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Subject: RE: Public Records Act Request (NV-SOS-20-2830)
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Mr. Evers,

The Nevada Secretary of state has conducted a search of all NV Secretary of State officials listed and the external parties listed in your request dated November 23, 2020 and is providing the attached 17 emails responsive to your request.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

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Please find attached a request for records under Nevada's public records laws.

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From:	Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
To:	Undisclosed recipients
Subject:	REMINDER: State, Local, Tribal COVID-19 National Briefing Call (TODAY, Wednesday, November 18, 1:00 PM Eastern)
Date:	Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:08:02 AM
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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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, November 18, 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.

Please note that we have begun sharing call registration and other pertinent information through an email platform. See the below *IGA Weekly Recap* as an example. If you are not receiving our communications, please check your spam folder and make sure to add IGA.state@who.eop.gov to your approved email list.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration ☎

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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.

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Read More: Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study

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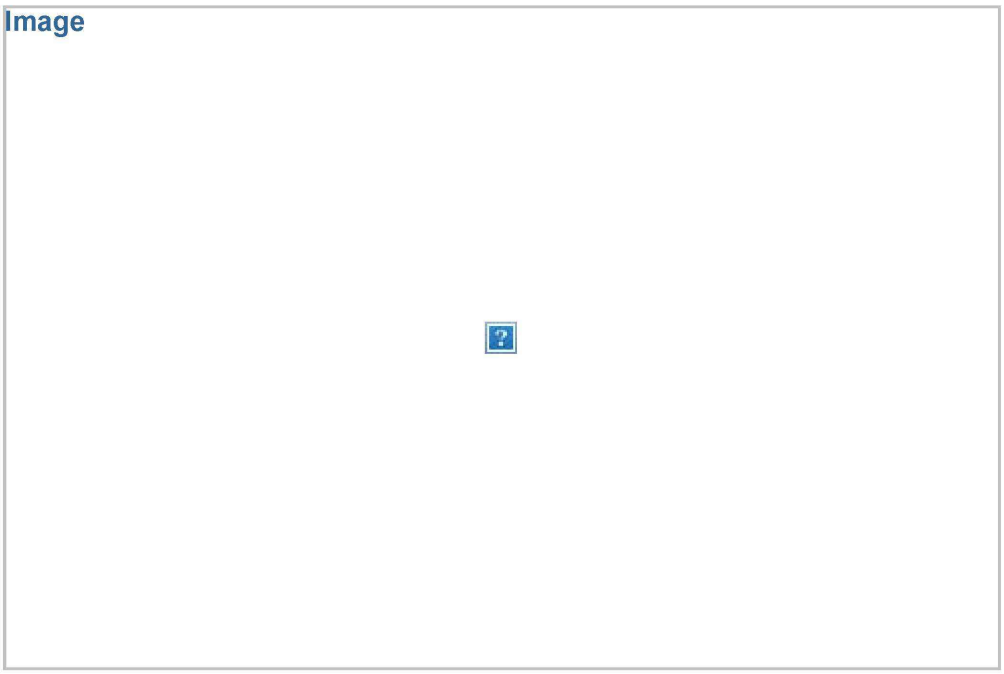

Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

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 **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

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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.

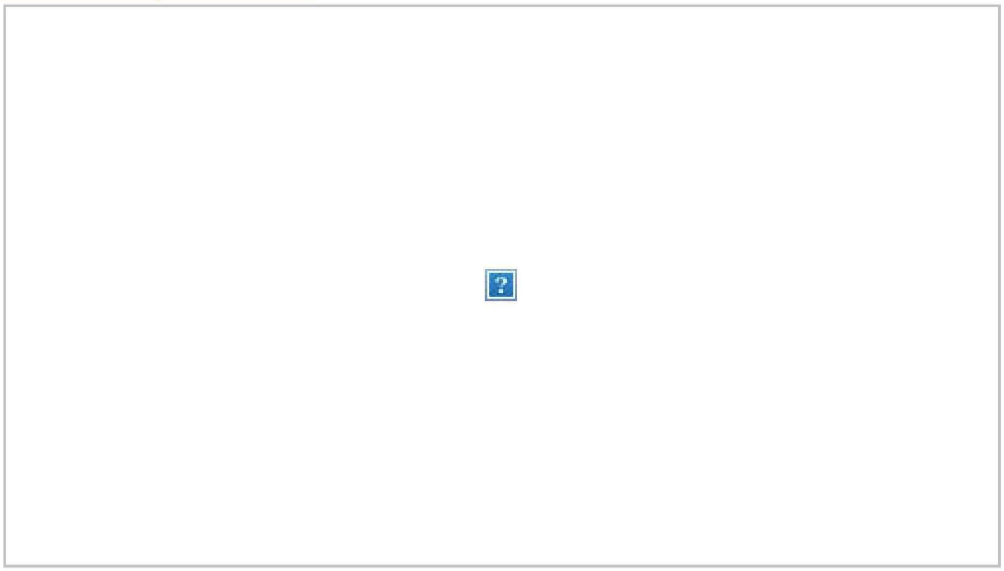
Read More: **FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19**

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, 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

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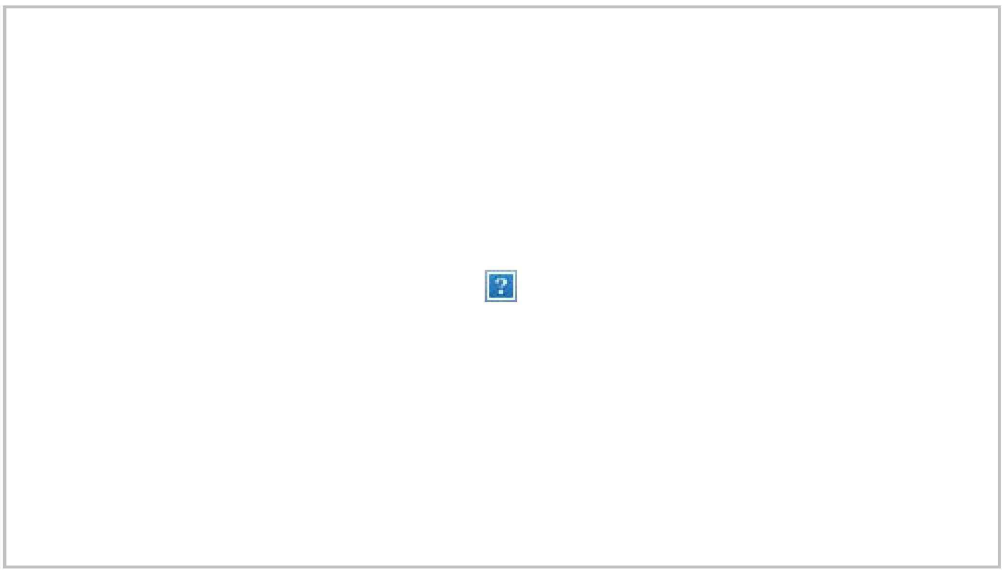

