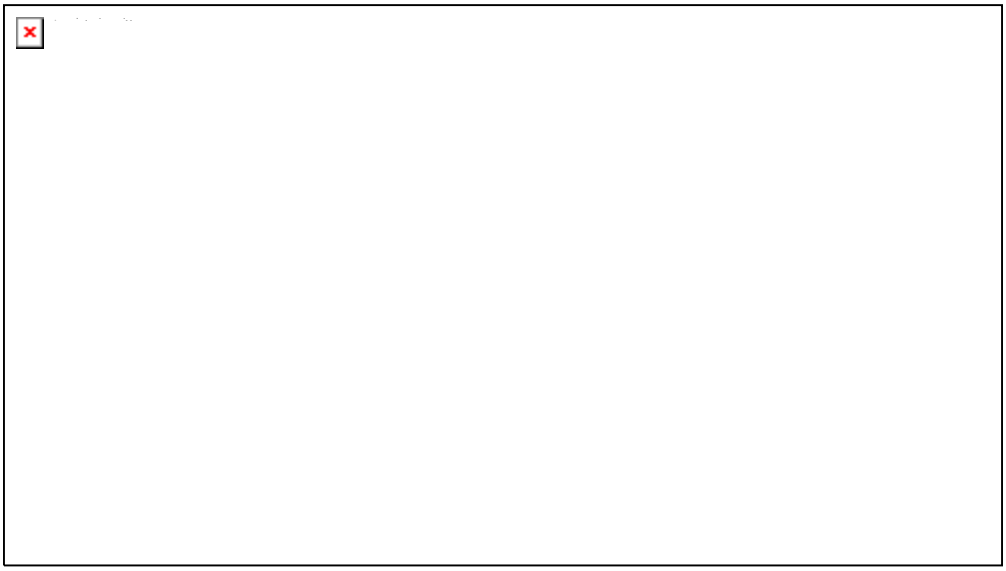
our Nation's Native American Veterans with the **White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans**. The conference brought together Native American veterans, active duty service members, and others for a day of briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie (VA), Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI) and other Senior Administration Officials.

Vice President Mike Pence: **Honored to meet with Native American Veterans Today! Native Americans have bravely served our country in uniform and we are forever grateful for the contribution they have made to the life of our nation. Thank you for your service!**

National Apprenticeship Week 2020

On Friday, November 6, President Trump issued a **Presidential Proclamation on National Apprenticeship Week** to help provide American workers tangible skills and an industry-recognized credential. Apprenticeships strengthen our Nation's economy and help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and we further our commitment to bolstering opportunity as we continue our economic comeback.



Watch: You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!

On Thursday, November 12, Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos ratified a Joint Declaration of Intent with their

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German counterparts concerning cooperation on apprenticeships, vocational education and training. The signing, during National Apprenticeship Week, represents the firm commitment of the U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education in advancing the Trump Administration's pledge to create a highly skilled 21st century workforce providing well-paying jobs for American workers.

The new Joint Declaration of Intent will create more formal structures and strategies for the United States and Germany to cooperate on apprenticeship and vocational education including encouraging businesses to establish quality apprenticeship programs in both countries; increasing access to work-based learning, including apprenticeships, for students and workers; fostering cooperative efforts among state and local governments, companies, trade and industry groups, non-profit organizations, unions, and other stakeholders to develop industry-driven apprenticeships and career and technical education systems; and facilitating bilateral exchanges of apprentices and trainers.

Department of Labor: **During National Apprenticeship Week, @USDOL advances its commitment to expanding apprenticeship opportunities for U.S. workers by signing a Joint Declaration with Germany to cooperate in establishing apprenticeship programs in both countries. #NAW2020**

Secretary Wilbur Ross (DOC): **The @realDonaldTrump Administration's level of cooperation on apprenticeship programs with Germany comes at a critical time as both of our countries are experiencing an economic resurgence.**

Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed): **This admin is rethinking workforce prep by expanding on-the-job learning & apprenticeship opportunities—our dynamic economy demands it. Great to join @SecGeneScalia, @SStumpOCTAE, @JohnnyCTaylorJr for a discussion on how educators & employers can partner to better serve students.**

Since President Trump took office, over 660,000 apprentices have been hired across the United States. Lean more about apprenticeships at **apprenticeship.gov**.

Read More: **U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education Sign Six Party Joint Declaration of Intent with Germany**

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Last month, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced additional funding for the Federal Work Study (FWS) Experimental Sites, an initiative which expands earn-and-learn opportunities for students by removing barriers to off-campus jobs, allowing students to work more hours, and permitting institutions to pay students for work-based learning such as apprenticeships, externships, and clinical rotations.

🕮 **Read More:** U.S. Department of Education Announces Additional Funding For Earn-and-Learn Opportunities to Prepare Postsecondary Students for Career Success

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DOJ Releases Report on Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies

On Monday, November 9, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services published a Report entitled, "**Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies**."

In December 2019, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services held a day-long forum to discuss recruitment and retention challenges for smaller and more rural law enforcement agencies, as these agencies often handle a broader array of duties than urban departments and, owing to their small size, tend to spend more time per officer on service and crime prevention. The forum's 32 participants included police chiefs, captains, lieutenants, academic experts, researchers, and agency directors of state police standards. This published report reflects the input of the forum's diverse group of participants regarding the challenges faced by small and rural agencies and the strategies that have proven to be successful for some small and rural agencies.

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COPS Office (DOJ): NEW | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies." #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing

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Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies

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"Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to protect American investors from funding Communist Chinese military companies, including those designated by the Department of Defense in June and August of 2020. Many of these companies are publicly traded on stock exchanges around the world, and individual investors in the United States can unknowingly provide funds to them through passive institutional investment vehicles such as mutual funds and retirement plans. The President's action serves to protect American investors from unintentionally providing capital that goes to enhancing the capabilities of the People's Liberation Army and People's Republic of China intelligence services, which routinely target American citizens and businesses through cyber operations, and directly threaten the critical infrastructure, economy, and military of America and its allies and partners around the world. President Trump has no higher priority than the security of the American people."

🕮 **Read More:** **Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies**

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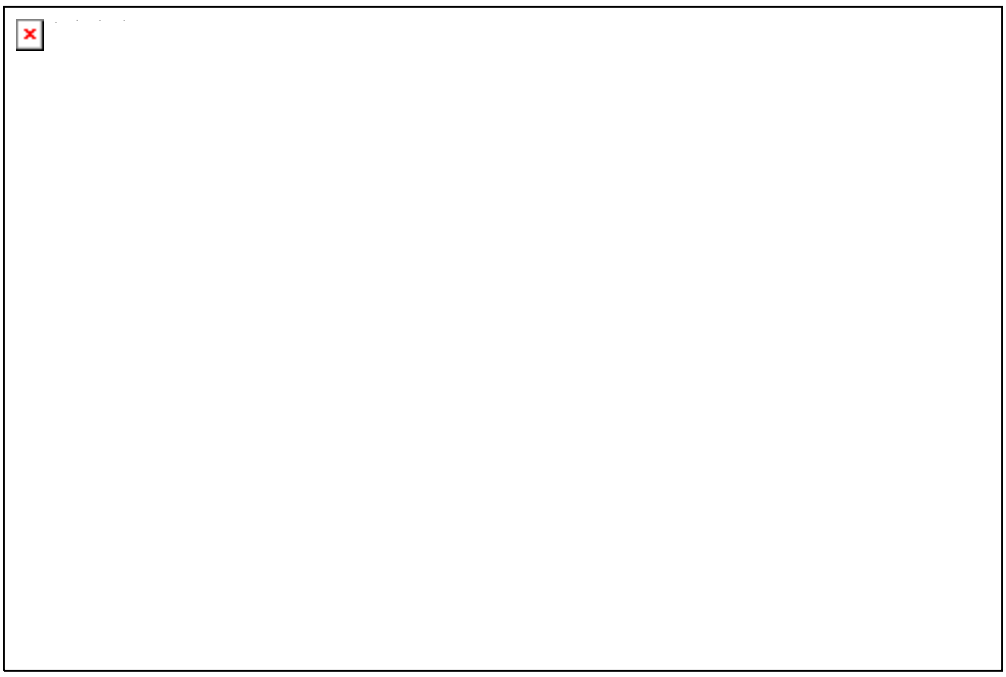

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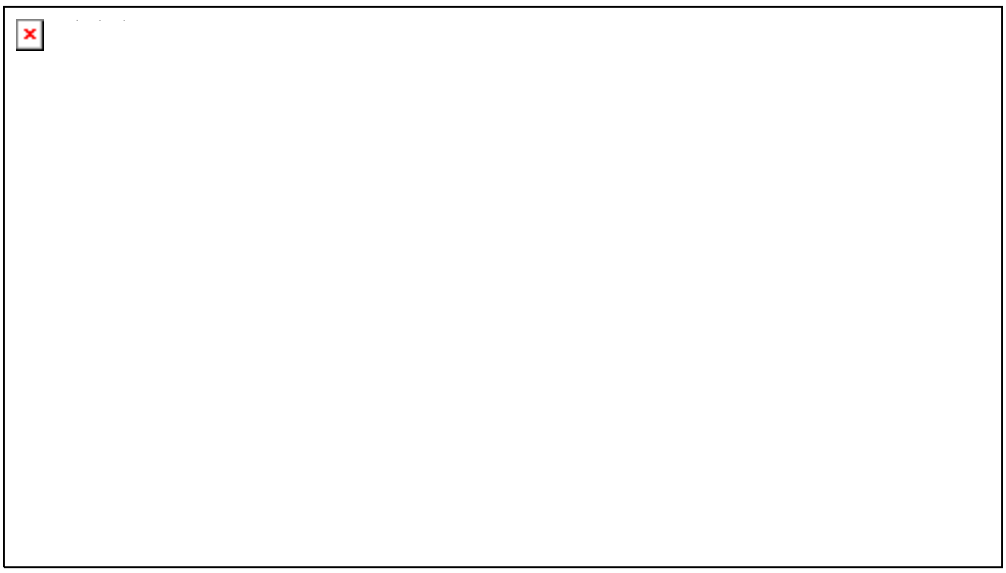

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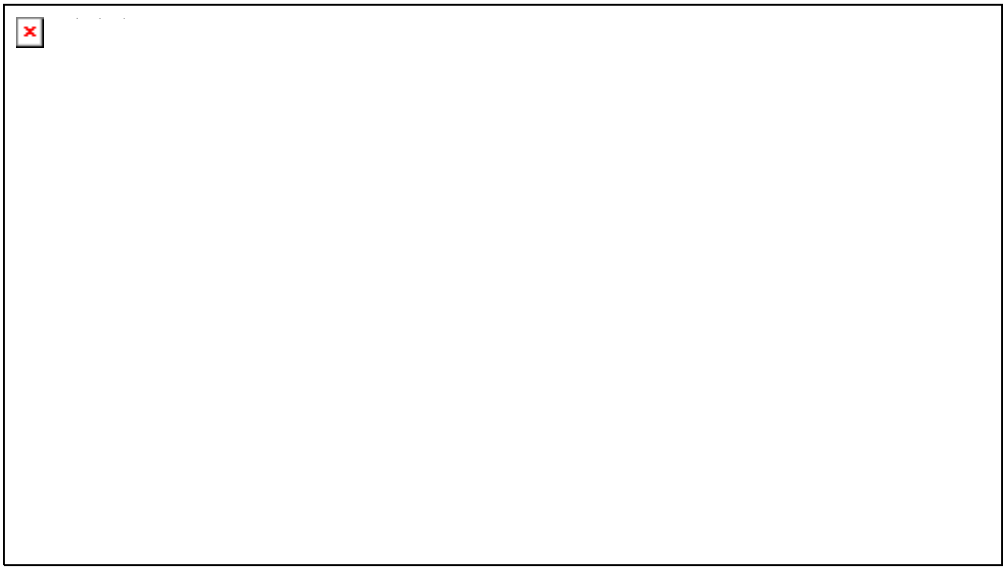

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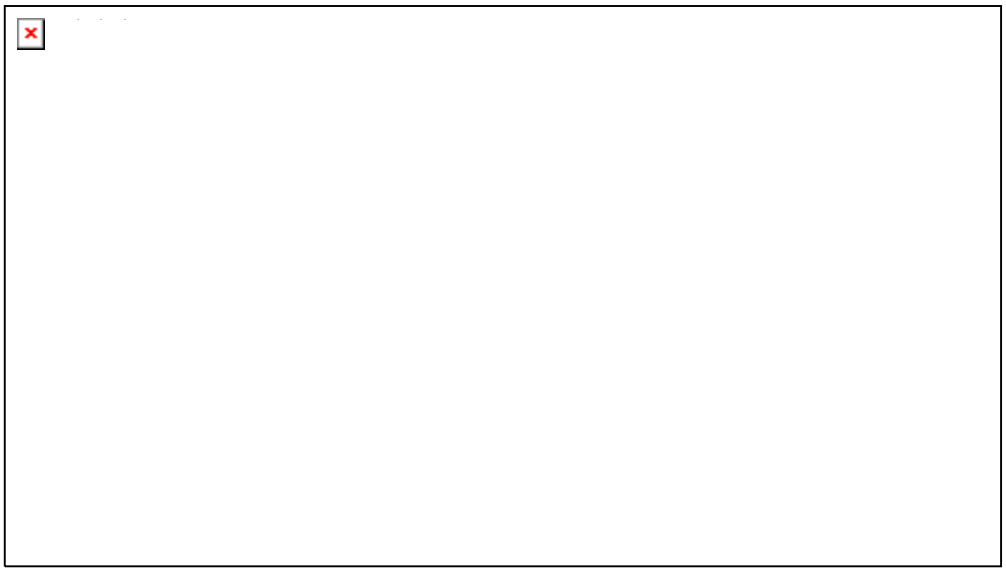

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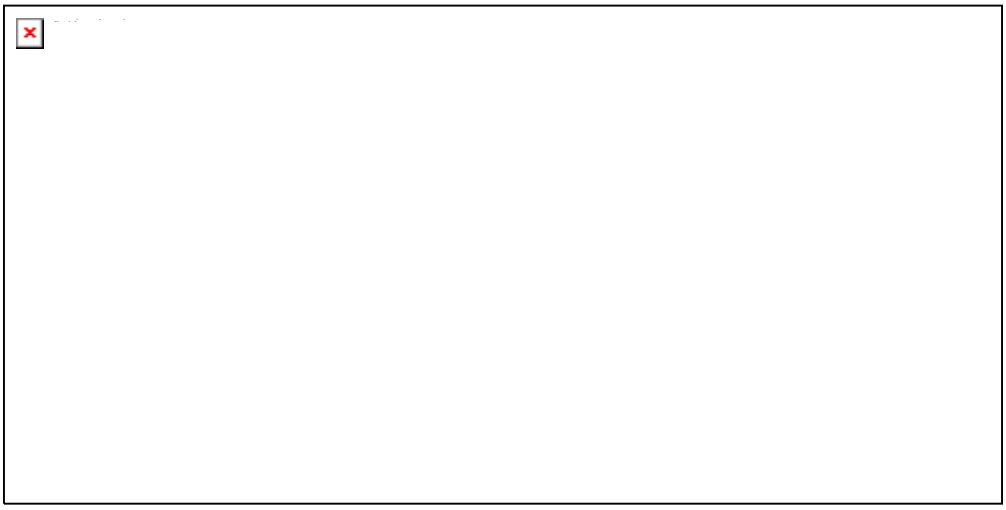

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As a reminder, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs will host a **COVID-19 National Briefing Call for State, Local, and Tribal Officials** TODAY, Wednesday, October 28, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time. We will be joined by Senior Administration Officials for a comprehensive COVID-19 update, including guidance and information on Operation Warp Speed.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 2020

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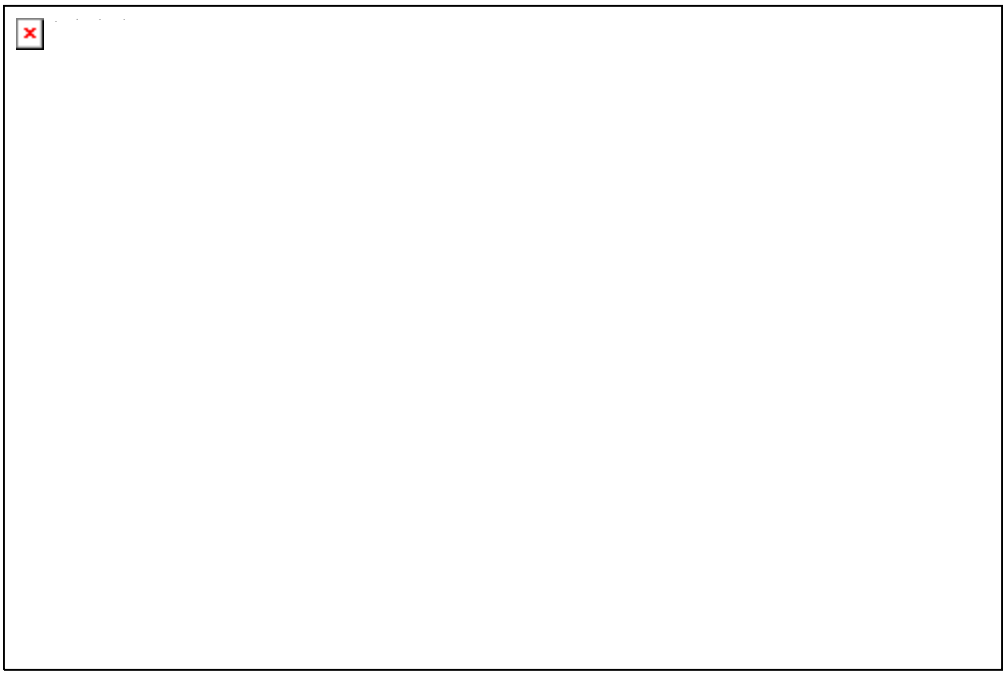