America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. 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

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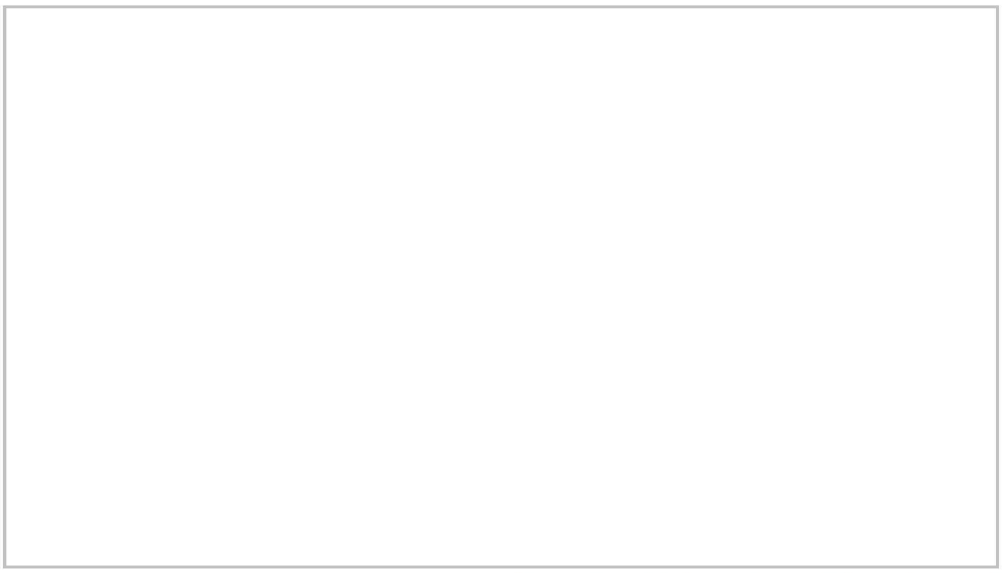

Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie: How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans

Watch: Veterans Day Message from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie

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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.

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Memorial honoring Native American veterans to open in 2020

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

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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.

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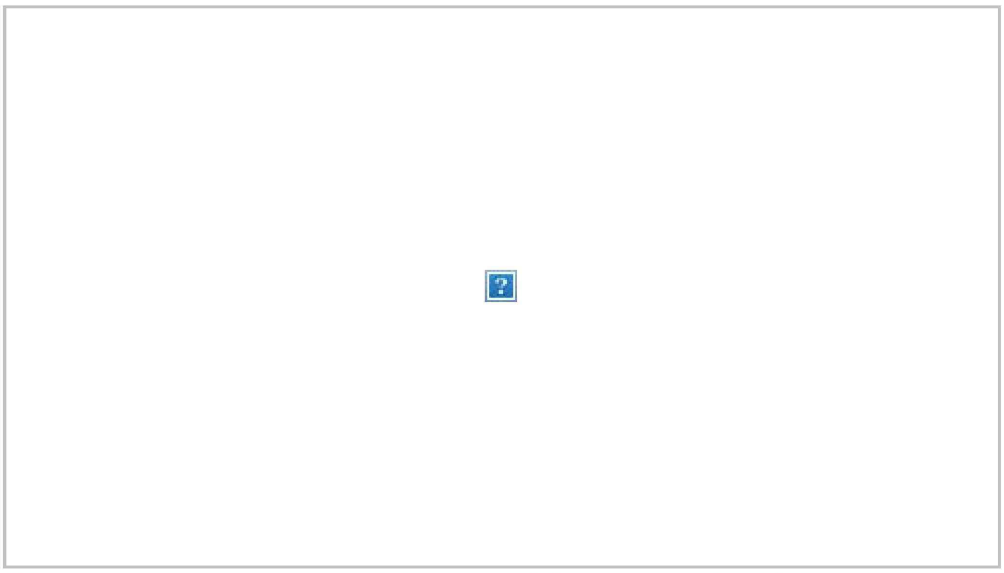

Watch: You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!

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 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

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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**

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**

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.

Report: **Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies**

☐ **COPS Office (DOJ):** **NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies." #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing**

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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Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 11:40:15 AM

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for State, local, and Tribal officials

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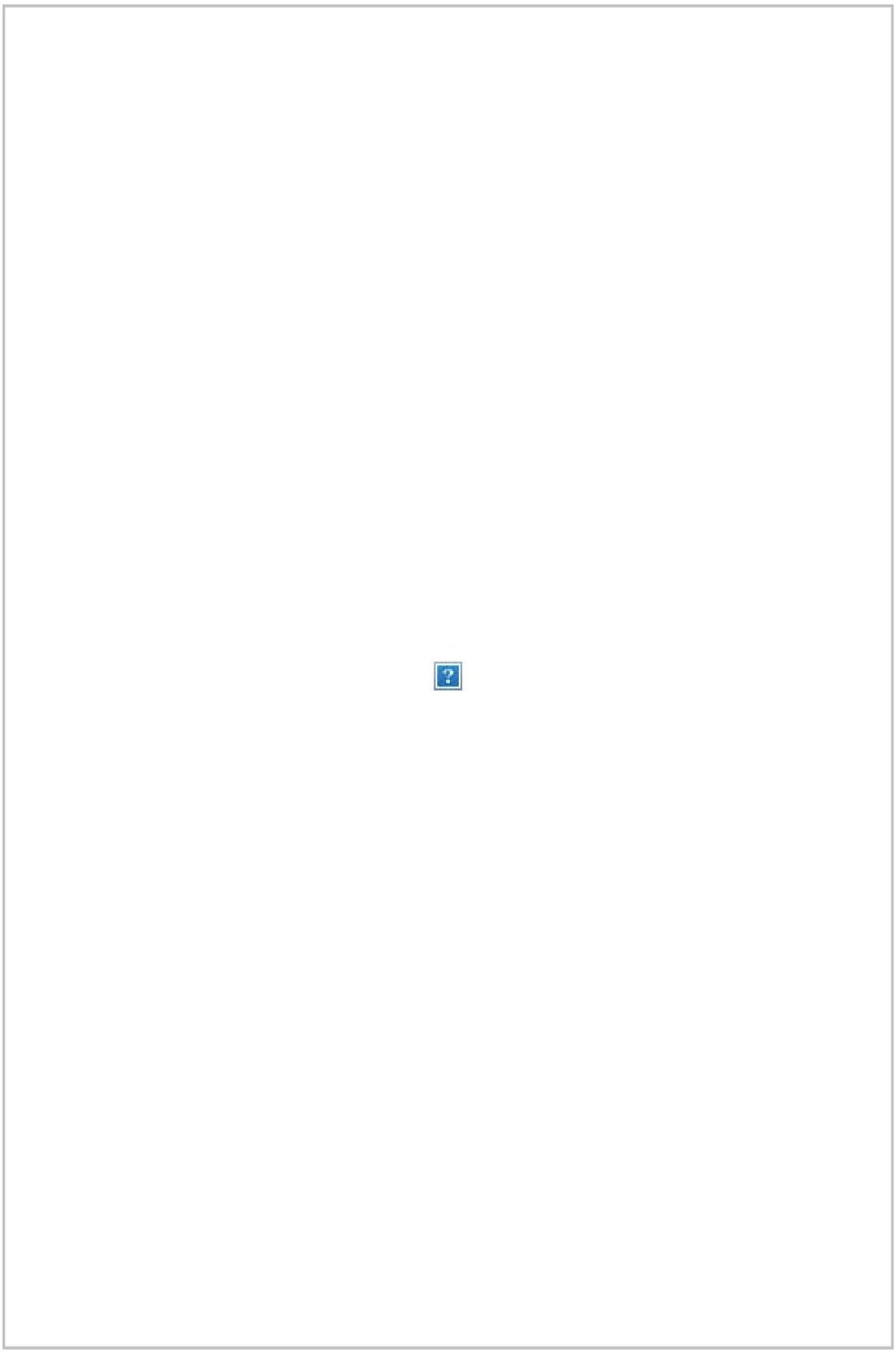

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Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues 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 as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances. You can find a list of those sites **here**.

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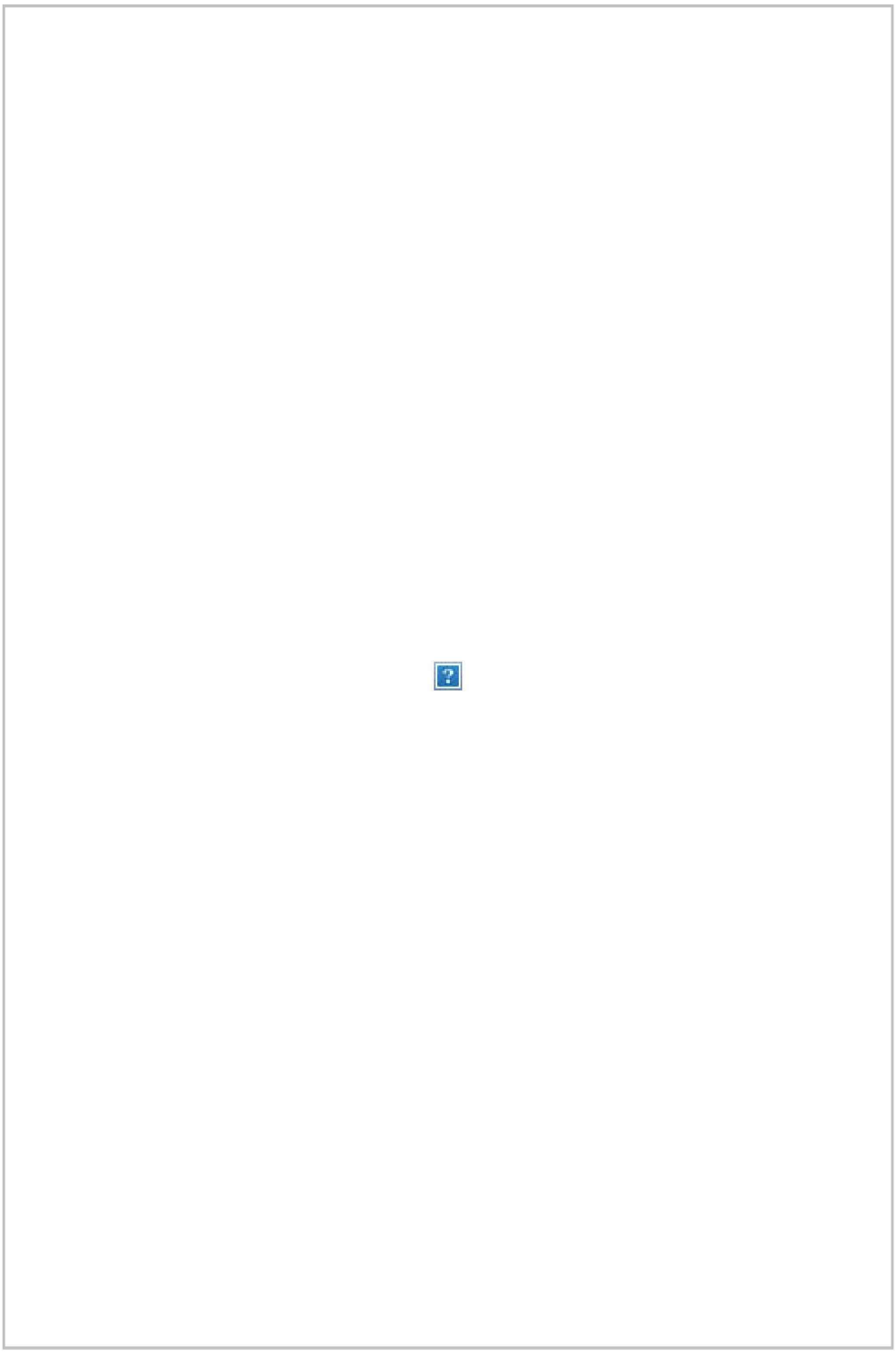