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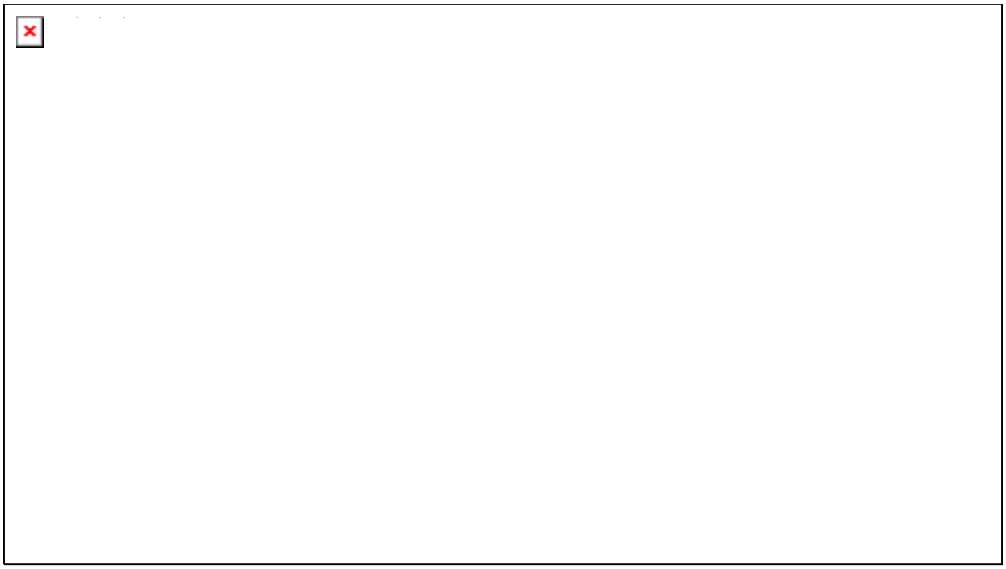

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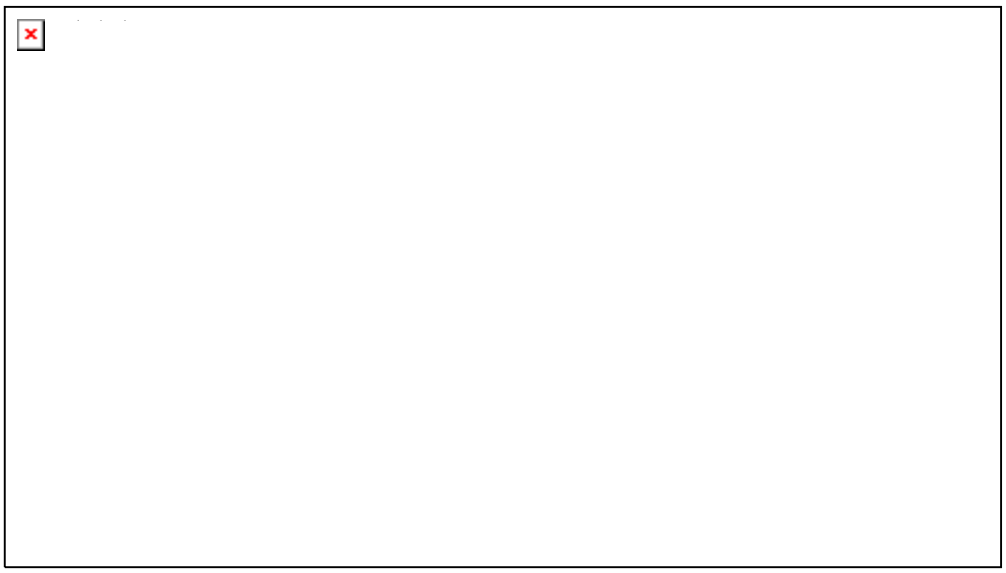

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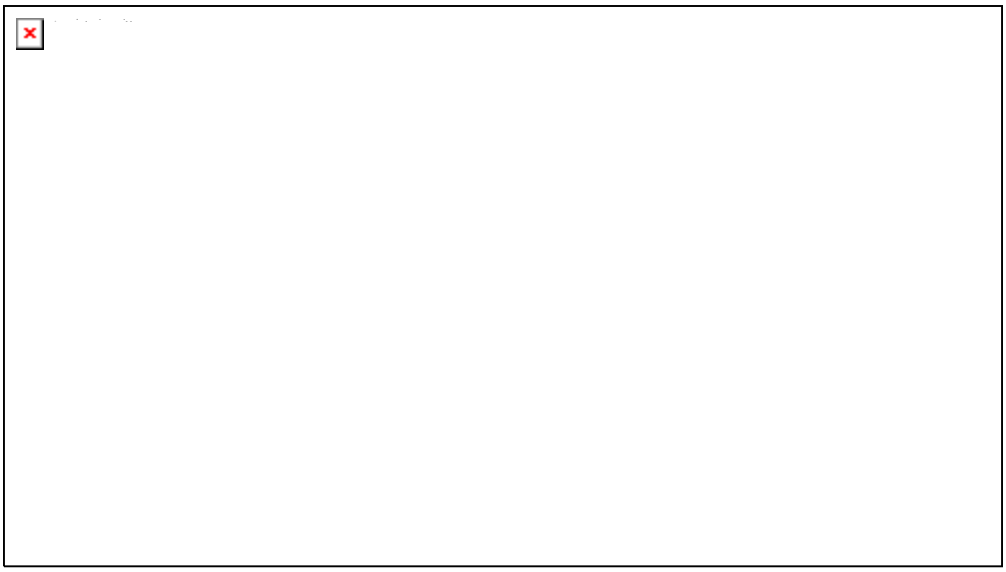

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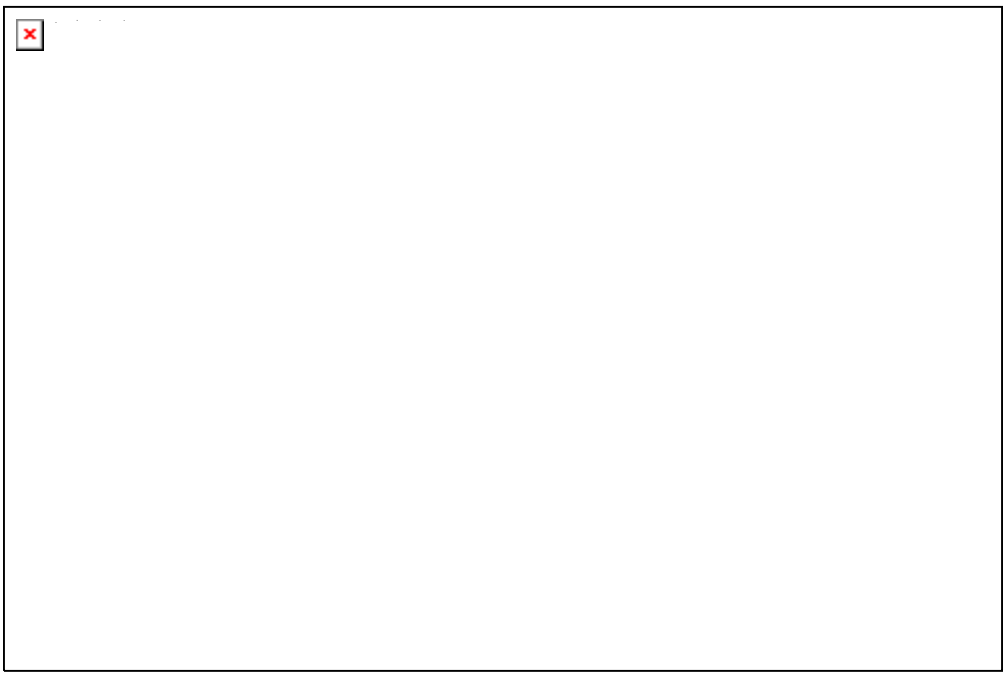

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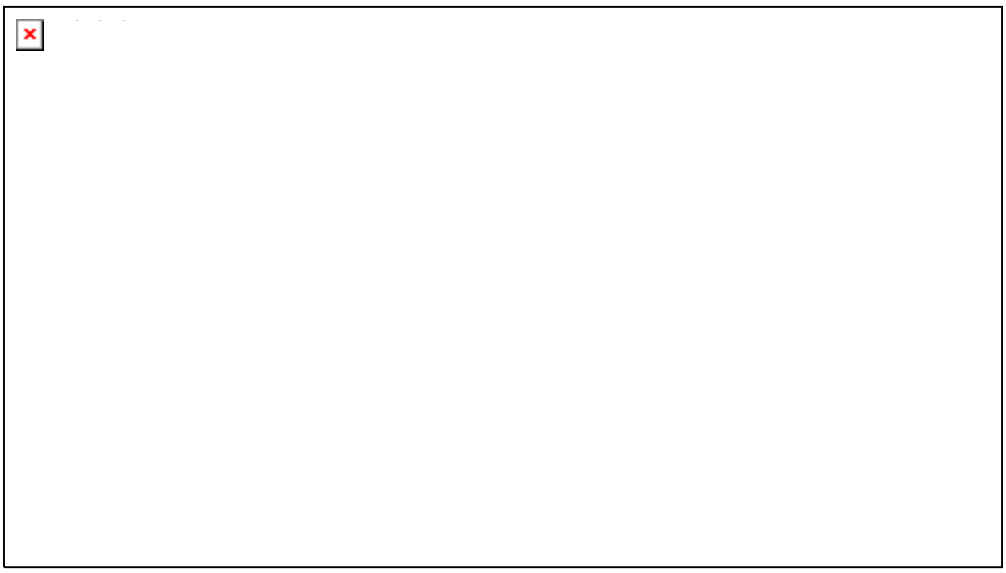

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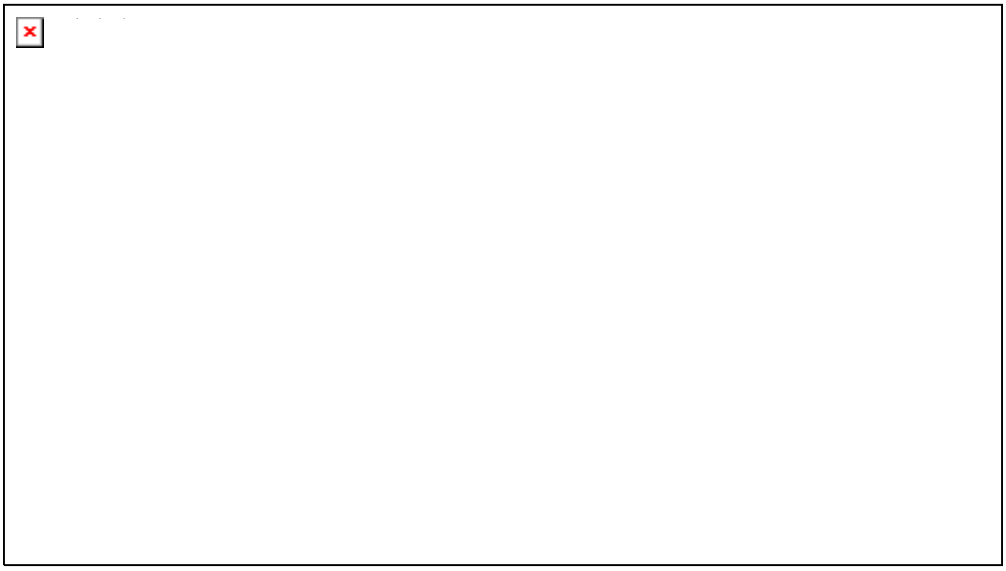

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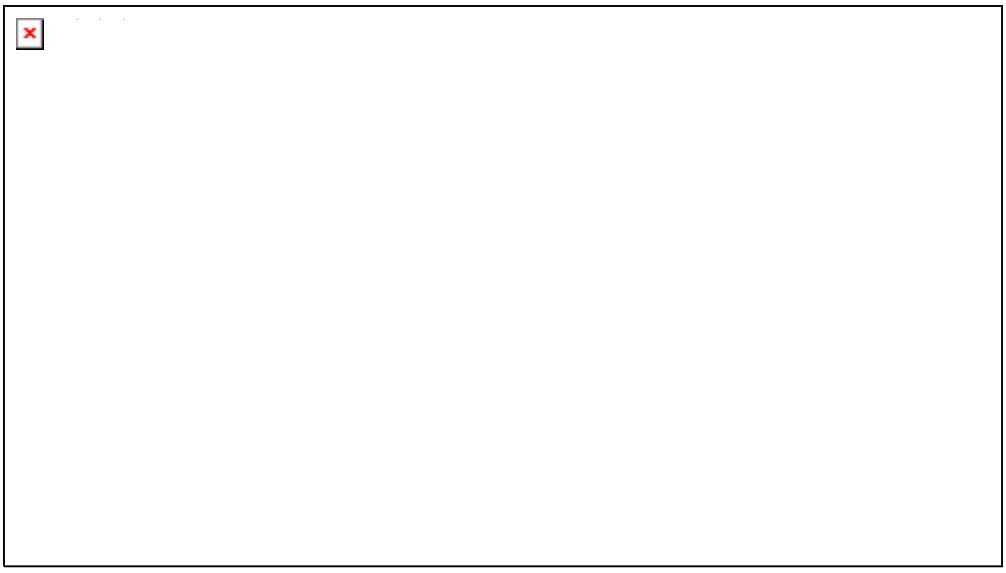

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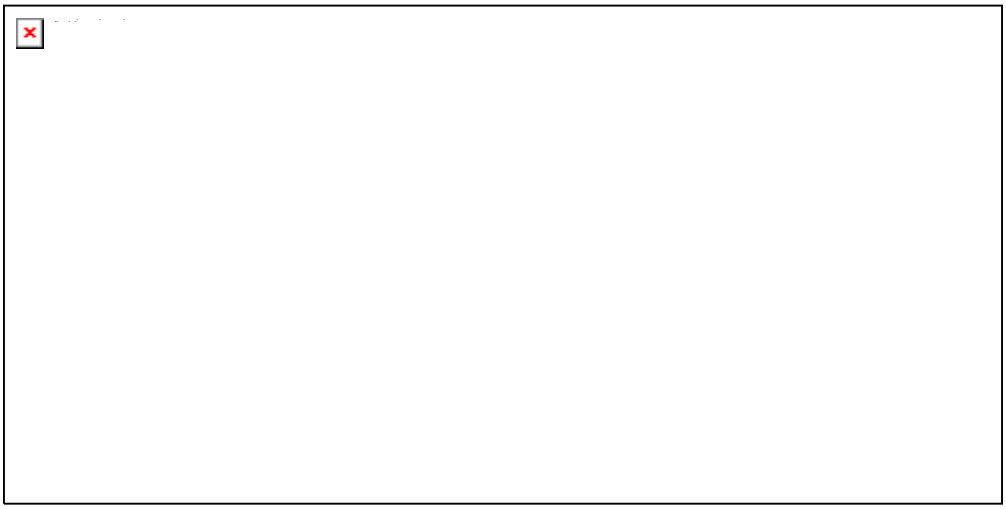

The $15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Other sponsors include Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Calista Corporation, and Doyon, Limited, all of which are Alaska Native corporations. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Employees and Supporters also contributed, as Pratt is a retired forensic artist and a retired investigator for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

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Watch: You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!

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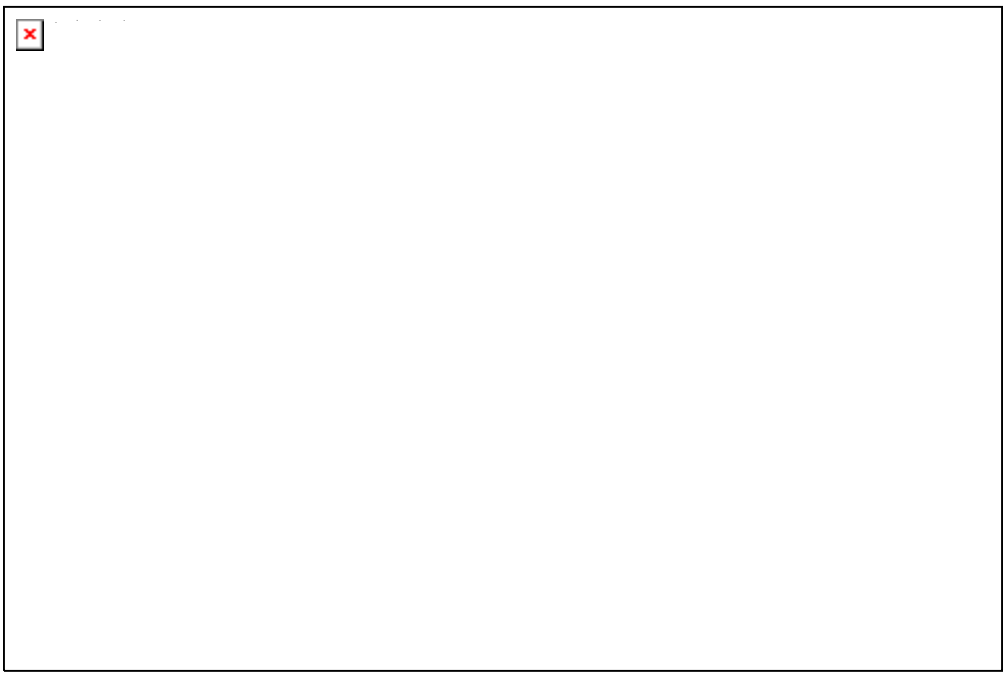

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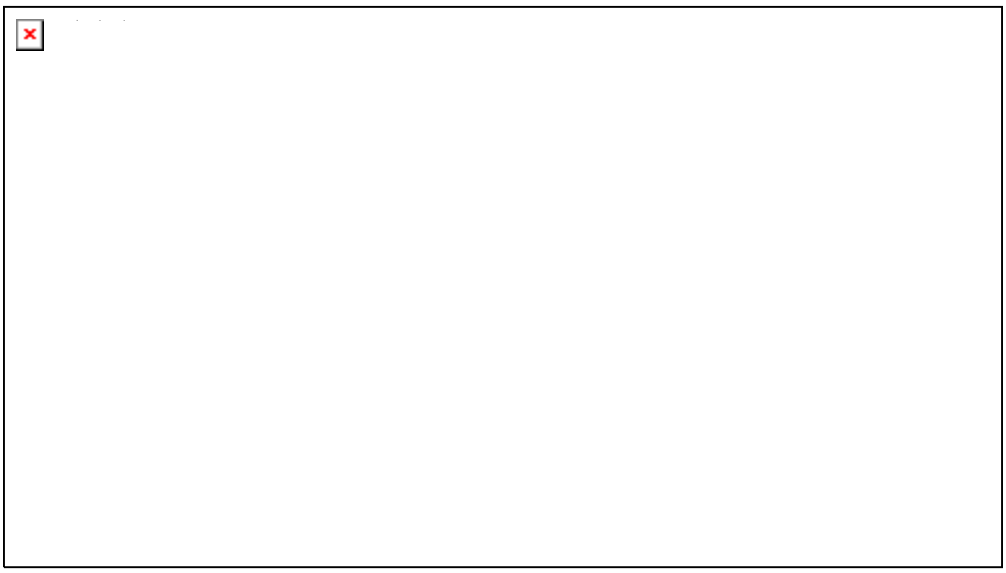

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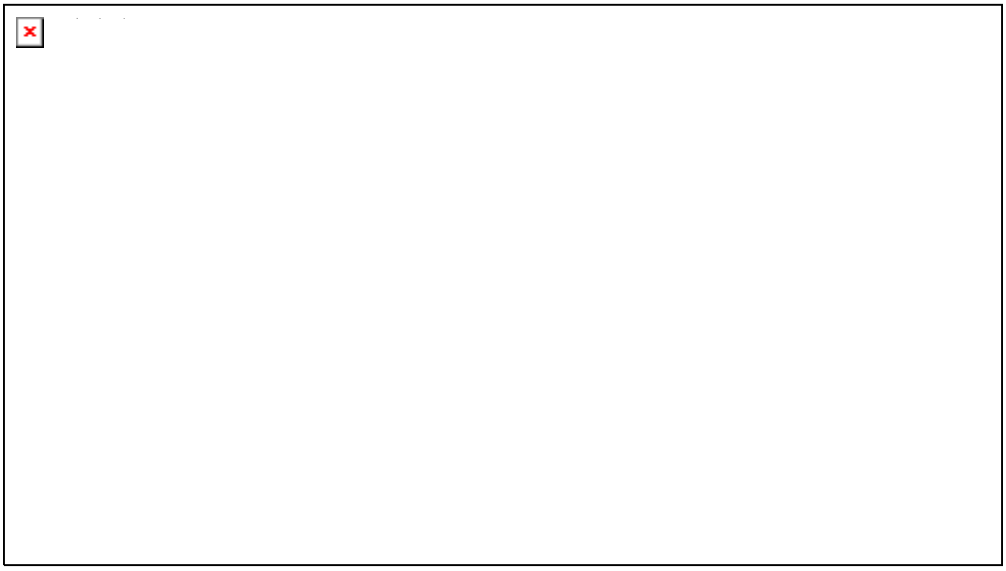

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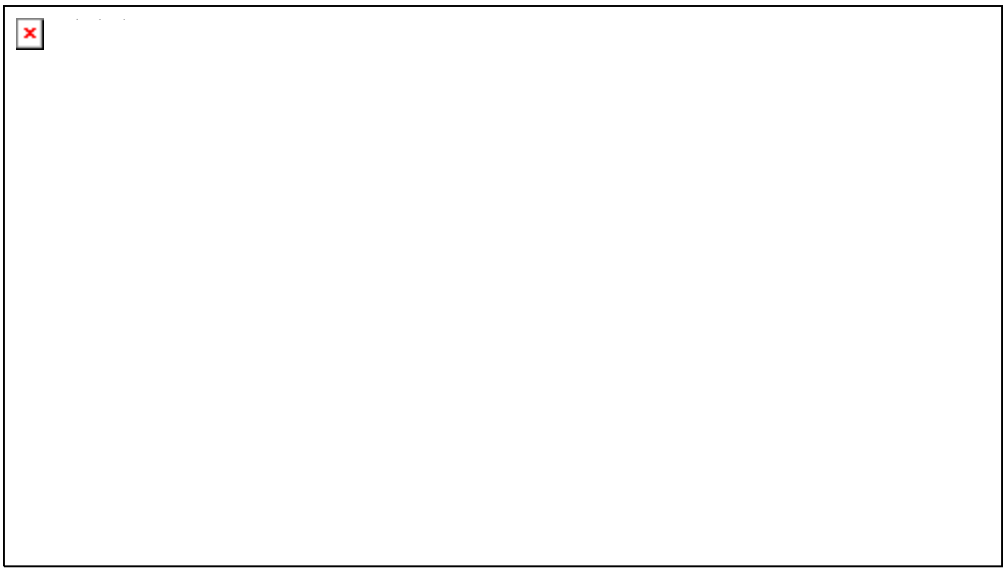

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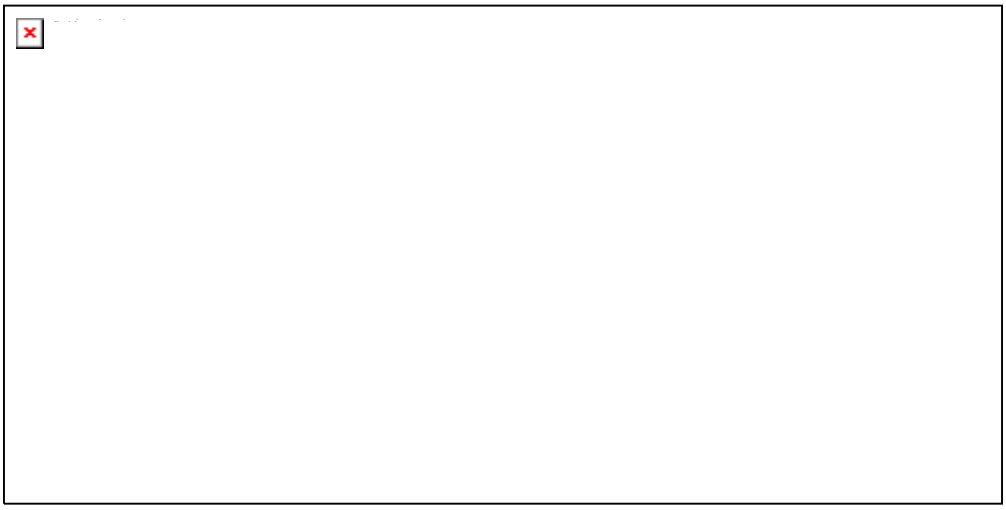

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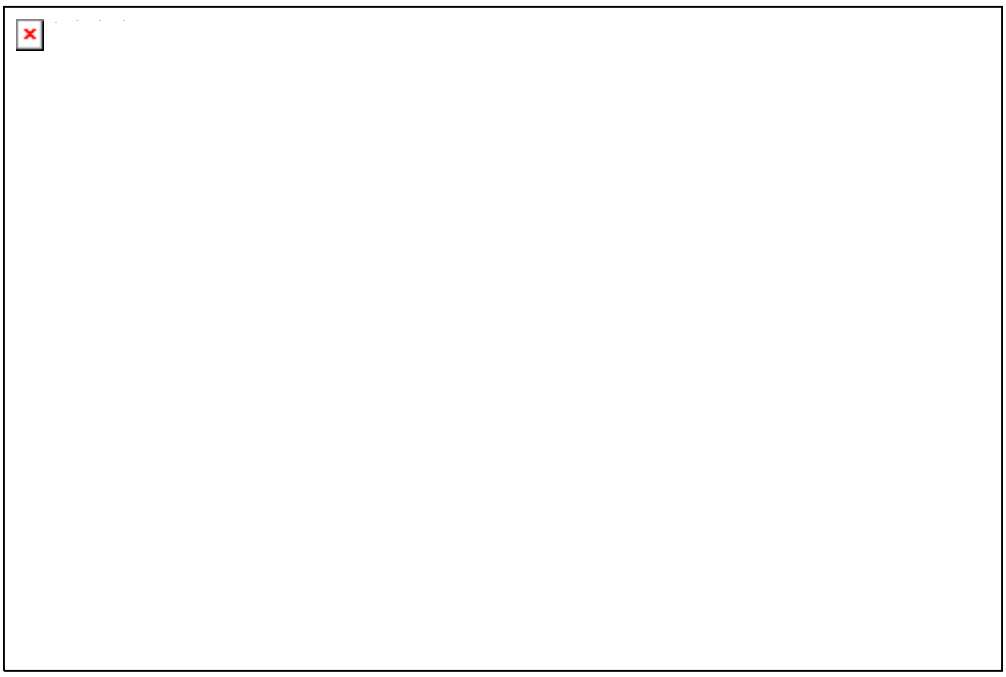

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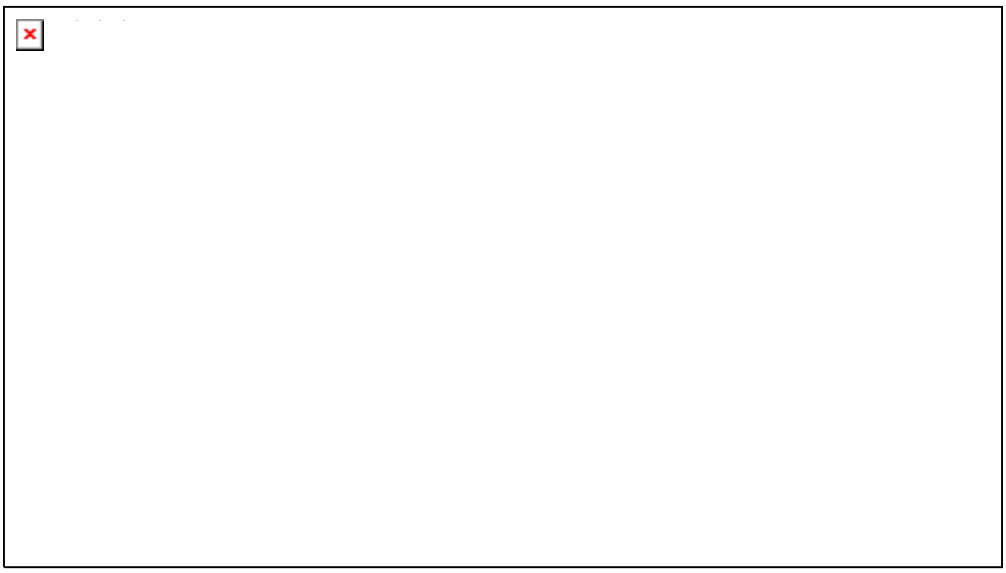

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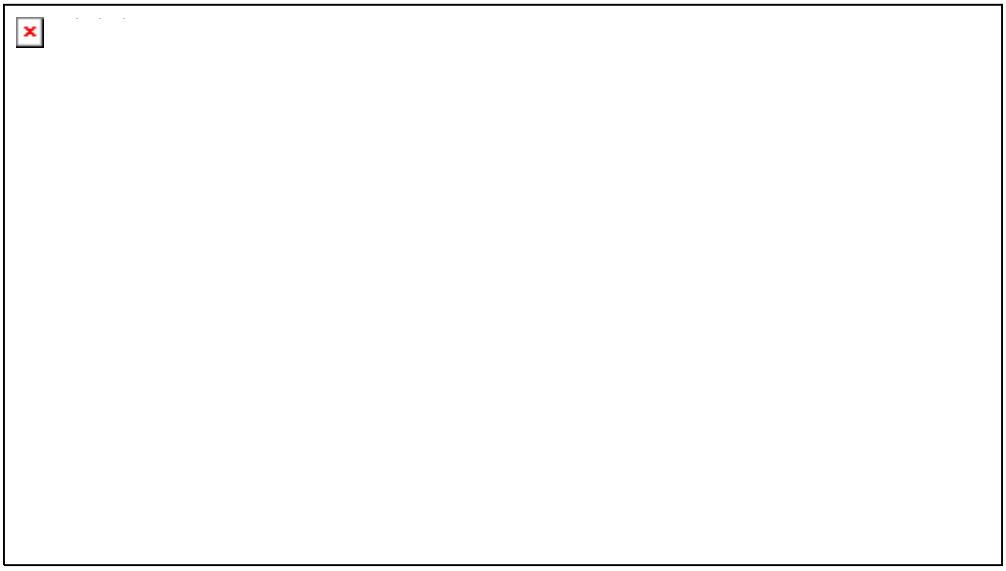

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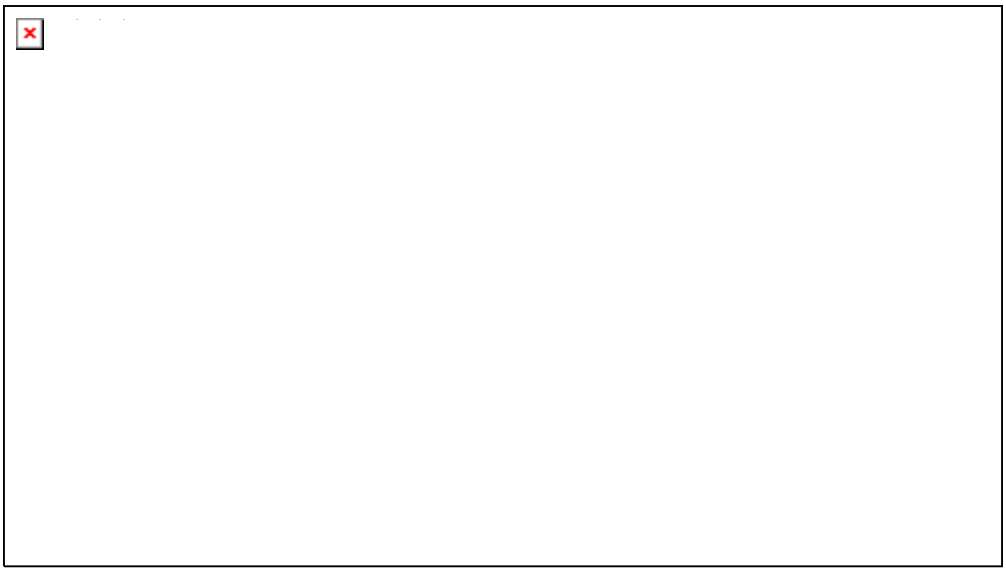

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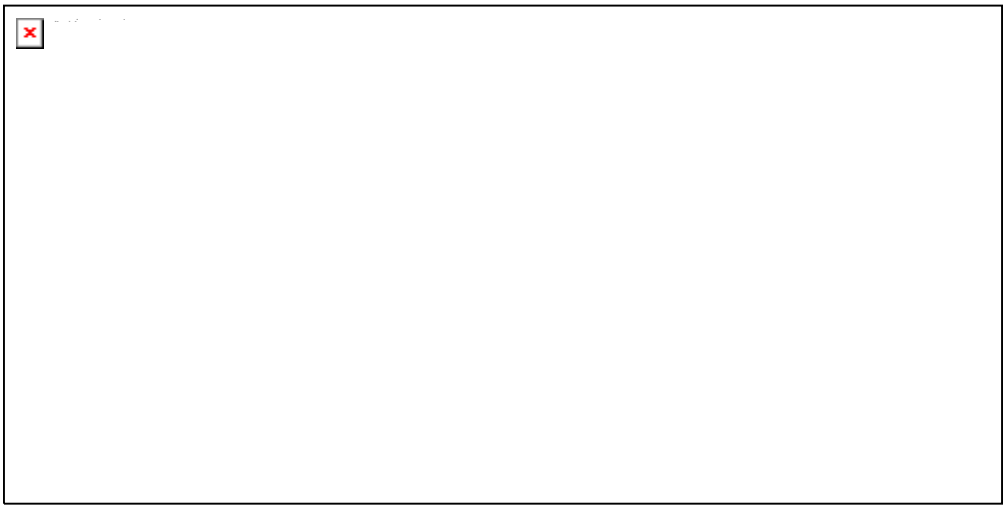