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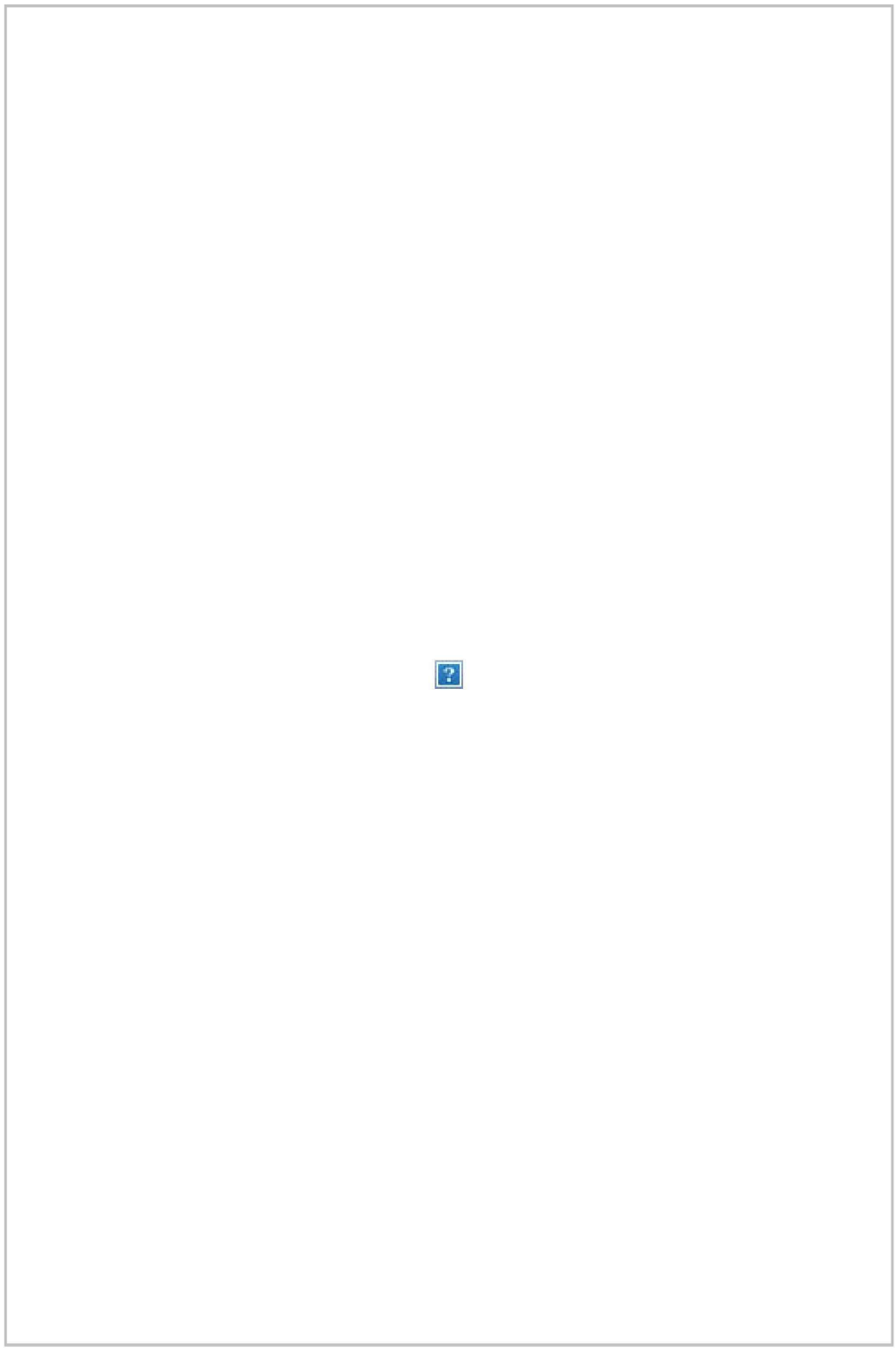

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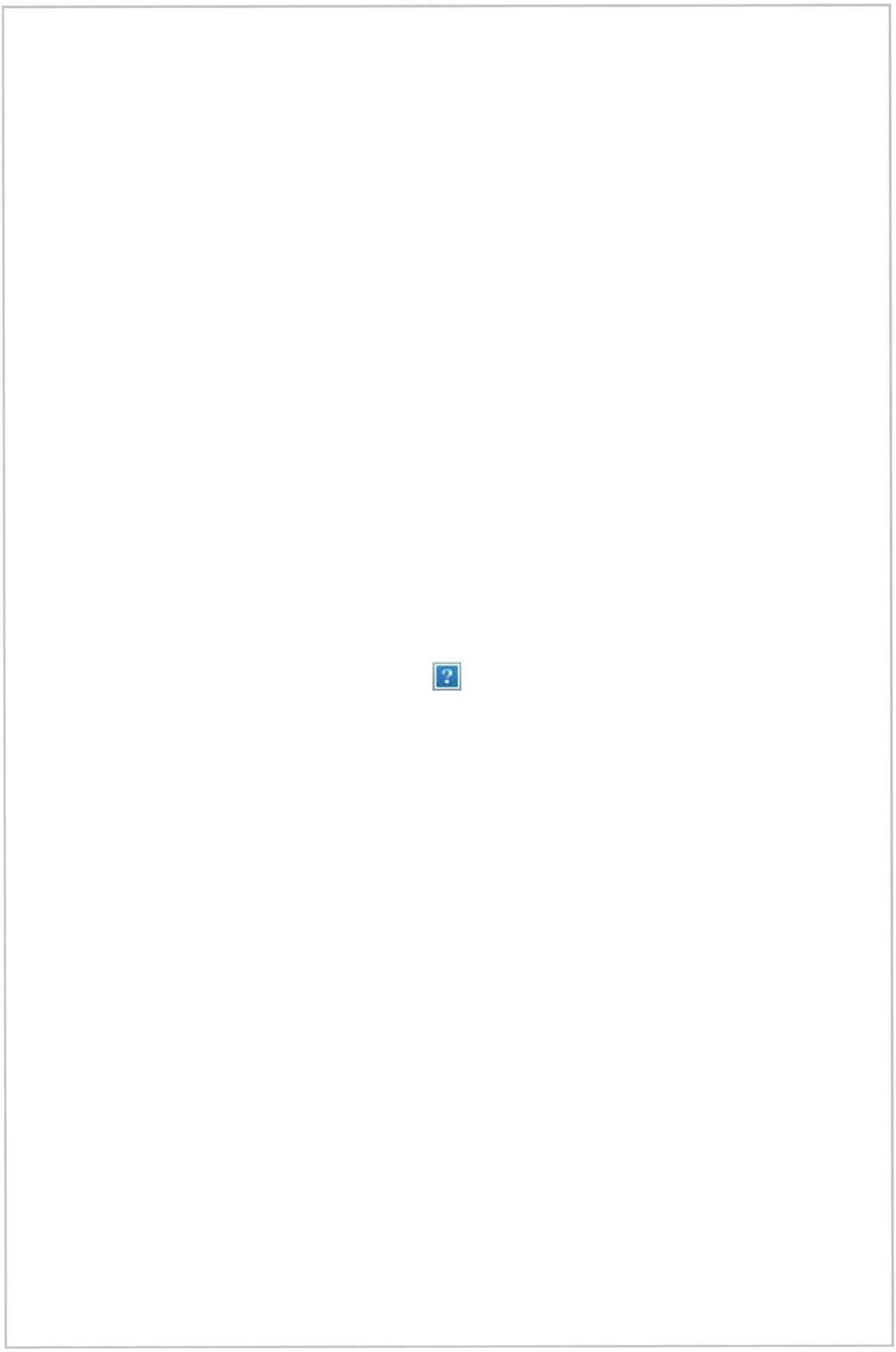

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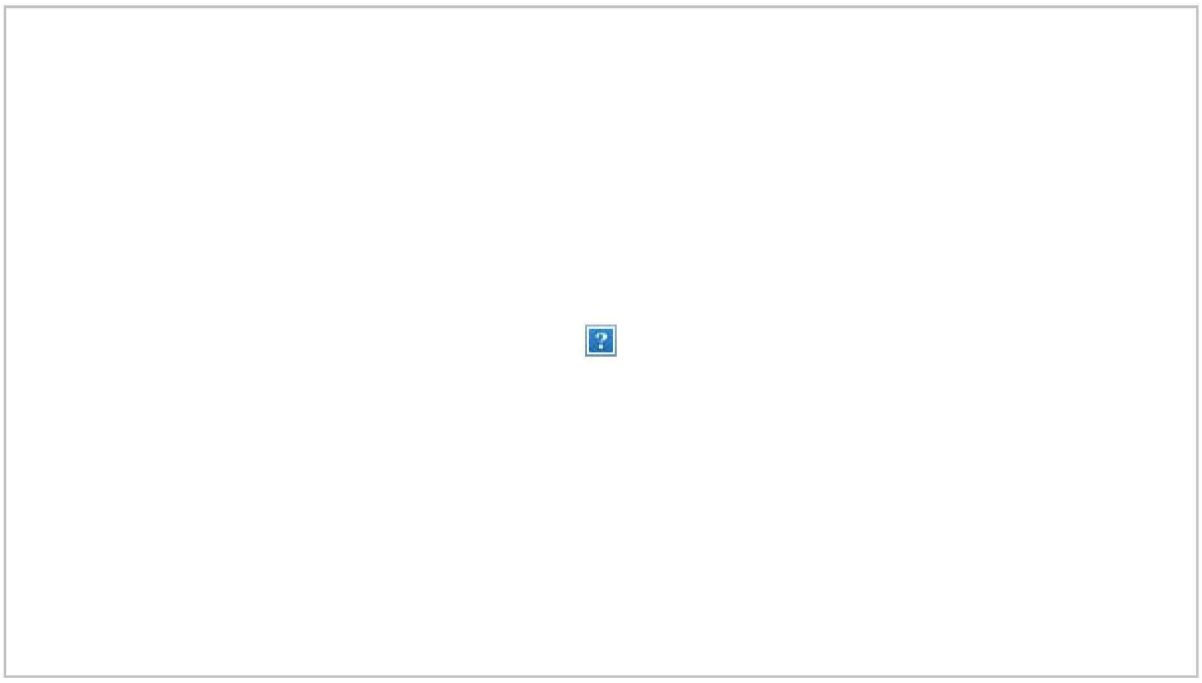

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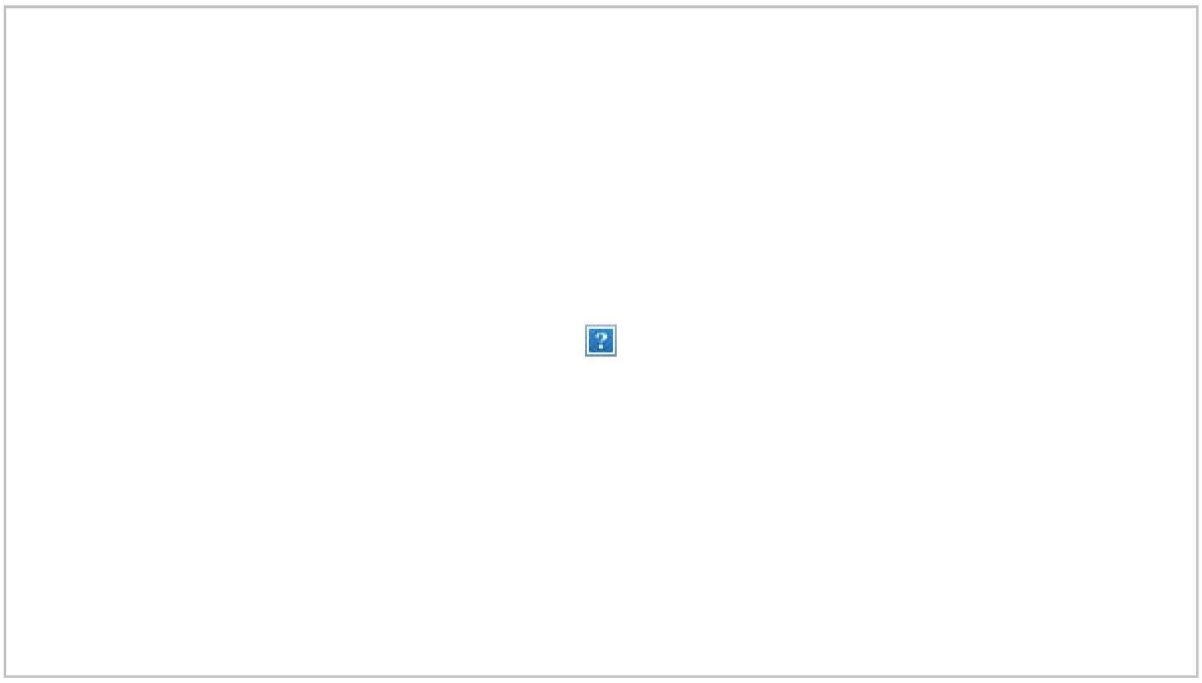

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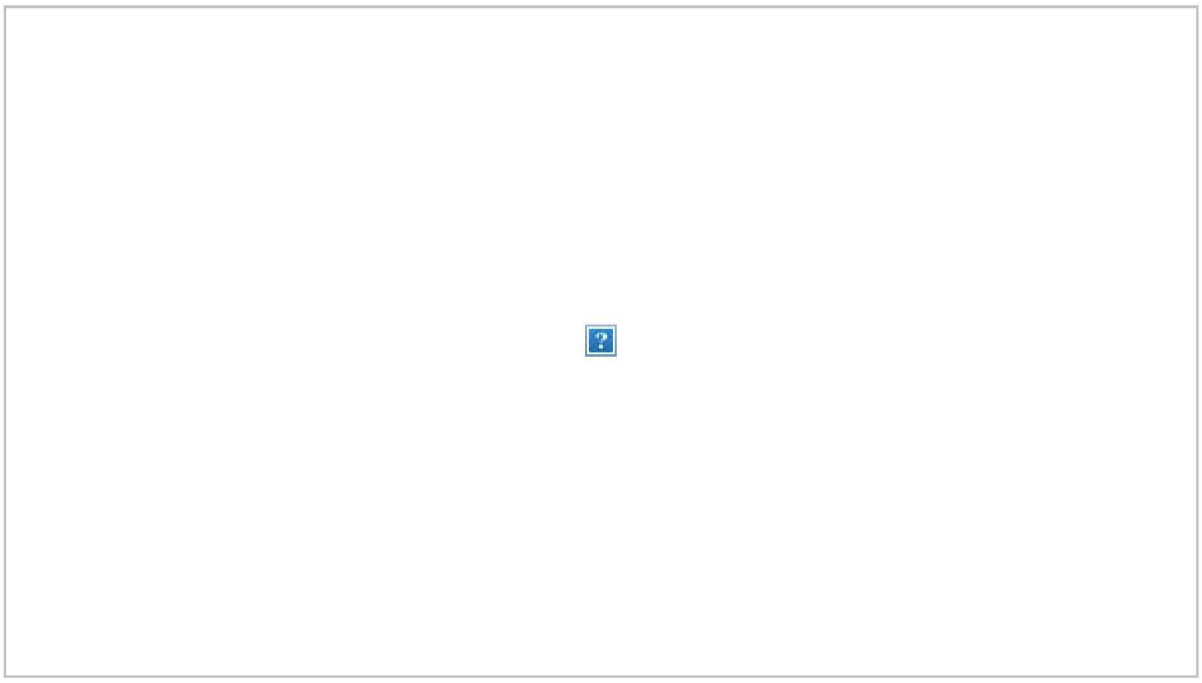

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for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

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
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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 Funding
- U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement; Tribal Transportation Funding Grant Announcement
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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

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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.