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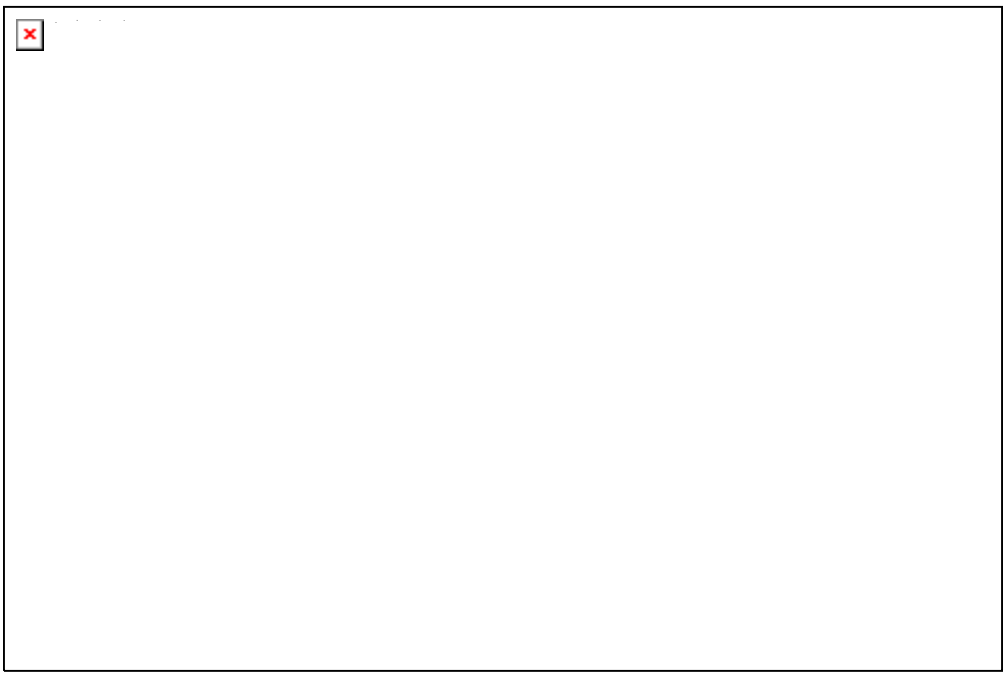

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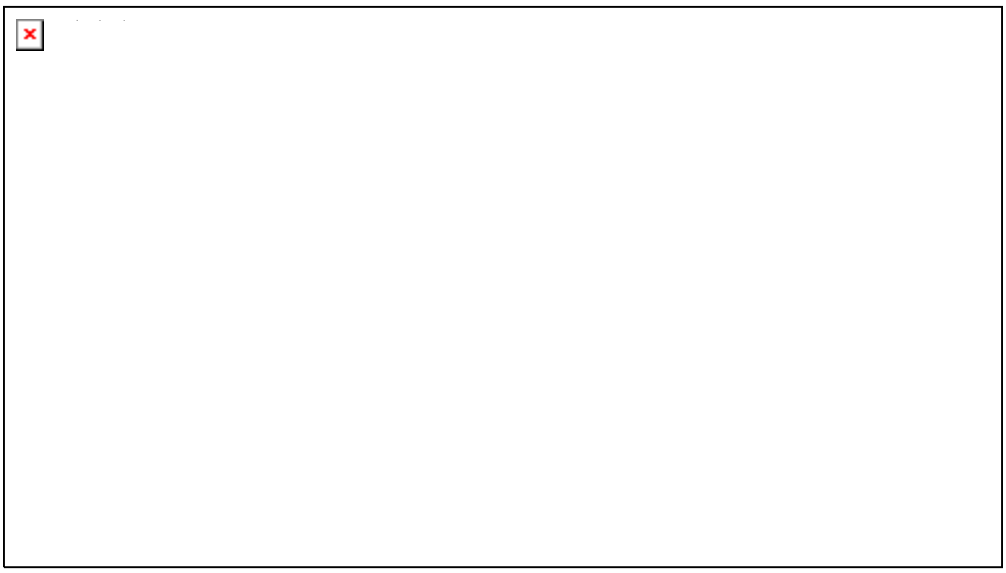

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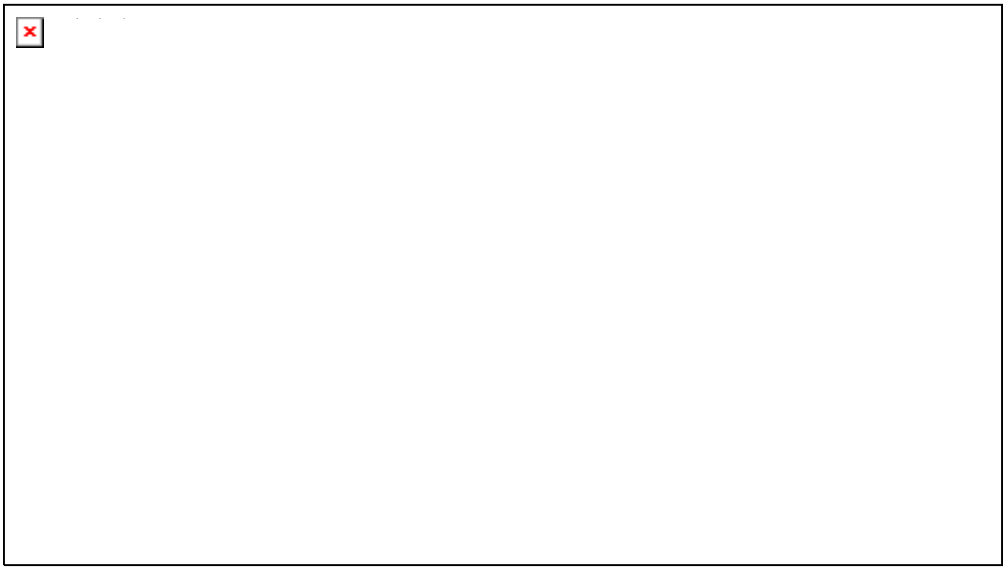

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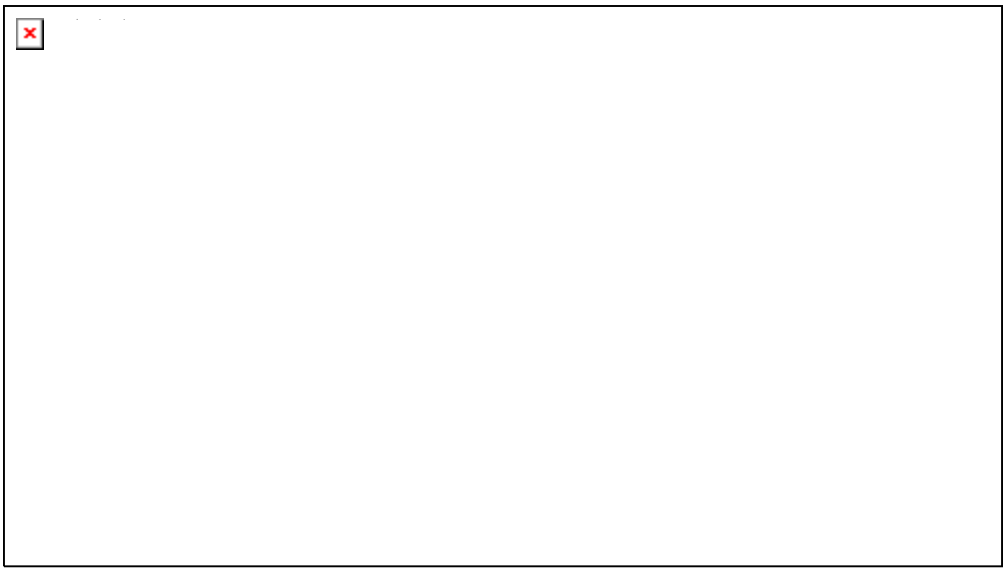

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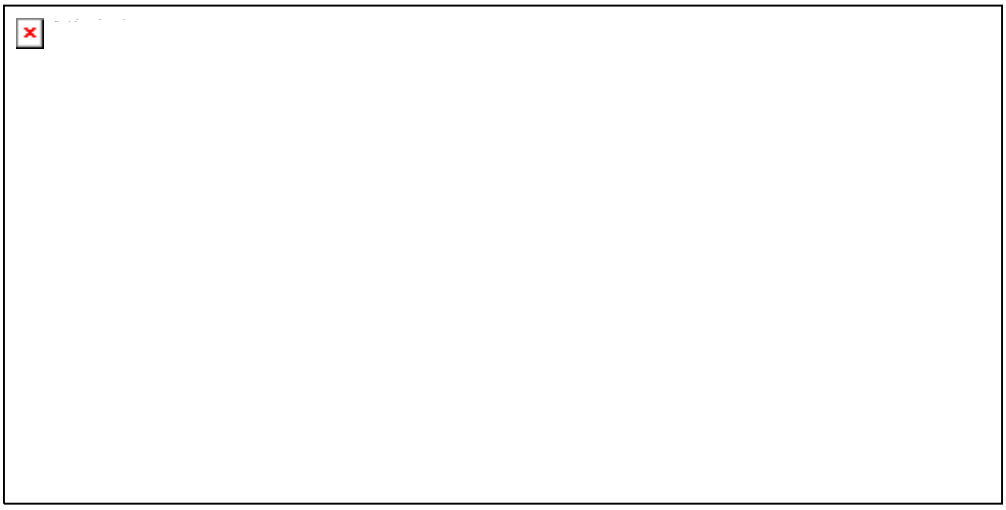

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National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020
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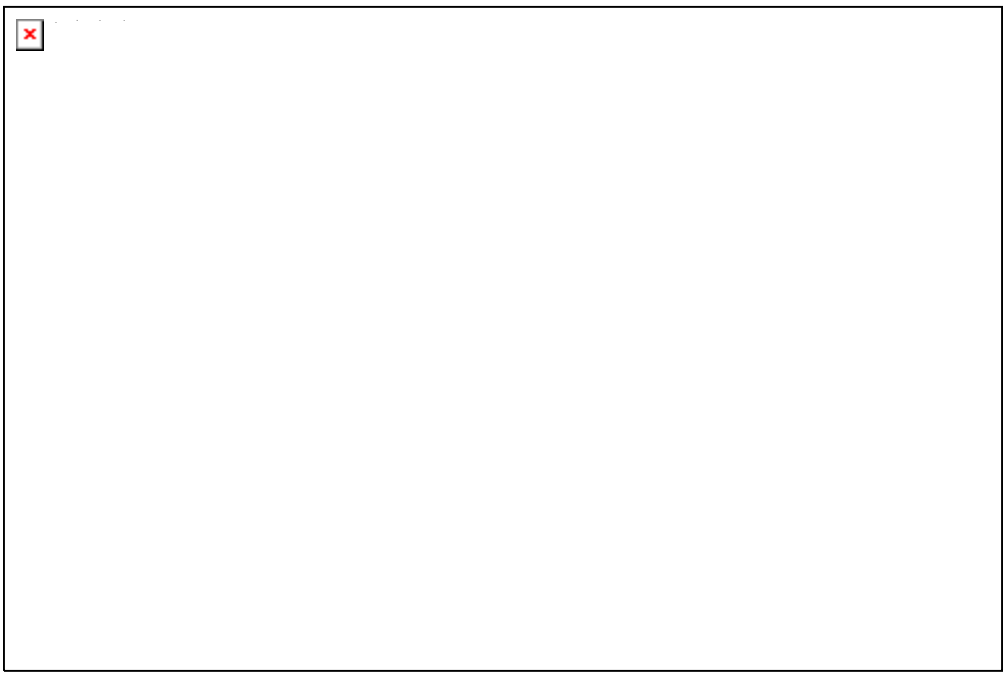

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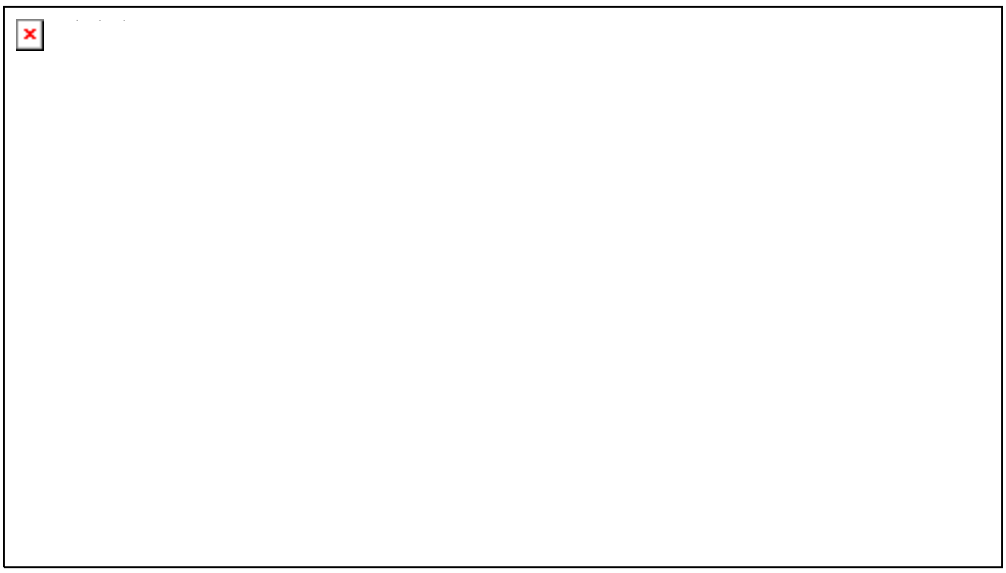

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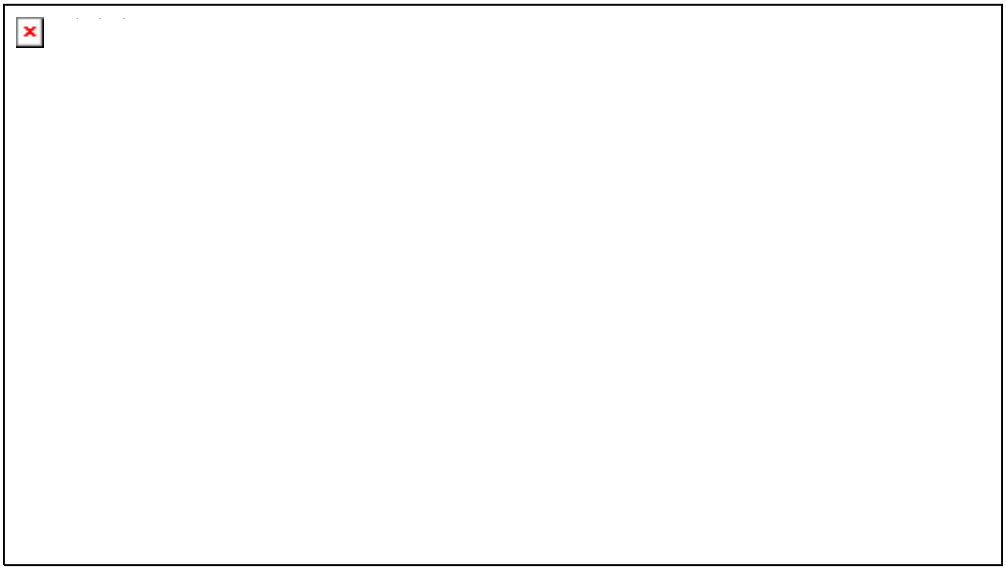

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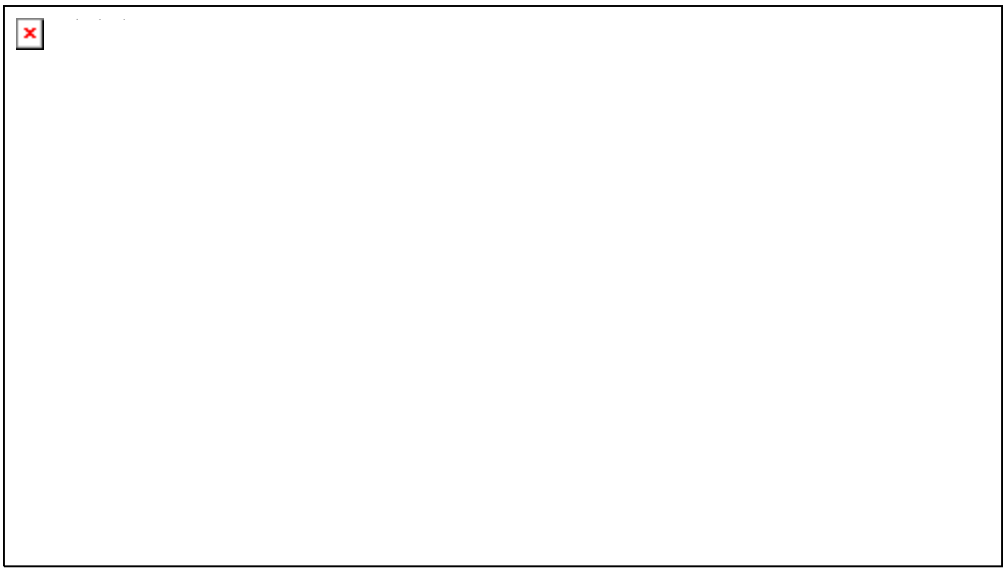

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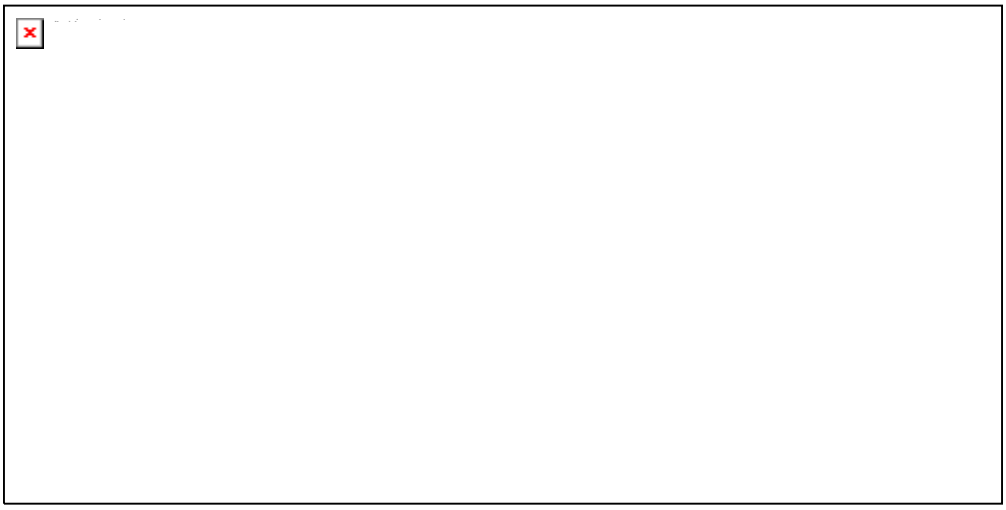

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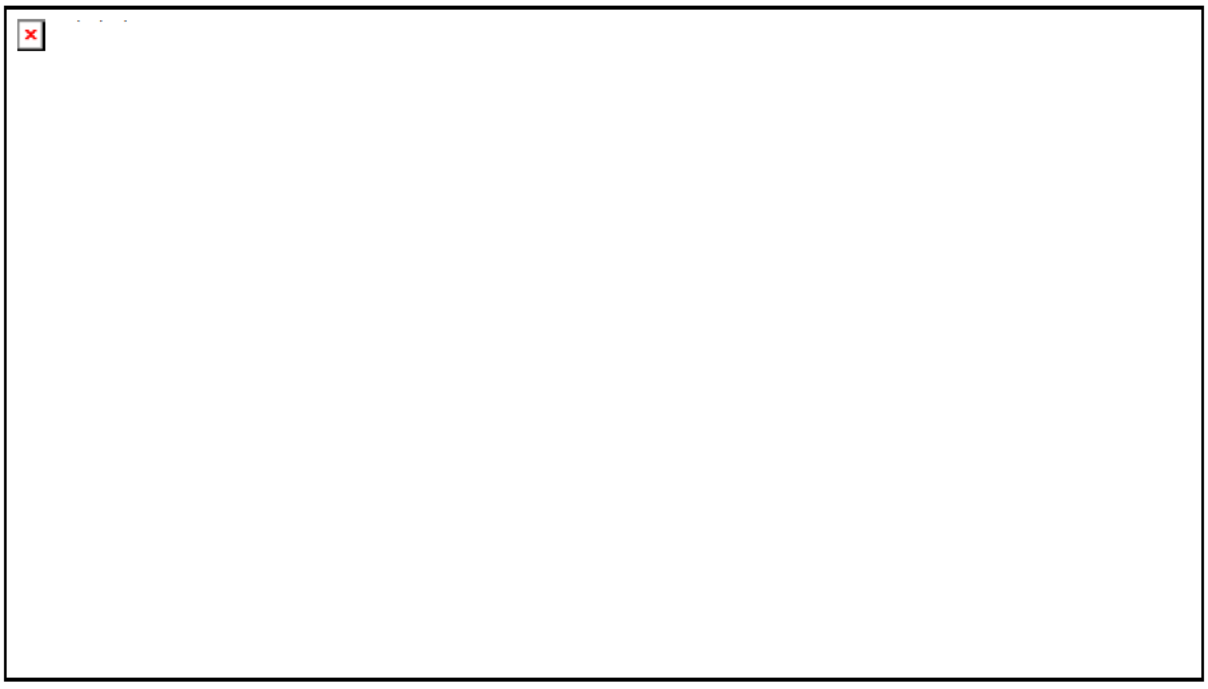

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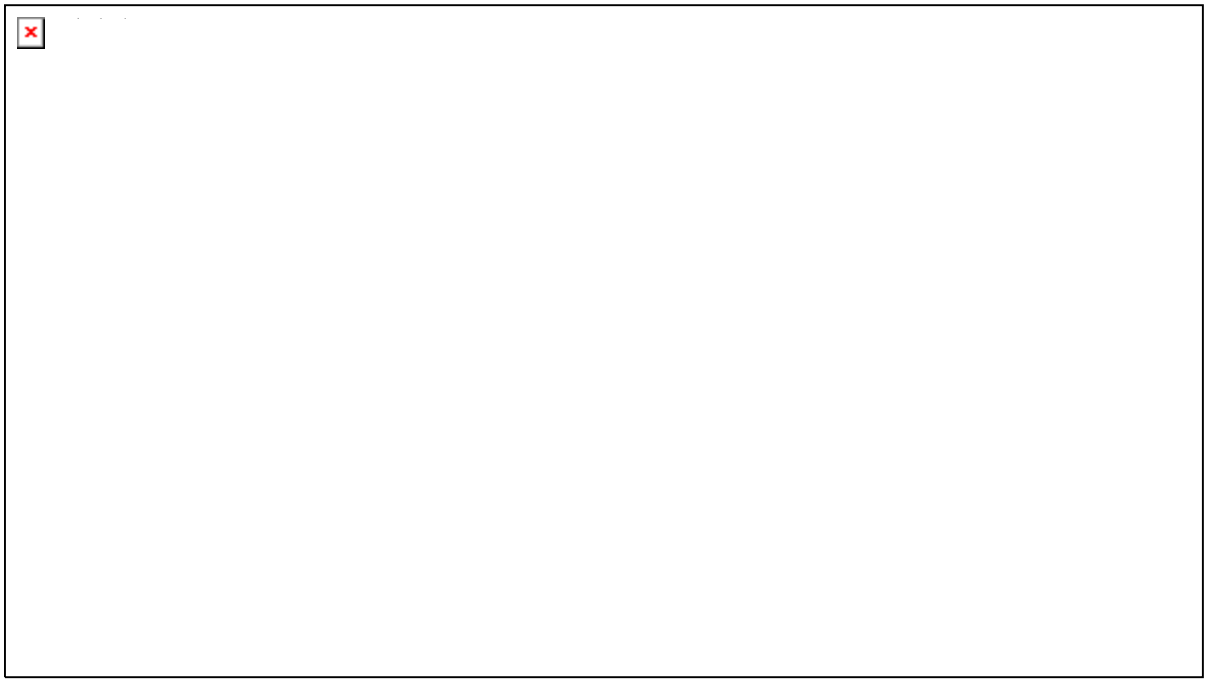

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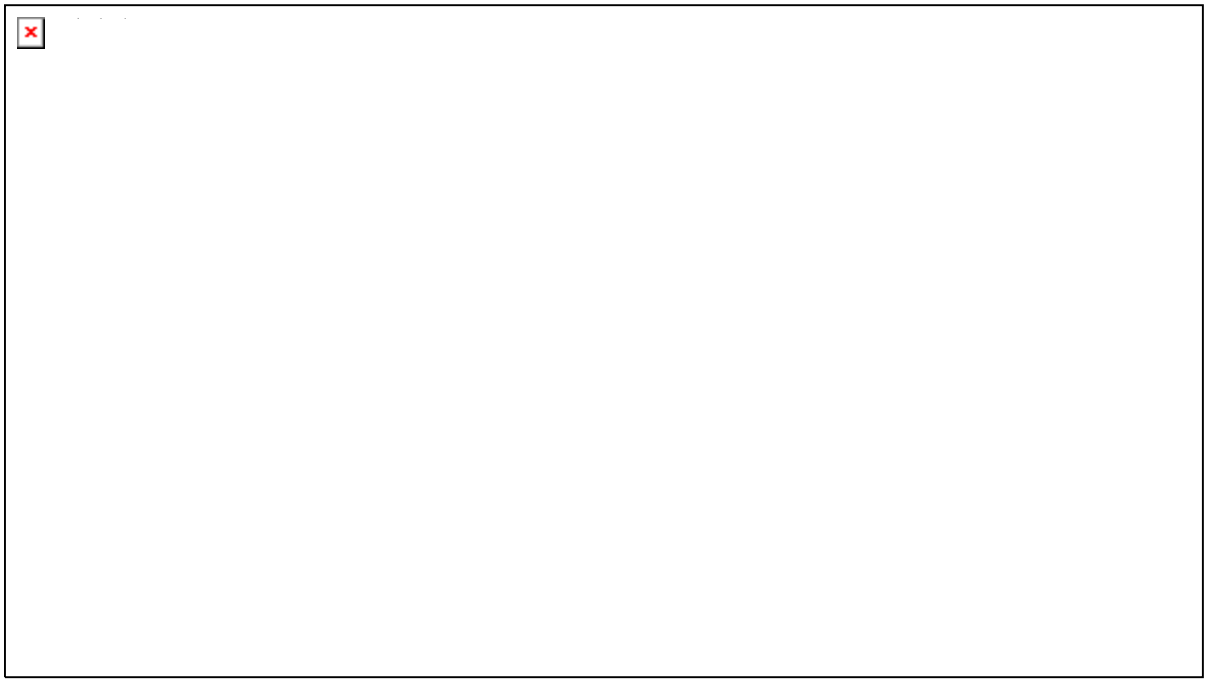

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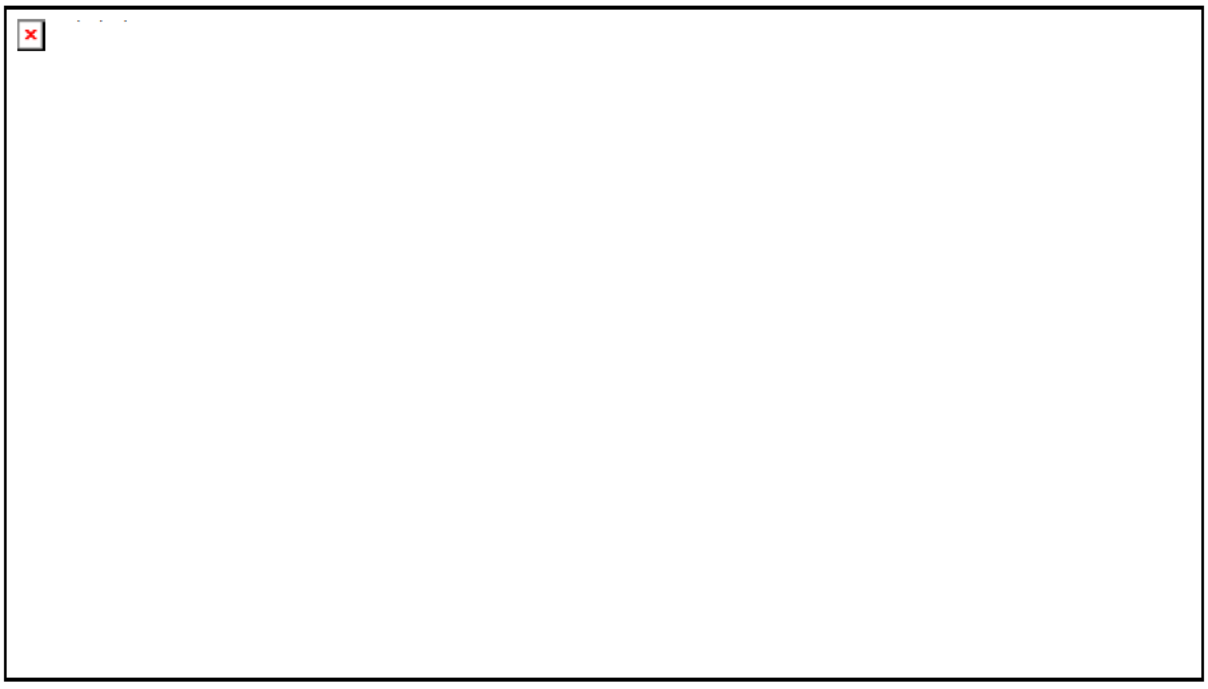

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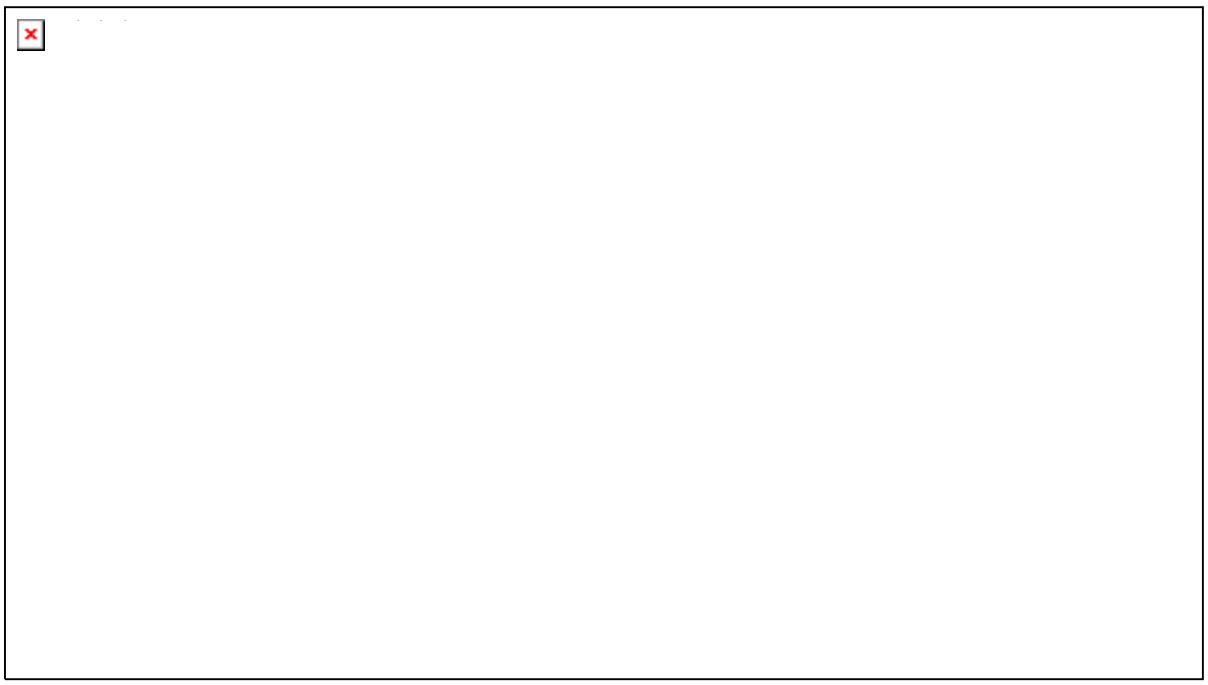

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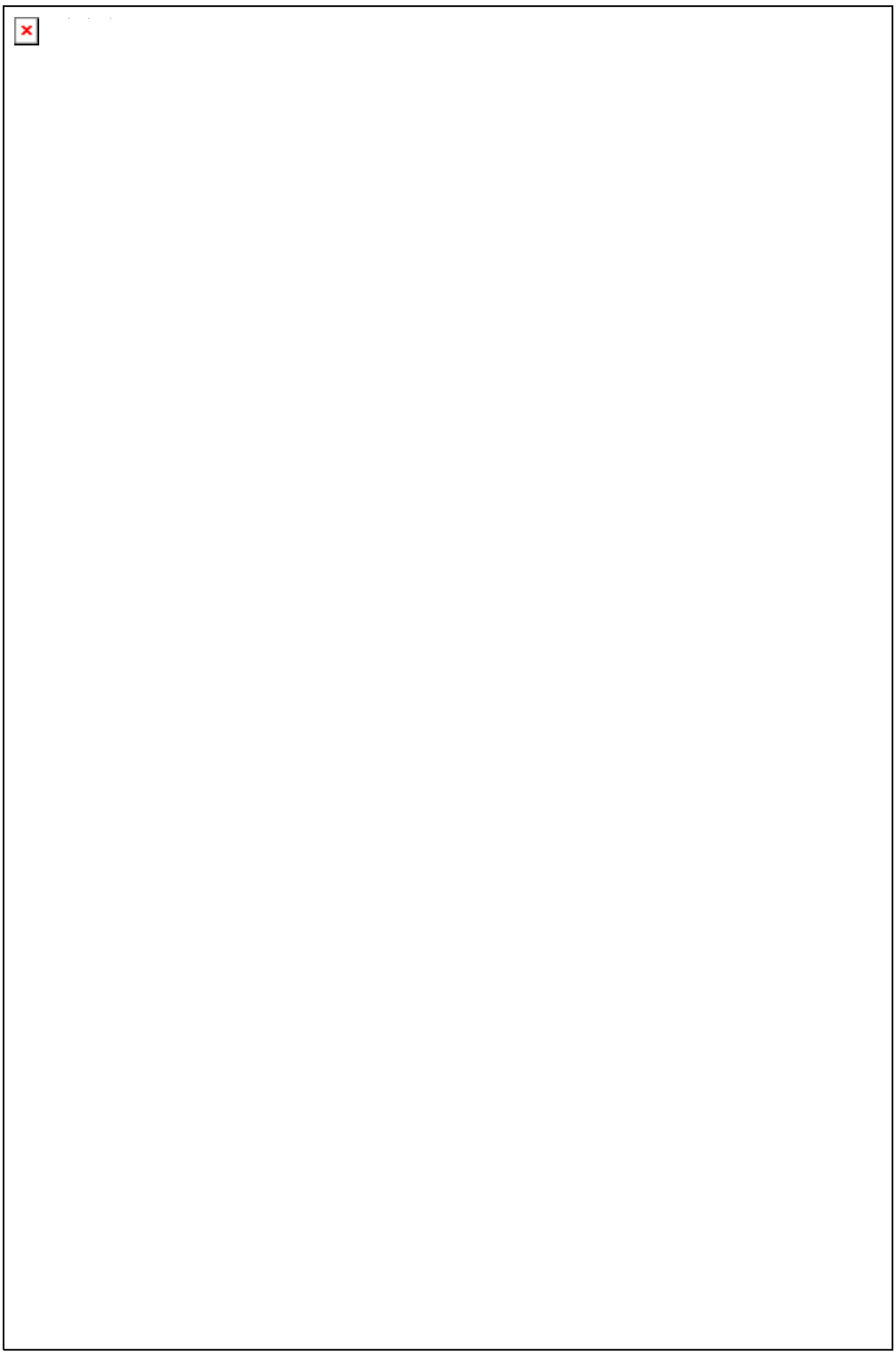