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- **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.

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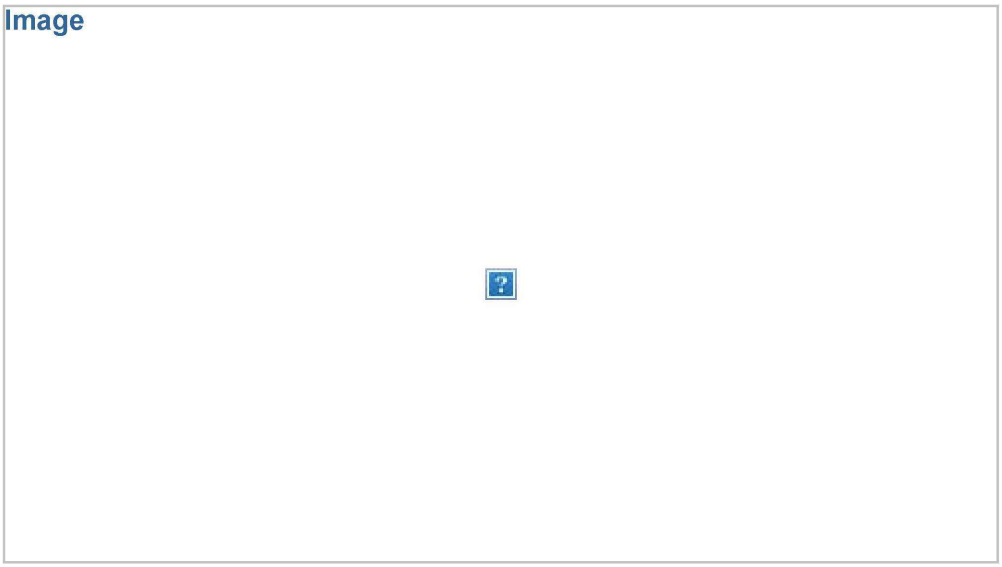
☐ **The White House:** **The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.**

Fact Sheet: **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**



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*

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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 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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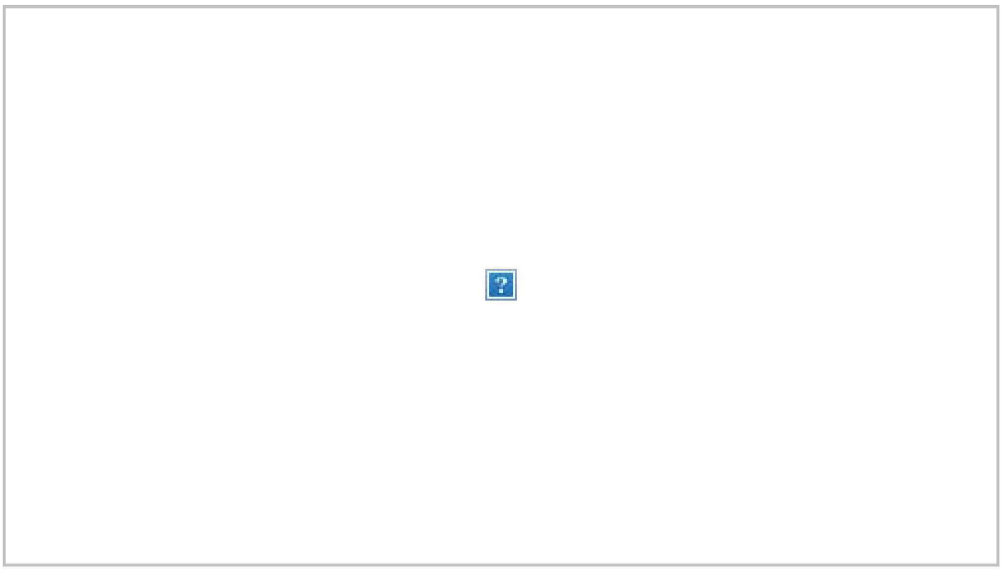

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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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.

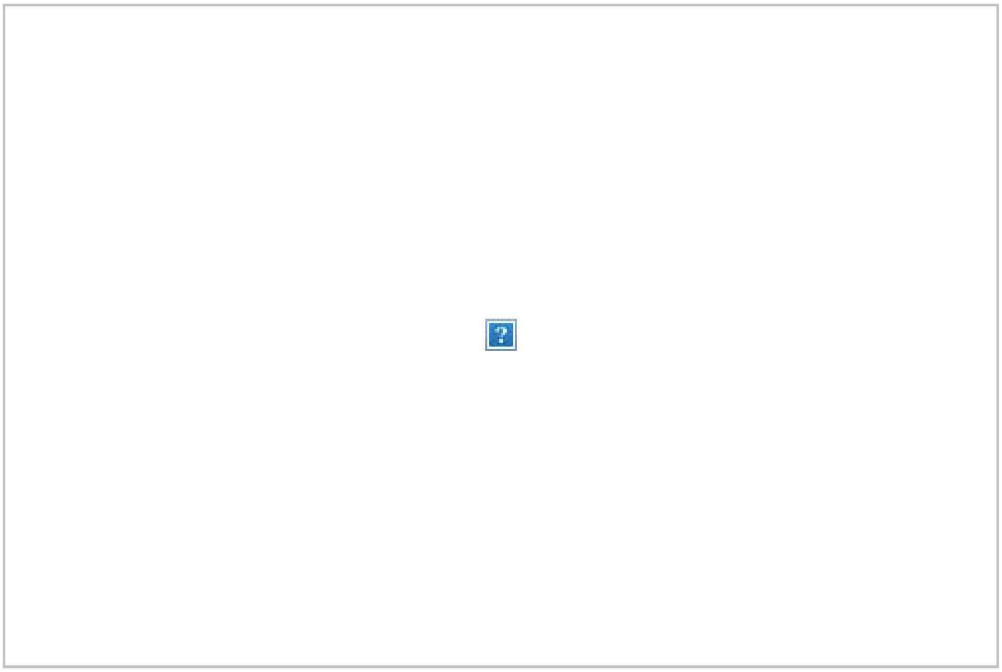
Read More: **Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

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



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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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.

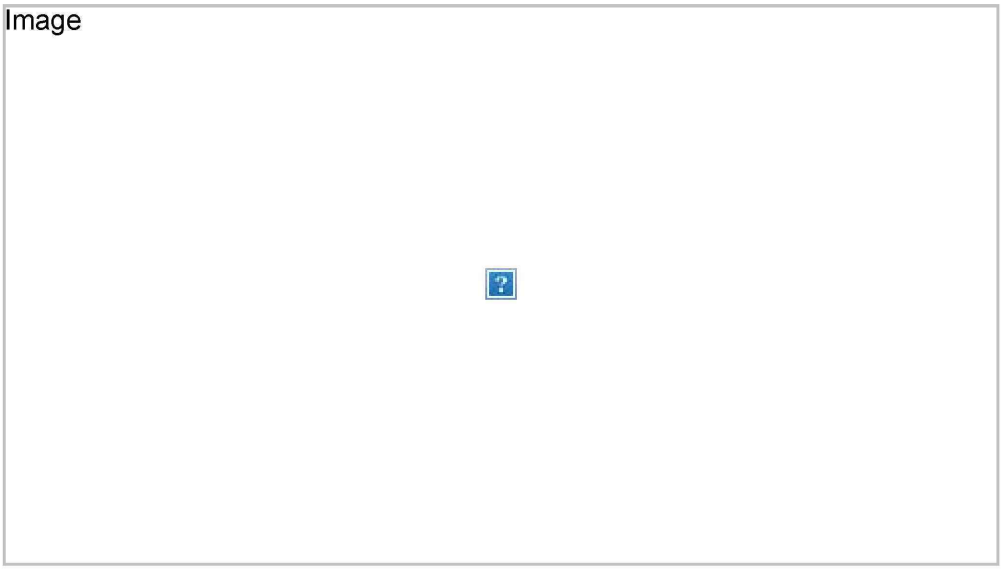
Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed 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**

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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 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch

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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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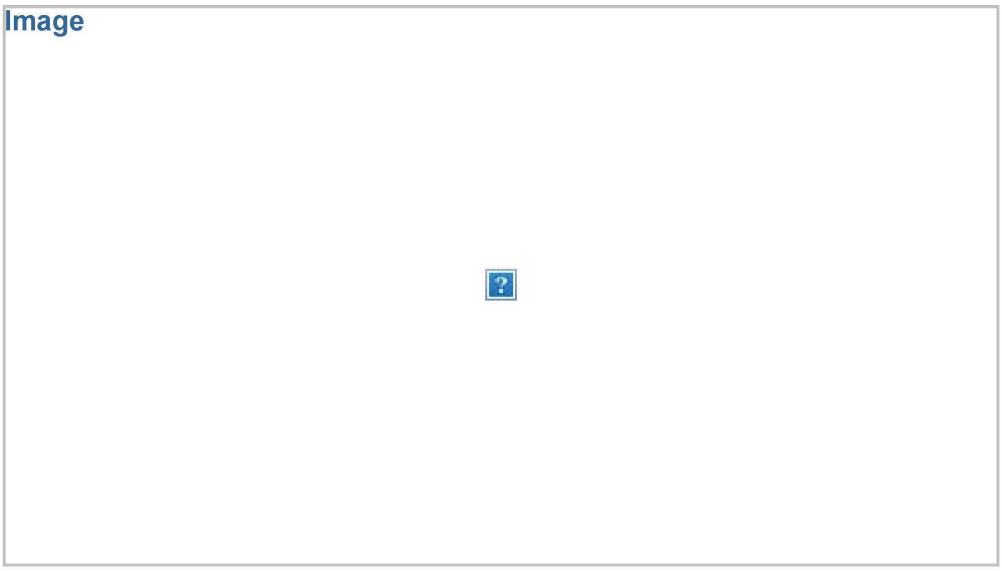

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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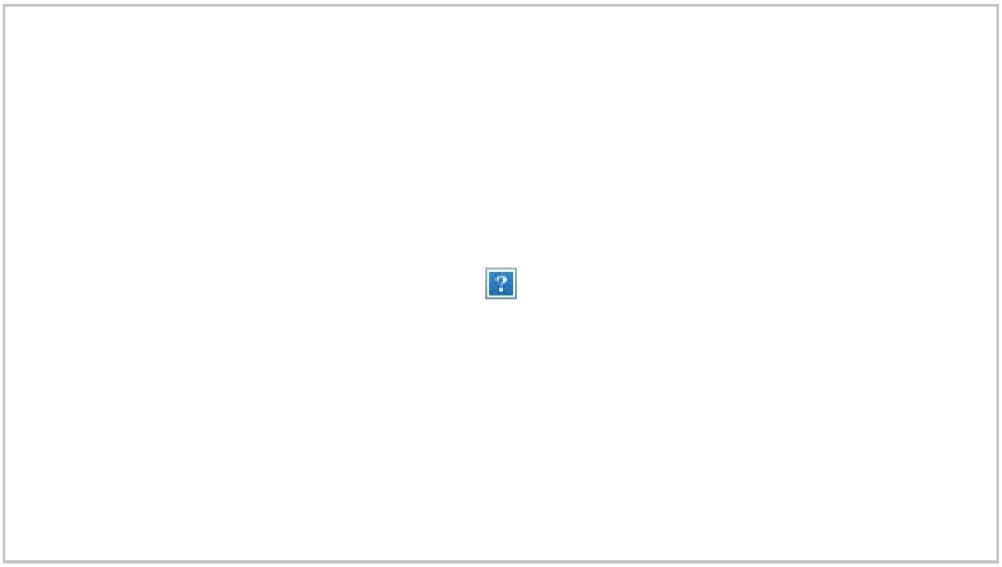
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week



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 IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

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: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11. If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** **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
- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial
- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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.