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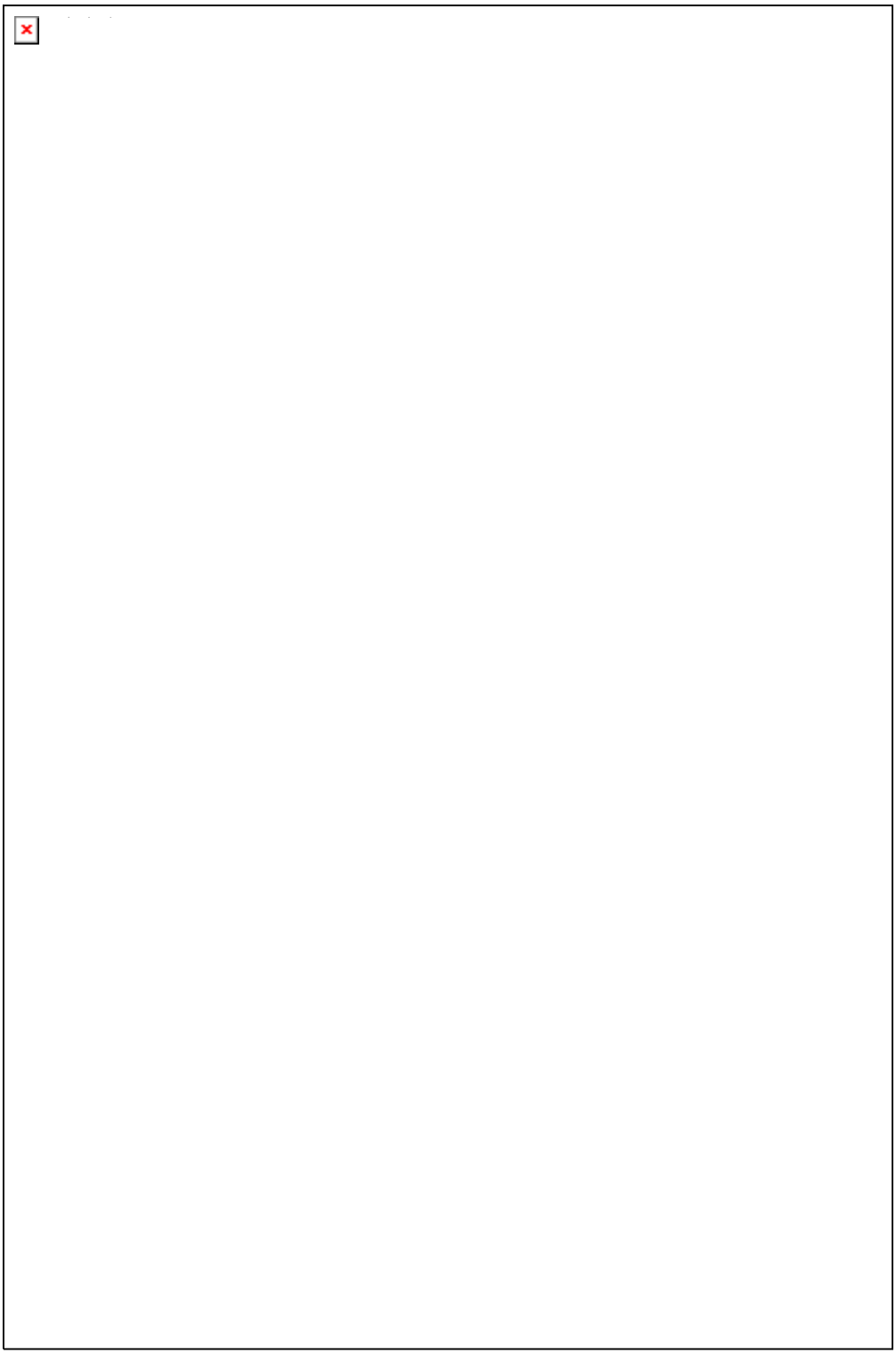

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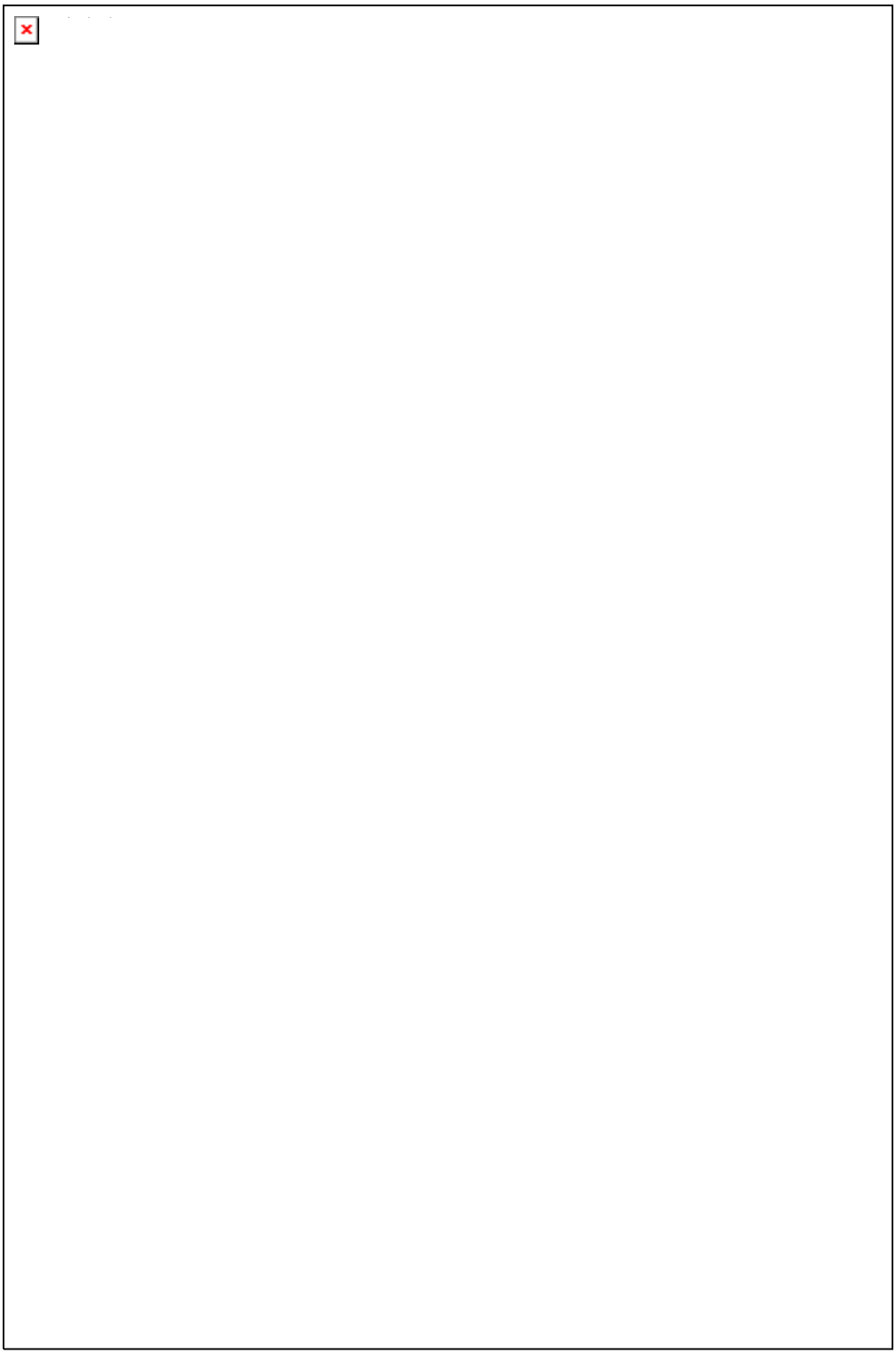

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White House IGA National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

In observance of Veterans Day, 2020, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is rescheduling the National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials. Below, please find updated registration instructions for the call as well as information on Veterans Day, 2020.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: ****if you previously registered for the 11/11 call, you do not need to re-register**** **CLICK HERE**

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Vice President Mike Pence: **HUGE NEWS: Thanks to the public-private partnership forged by President @realDonaldTrump, @pfizer announced its Coronavirus Vaccine trial is EFFECTIVE, preventing infection in 90% of its volunteers.**

Read More: **Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine Is Looking 90% Effective**

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HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **Big news: Pfizer published data this morning showing its coronavirus vaccine may be more than 90% effective. This is unprecedented progress just 10 months after the viral sequence was published and is a result of the whole-of American effort this Administration has led.**

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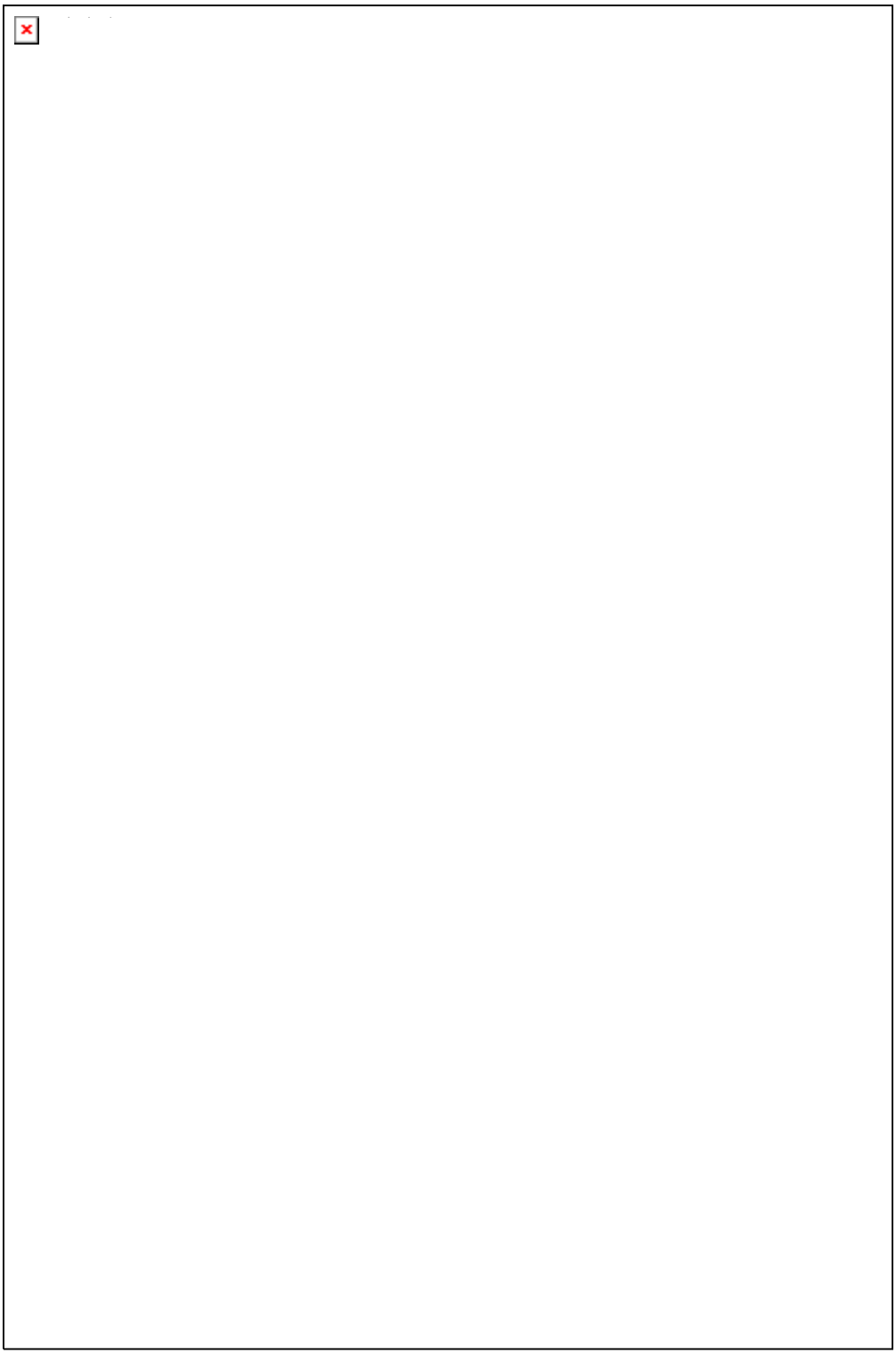

On November 11, Americans commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions of our Nation's veterans who have proudly worn our country's uniform to defend

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and preserve our precious liberty. As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly and faithfully worked to defend the United States and our freedom. Their devotion to duty and patriotism deserves the respect and admiration of our grateful Nation each and every day. We are forever thankful for the many heroes among us who have bravely fought around the world to protect us all - **Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2019**

In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year the Trump Administration recognized the service of our Nation's Native American Veterans with the **White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans**. The conference brought together Native American veterans, active duty service members, and others for a day of briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie (VA), Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI) and other Senior Administration Officials.

Vice President Mike Pence: **Honored to meet with Native American Veterans Today! Native Americans have bravely served our country in uniform and we are forever grateful for the contribution they have made to the life of our nation. Thank you for your service!**

The White House: **Today, the White House hosted a conference of nearly 200 Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, and State, local, and Tribal Veterans champions, to honor the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community!**

Veterans Day 2020

Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Regional Observances: The Veterans Day National Committee also recognizes select Veterans Day observances throughout the country that represent fitting tributes to America's heroes serve

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as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances. You can find a list of those sites **here**.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt: **The @realDonaldTrump Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.**

Read More: **Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families**

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Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

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- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Doug Hoelscher, *Assistant to the President & Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute for Allergies & Infections Disease (NIAID), HHS*
- General Gustave Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, OWS, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production, & Distribution, OWS*
- *Additional Federal Participants*

Ambassador Deborah Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the nation, and discussed her recent visits to states in the upper Midwest and western United States, meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Dr. Anthony Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments and the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: **The 2021 Open Enrollment Period is now open and runs until December 15. Visit HealthCare.gov to enroll or renew your health insurance coverage for 2021.**

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Secretary Alex Azar and WH IGA Director Hoelscher led a discussion with General Gustave Perna (Operation Warp Speed) and Governors on federal efforts in coordination with state and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The discussion focused on planning efforts for areas such as vaccine supply-chain management; funding for state, local, and tribal governments; federal commitment to cover costs for vaccine recipients; coordination with providers; the 64 public health jurisdictions' responsibilities; prioritization of vaccine administration with focus on vulnerable communities; and information management. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution plans to the CDC earlier in October, and CDC provided feedback on these iterative, ongoing documents to states earlier this week.

CDC Flu: **Nearly 165 million doses of #fluvaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season have been distributed in the U.S. Flu activity is still low, but it's important to get vaccinated before flu starts spreading in your community. Find a vaccine today.**

Several governors highlighted best practices and provided additional perspective on their distribution planning efforts, including Governor Asa Hutchinson (Arkansas), Governor John Bel Edwards (Louisiana), Governor Greg Abbott (Texas), and Governor Phil Murphy (New Jersey).

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 40 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. These briefings total more than 55 hours that included governors sharing best practices and asking questions more than 350 times. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October

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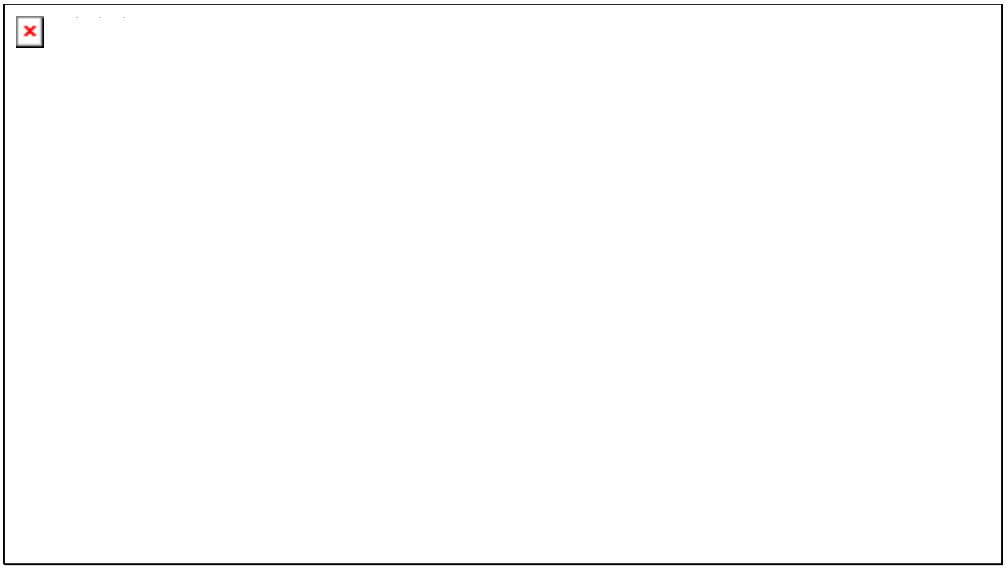

On Friday, November 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released October's jobs report showing a continued recovery of the U.S. economy. U.S. employers brought back more jobs than expected in October and the unemployment rate improved by a greater than anticipated margin.

- Non-farm payrolls rose by +638,000 vs. 530,000 expected
- Unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% vs. 7.7% expected
- Non-farm employment up 12 million jobs in past 6 months
- Blue-collar workers in construction and manufacturing had combined gains of 122K; leisure and hospitality workers experienced the greatest gains with 271K
- Unemployment rate dropped for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans

The White House: **EXCEPTIONAL jobs numbers out today, another testament to the strength of the U.S. economy under President @realDonaldTrump! 638,000 jobs added in October-beating expectations AGAIN-while the unemployment rate plummeted to 6.9 percent!**

WH Council of Economic Advisers: **The unemployment rate is now lower than at any point during the first term of the last administration. It took over 4 years from the prior recession peak for unemployment to hit 6.9%. The strong decrease came even as more Americans were entering the labor force.**

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza: **More good news for American workers from the**

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October #jobsreport

➡ 638,000 jobs added

➡ Unemployment rate fell to 6.9%

➡ 12.1 million jobs added to the American economy since April

Since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.1 million jobs - over 5 in 10 (54.5%) of pandemic job losses in just 6 months. The leisure & hospitality industry – which faced particularly sharp pandemic-related job losses – has now added back 4.8 million jobs, recovering 6 in 10 (58.1%) of pandemic job losses as of October.

The unemployment rate plummeted in October to 6.9 percent with strong employment gains for African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Since the April peak of 14.7%, the unemployment rate has dropped by 7.8 percentage points. The African American unemployment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points, the Hispanic American rate fell by 1.5 percentage points, and the Asian American rate fell by 1.3 percentage points.

🕮 **Read More:** **The Great American Recovery - Third Quarter GDP Blows Past Expectations**

President's Advisory 1776 Commission

On Monday, November 2, President Trump signed an **Executive Order** establishing the President's Advisory 1176 Commission. The Commission will work to improve understanding of the history and the principles of the founding of the United States among our Nation's rising generations. Within a year, the Commission will produce a report regarding the core principles of America's founding and how these principles may be understood to further the blessings of liberty and promote our continuing efforts to form a more perfect Union. Learn more **here**.

President Donald J. Trump: **Just signed an order to establish the 1776 Commission. We will stop the radical indoctrination of our students, and restore PATRIOTIC EDUCATION to our schools!**

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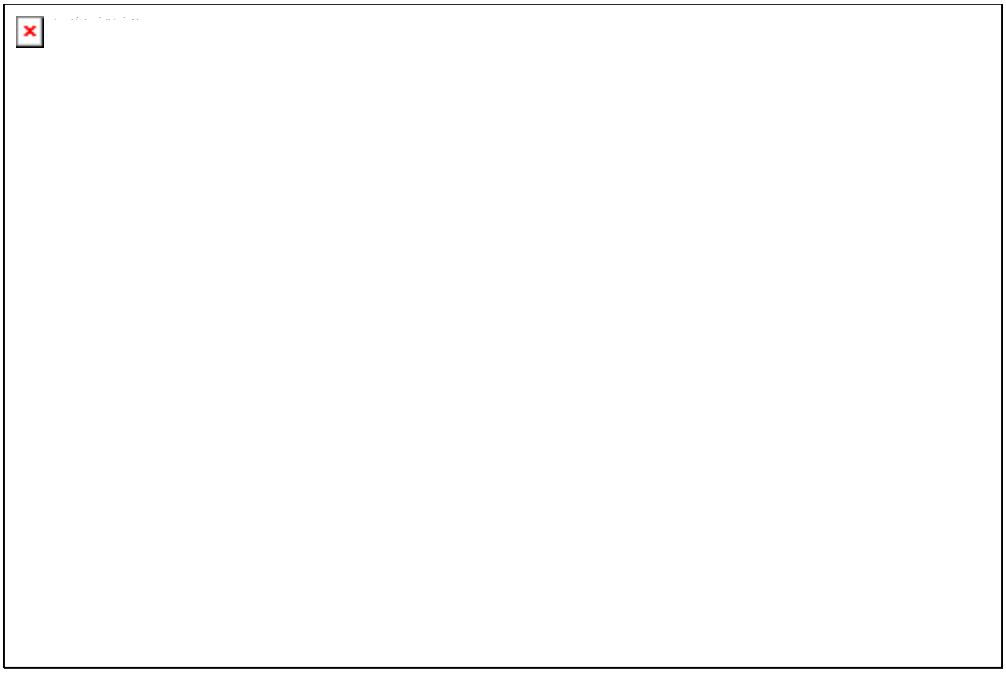

President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event brought together historians, scholars, and educators to discuss our Nation's approach to teaching American history and to assist educators across the country. During the conference, the President announced the formation of the **1776 Commission** to better enable America's rising generations understand our history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding.

🕮 **Read More:** **Presidential Proclamation on Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, And Constitution Week, 2020**

🖳 **Watch:** **White House Conference on American History**

🖳 **Watch:** **President Trump Delivers Remarks at the White House Conference on American History**

The Trump Administration remains committed to encouraging educators to teach the constitution and believes our children must learn from American history so that the next generation can continue to form a more perfect union. Under President Trump's leadership, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) **awarded** $40.3 million in CARES Act economic

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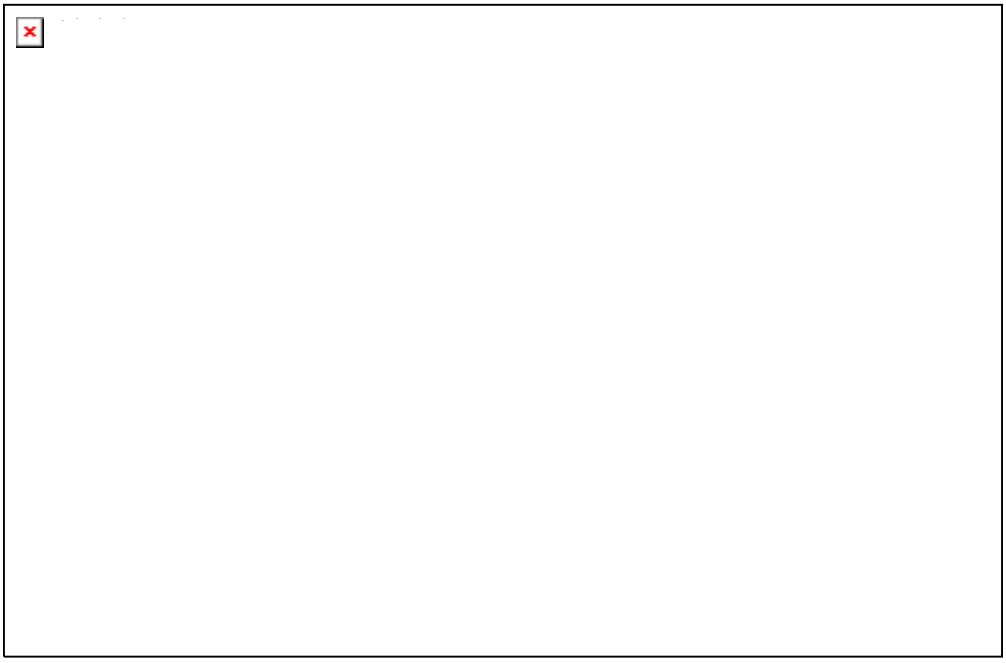
stabilization grants to over 300 institutions, spanning all 50 states.

To bolster these efforts, NEH **awarded** over $185,000 to the **National Association of Scholars** (NAS) and **AAT Education** (AAT). NAS will survey popular history books used to teach America's children, and AAT will create a more engaging and inspiring U.S. history curriculum. This grant will allow for esteemed historians and educators to develop curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

On Monday, November 2, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **delivered to Congress** its priority list of deferred maintenance projects for **Great American Outdoors Act** (GAOA) funding in fiscal year 2021. The **project list** includes 556 projects totaling more than $285 million in Federal investment.

These projects will help the Forest Service reduce its $5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites, and other facilities on national forests and grasslands. Working with state and local governments and other partners in a **Shared Stewardship** framework, these projects will benefit from millions in partner contributions that will further bolster the funding provided under GAOA.



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President Trump **signed** the GAOA on August 4, 2020—a historic, bipartisan law that marks the largest-ever investment into America's national parks and public lands. The GAOA will protect and enhance the economies of numerous gateway communities that surround our public lands by restoring and maintaining critical access and infrastructure. The bill was a part of a strong push by President Trump to prioritize the conservation and stewardship of our public lands.

🕮 **Op-Ed by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue: Opening and Accessing America's Great Outdoors**

🎬 **Watch: President Trump Delivers Remarks on Preserving Our National Parks**

Trump Administration Awards $458 Million to Fight Violent Crime

On Monday, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJJP) **announced the award** of more than $458 million in grant funding to support State, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.

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This funding continues the Trump Administration's commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety through efforts like **Operation Legend**. In the two years before President Trump took office, America had experienced a precipitous rise in crime, particularly in serious violent crime. The President elevated community safety to the top of his domestic agenda and crime rates have fallen steadily since. Recent data from the FBI and the Bureau of Justice Statistics for 2019 show a drop in crime and serious victimization for the third year in a row. However, a number of cities are experiencing conspicuous countertrends. These grants will bolster crime-fighting efforts in those communities and in jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Also, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting nominations for the **38th Annual Missing Children's Day Awards**. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering

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missing and abducted children and protecting children from exploitation. More **here**.

Indian Affairs Update

DOE Office of Indian Energy Awards

The U.S. Department of Energy **released** a formalized process for Tribes and eligible tribal entities to request a cost share reduction for awards issued under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy). Please **see this letter** from Deputy Secretary of Energy, Mark W. Menezes.

The Office of Indian Energy has been helping alleviate the financial burden of Native communities since 2010 by investing more than $85 million in more than 180 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. They provide technical assistance to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives which help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions.

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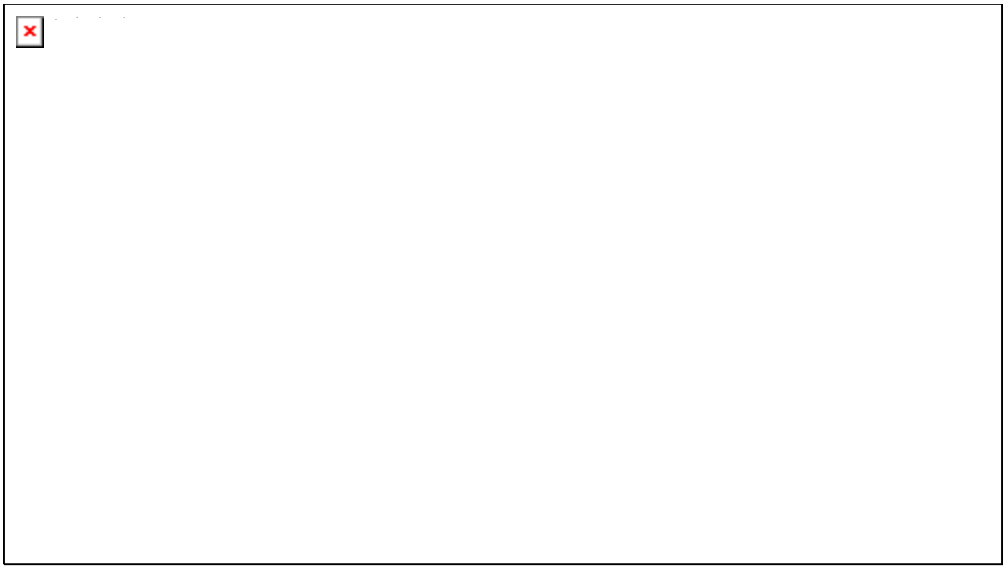

U.S. Fish and Wildlife: **We're celebrating #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth! America's public lands have meaningful connections to Native American heritage, including Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National #WildlifeRefuge in Washington State.**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife: **Between two trees on a section of restored prairie at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado is a final resting place for eagle remains from the National Eagle Repository. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth**

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Other Updates

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney Announces San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians HEARTH Act Regulations Are 60th To Be Approved: On Thursday, November 5,

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Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney announced the approval of leasing regulations for the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians in California. This is the 60th set of tribal leasing regulations approved under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act since its passage in 2012 and the fifth under Indian Affairs' **new policy** expediting the processing of HEARTH applications. Read more **here**.

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

On October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - **Promoting Rural Prosperity in America** - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on natural disaster recovery and resilience **here**.

The White House: **For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.**

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed **Executive Order 13575** - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force **identified** over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration also continue to work alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda **here**.

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🕮 **Op-Ed by Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, WH Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, WH Office of Intergovernmental Affairs): Opening and Accessing America's Great Outdoors**

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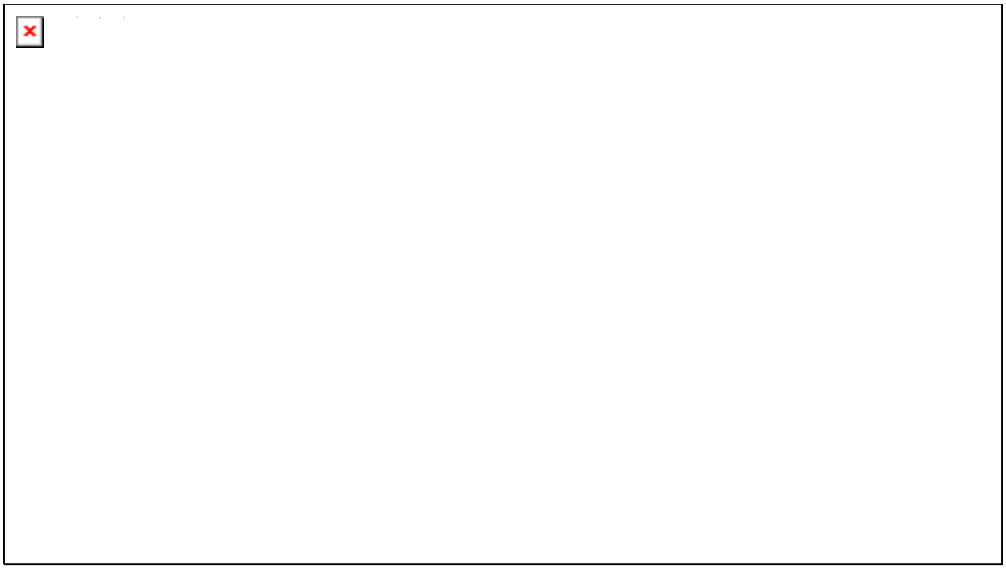

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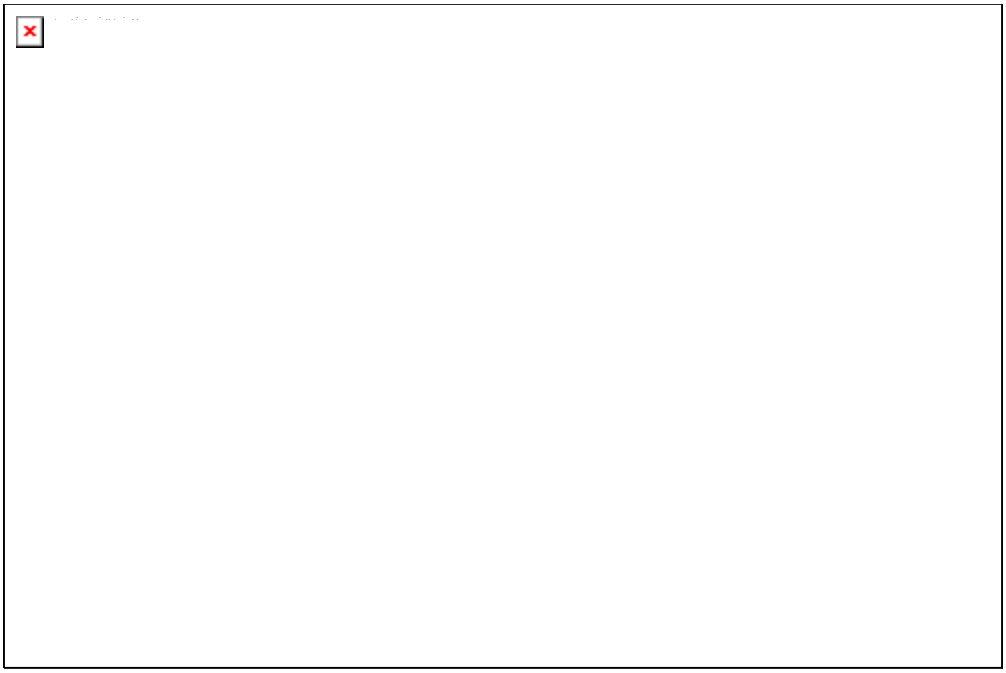

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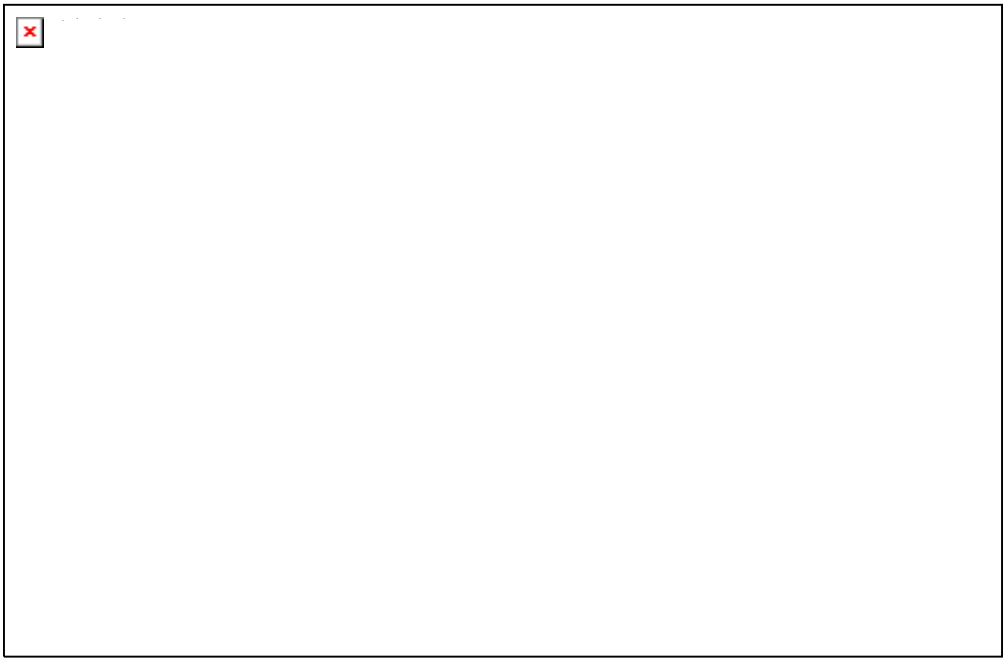

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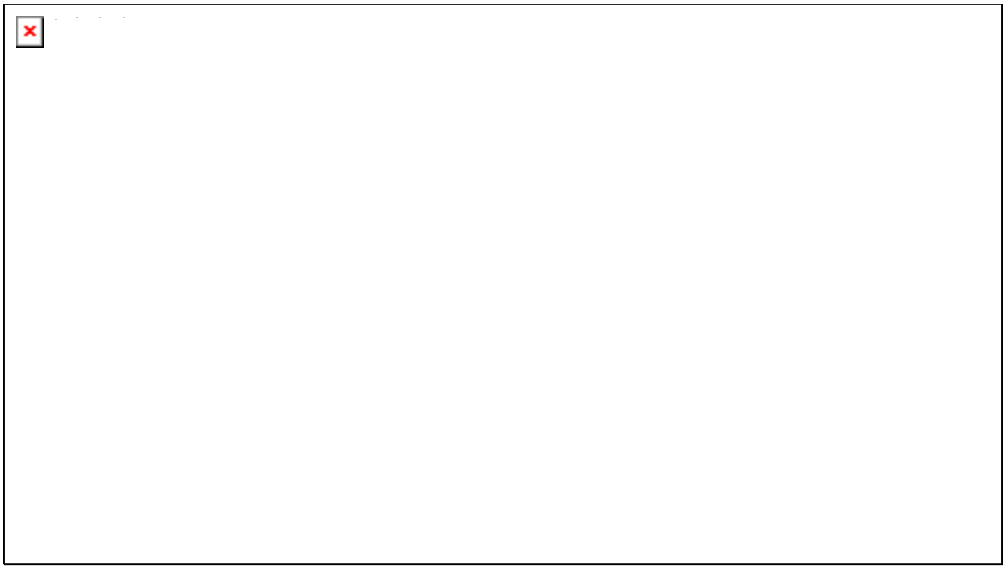

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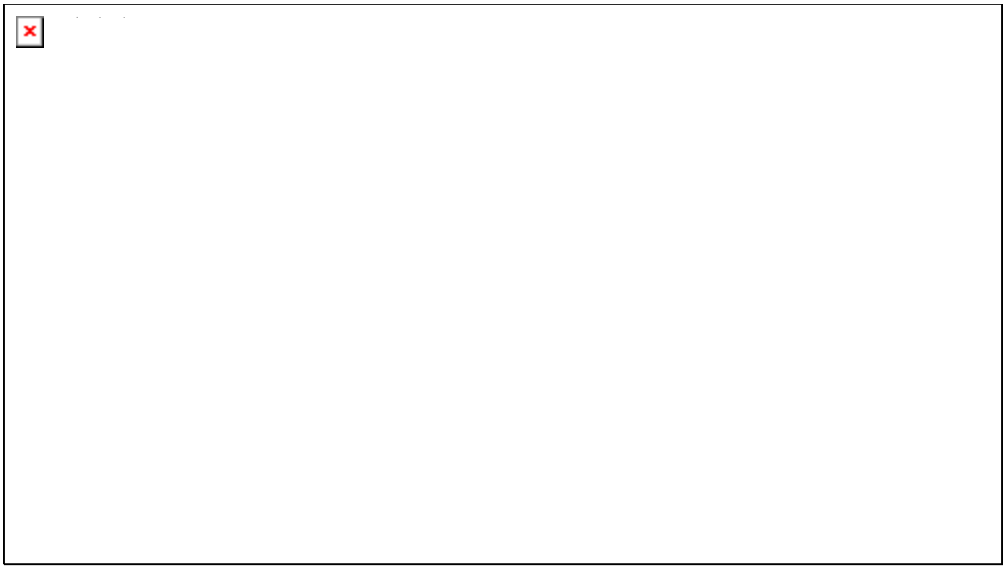

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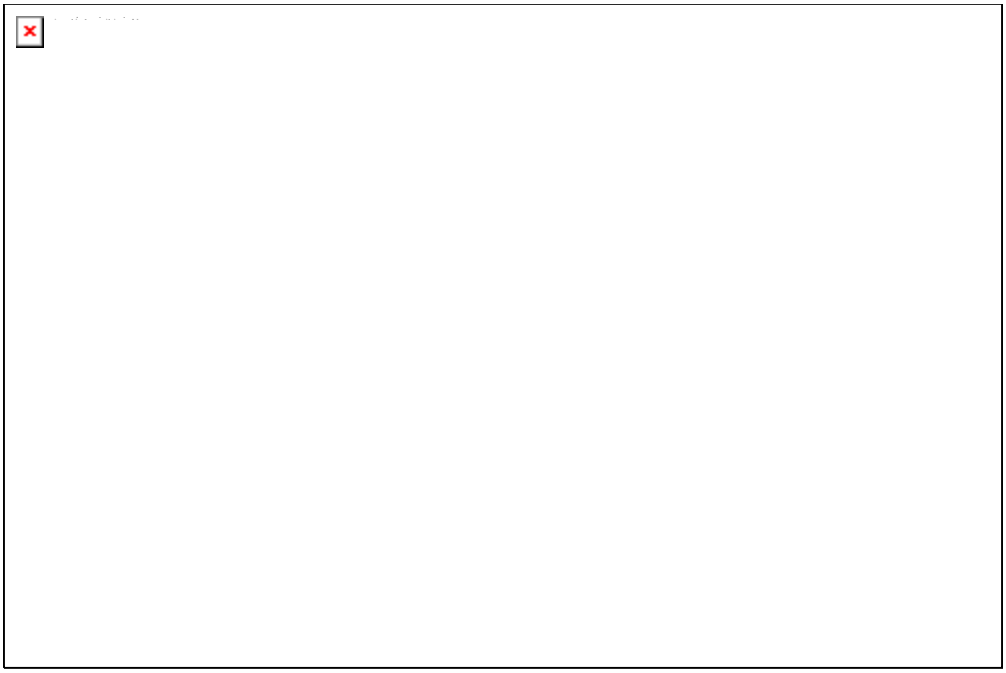

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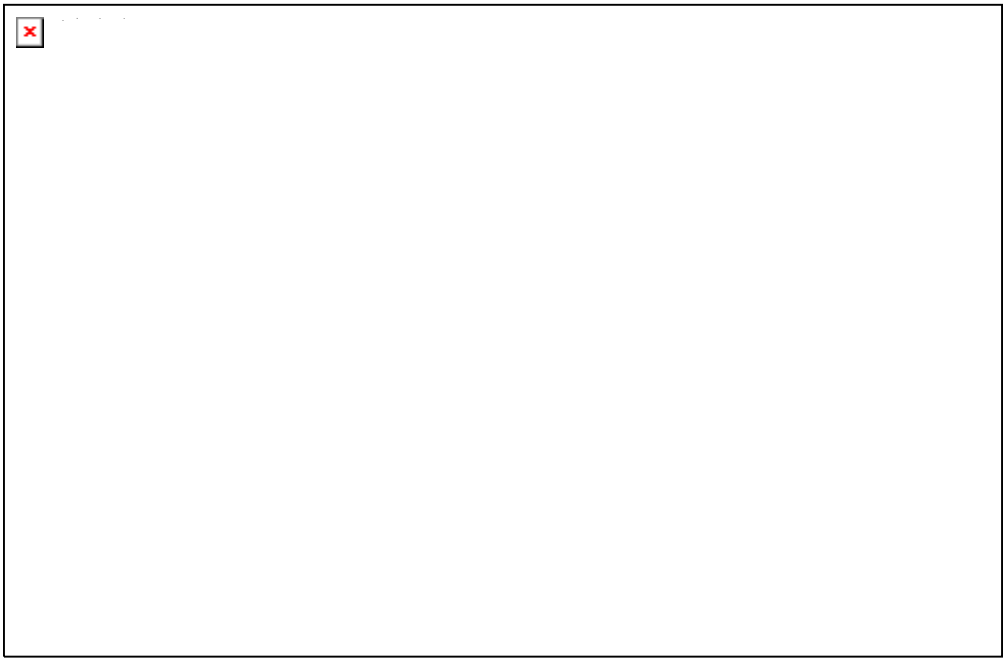

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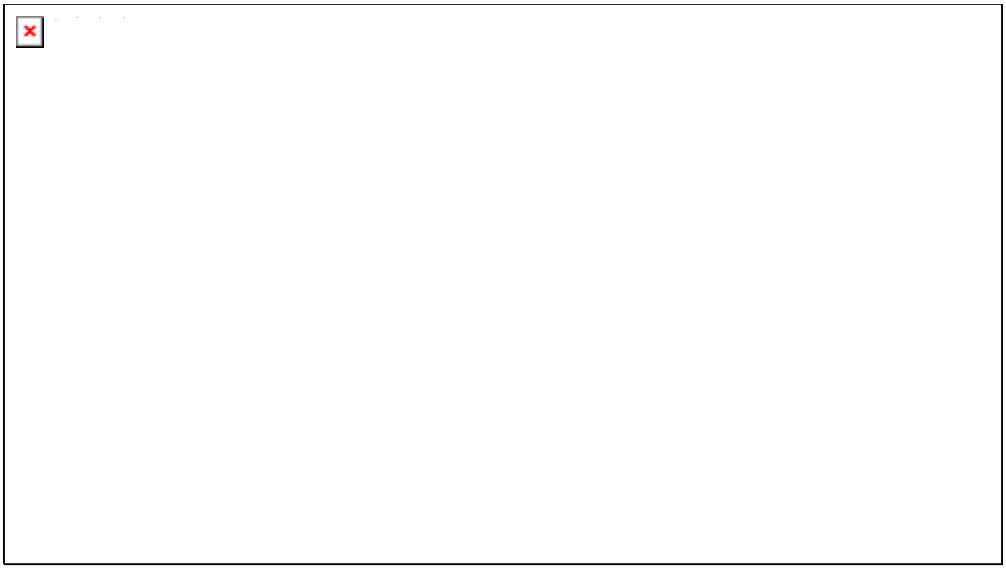

U.S. Fish and Wildlife: **We're celebrating #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth! America's public lands have meaningful connections to Native American heritage, including Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National #WildlifeRefuge in Washington State.**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife: **Between two trees on a section of restored prairie at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado is a final resting place for eagle remains from the National Eagle Repository. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth**

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Other Updates

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney Announces San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians HEARTH Act Regulations Are 60th To Be Approved: On Thursday, November 5,

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Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney announced the approval of leasing regulations for the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians in California. This is the 60th set of tribal leasing regulations approved under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act since its passage in 2012 and the fifth under Indian Affairs' **new policy** expediting the processing of HEARTH applications. Read more **here**.

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

On October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - **Promoting Rural Prosperity in America** - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on natural disaster recovery and resilience **here**.

The White House: **For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.**

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed **Executive Order 13575** - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force **identified** over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration also continue to work alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda **here**.

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National Native American Heritage Month

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Their cherished legacy, rich cultures, and heroic history of military service inspire us all. In November, as we recommit to supporting Native American Tribes and people, we resolve to work side-by-side with their leaders to secure stronger, safer communities and preserve their sacred heritage for future generations.

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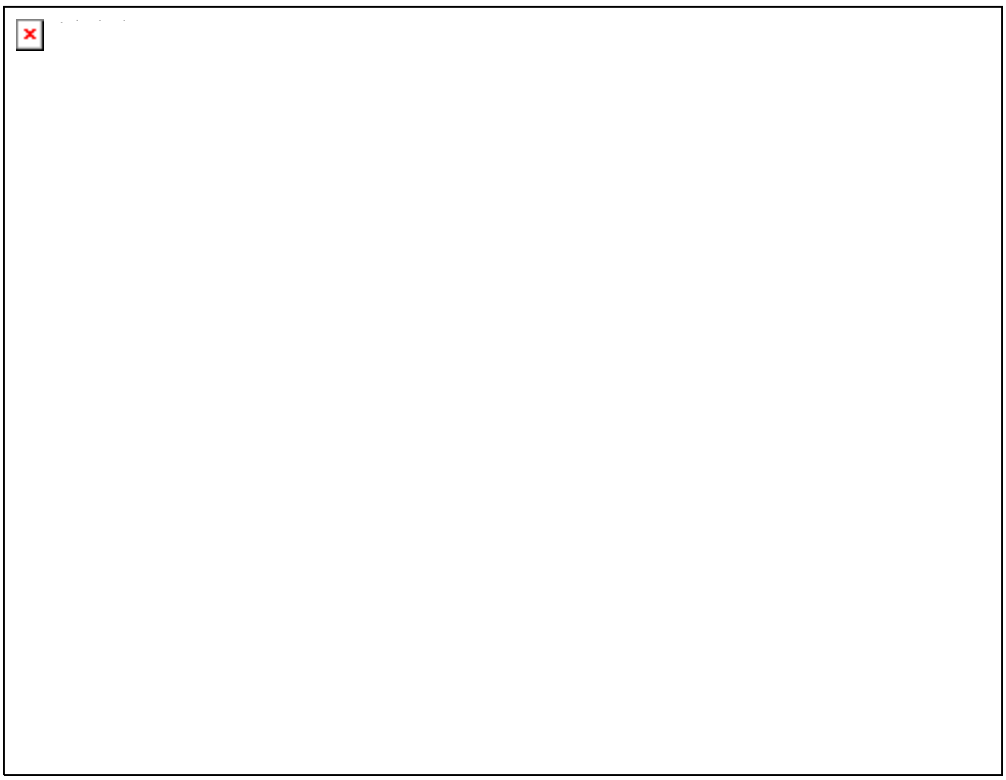

On October 20, President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country. The plan- ***Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!*** - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country and outlines an ambitious agenda for the future to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities in Indian Country. White House and Senior Administration officials recently traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More **here**.

🕮 **Read More from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney: President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country**

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting Tribal Country

"We remain committed to preserving and protecting Native American cultures, languages, and history, while ensuring prosperity and opportunity for all Native Americans." – **President Donald J. Trump**

The Trump Administration has prioritized support for Native American communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- After working with Congress to enact the CARES Act, President Trump provided **$8 billion to address COVID-19** preparedness, response, and recovery needs and programming to support Native Americans – **the largest single programmatic investment in Indian Country in the history of our Nation.**
- The Trump Administration has surged important resources to Native American communities to ensure they have the resources needed for COVID-19 response and recovery. On September 24, the Administration **prioritized** the distribution of 300,000 newly developed BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests in Indian Country through the Indian Health Service (IHS). And on October 29, the Administration **announced** an additional 150,000 allocation to the IHS.
- The Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordination group on March 6 tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues and responsiveness on unique needs and challenges in Indian Country. This group has held regular national briefing calls with Native American leaders and Tribal partners.

The Trump Administration has delivered on important cultural priorities for Indian Country.

- President Trump **signed** legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia.
- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- **Repatriated** **a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma**.
- **Advanced** **an updated eagle remains policy** allowing federally recognized tribes to

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keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

- **Announced** a comprehensive, multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items to Native American communities.

The Trump Administration has promoted Tribal self-determination in education and provided Native American children with access to high-quality education options.

- The Trump Administration created the "**Accessing Choices in Education**" grant competition and awarded over $24 million to empower dozens of Tribes and their families to decide which education services will best support their children.
- In the Federal Charter School Programs, the Trump Administration **prioritized high-quality charter schools** with a mission to address the unique educational needs of Native American students using instructional programs and teaching methods that reflect and preserve Native American language, culture, and history.
- To promote Tribal self-determination in education, the Trump Administration provided grants to **support both the establishment and development of Tribal Education Agencies**. Through these grants, Tribal Education Agencies will recruit and retain educators, promote the availability of work-based learning experiences or career exploration, and build capacity to open a charter school or to operate a BIE school.
- The Trump Administration has **prioritized both new and existing Native American language programs**.

President Trump is committed to addressing crime, promoting public safety, and supporting victims in Native American communities to ensure Native Americans are forgotten no more.

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a **proclamation** in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day. The President signed a second **proclamation** on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.
- **President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives** to develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives—especially

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women and children. The Task Force has opened six cold case offices across the country, conducted 12 regional consultations, and hosted numerous listening sessions.

- President Trump **signed *Savanna's Act***, which directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop law enforcement protocols to better address the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans. The President also **signed the *Not Invisible Act of 2019***, which directs DOJ and the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a joint commission on violent crime within and against the Native American community.
- The **Department of Justice recently allocated more than $295 million in grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime** in Native American communities, totaling $922 million in grants since Fiscal Year 2017.
- **The President convened a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health System** to examine systematic problems in the IHS that resulted in failures to protect children. The Task Force held listening sessions and consultations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana to address this long-neglected issue. The Task Force work **released** its recommendations in July 2020.
- **Allocated $150 million in State Opioid Response Grants** (tribal set-aside) to assist tribal governments in accessing medication-assisted treatment and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

The Trump Administration is committed to investing important resources into Native American communities across the country and ensuring that no community is left behind.

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.
- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018**, President Trump signed into law the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly $70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

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- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over $150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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