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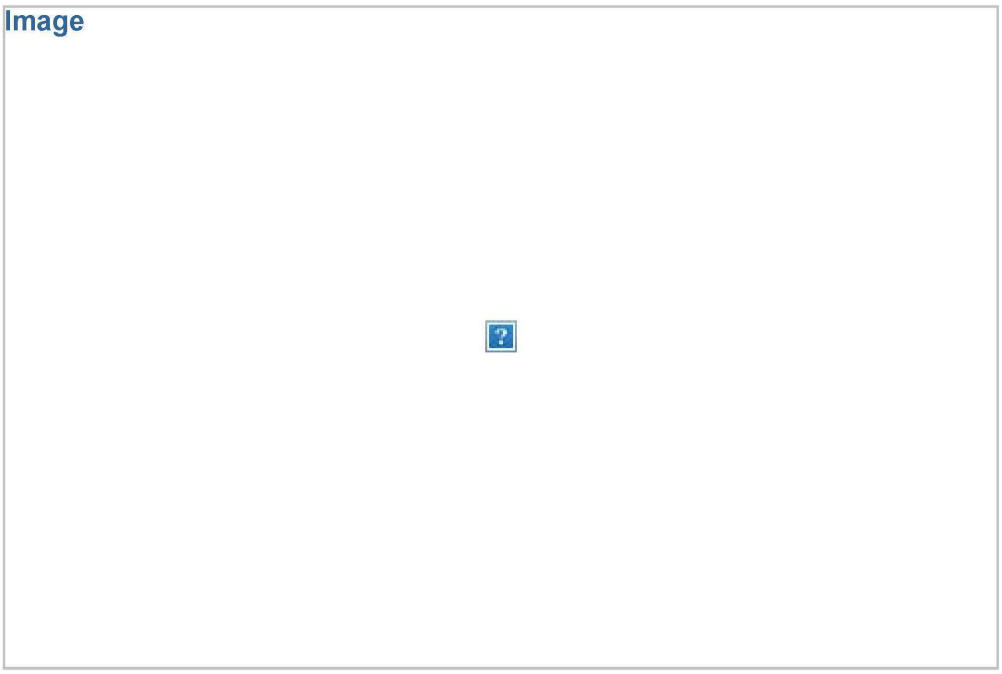
On Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

Read More: **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**



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 **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

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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, 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

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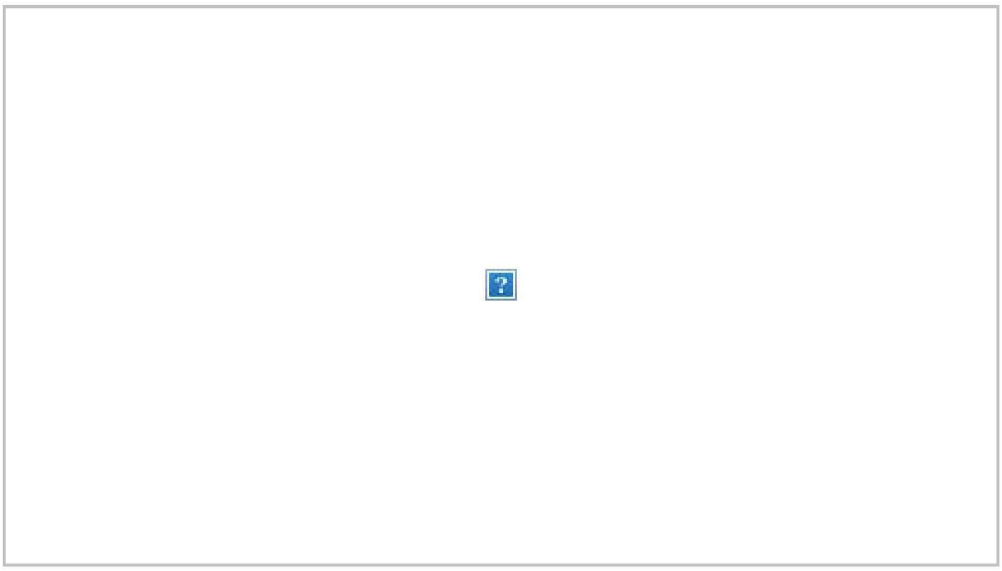
Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,014 COVID-19 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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.



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

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forever indebted to them beyond measure.

Read More: Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020

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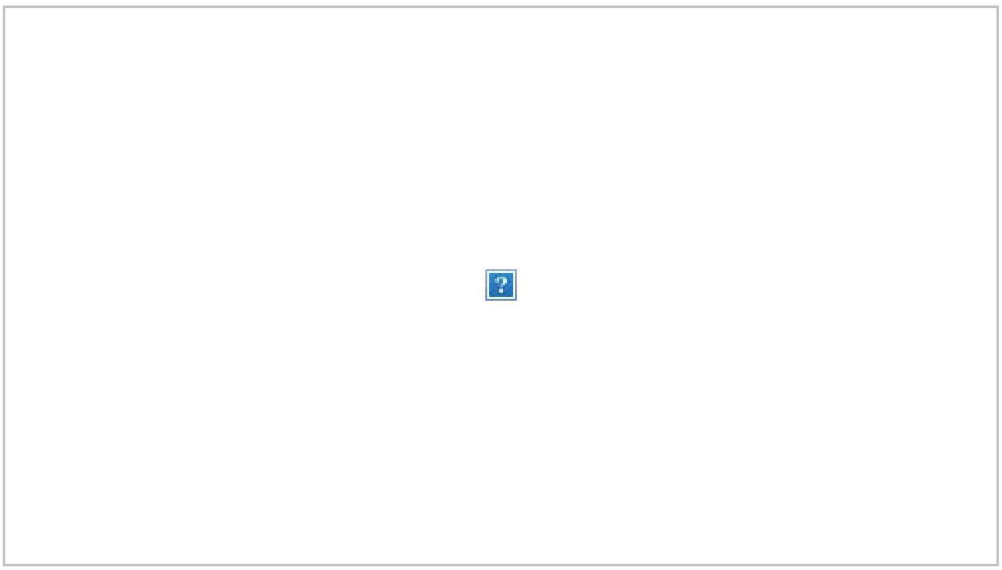

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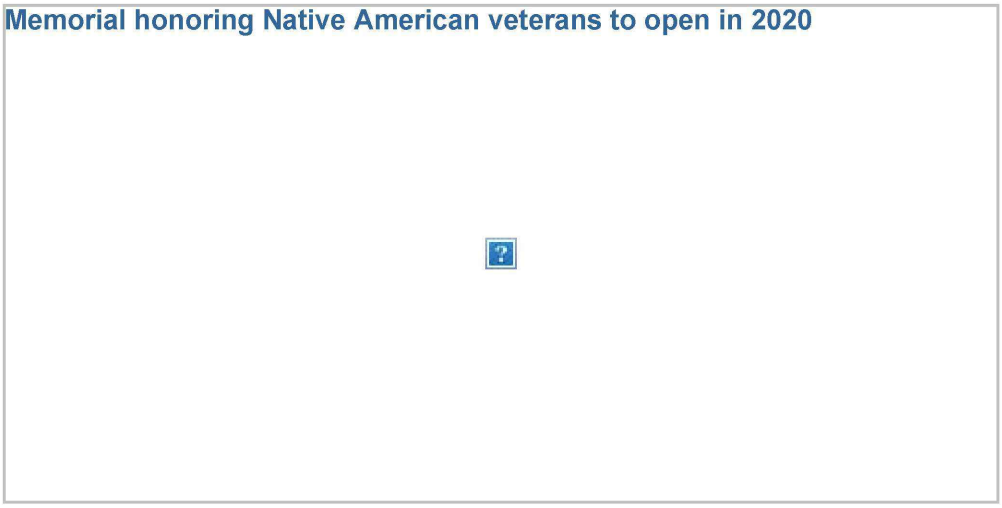

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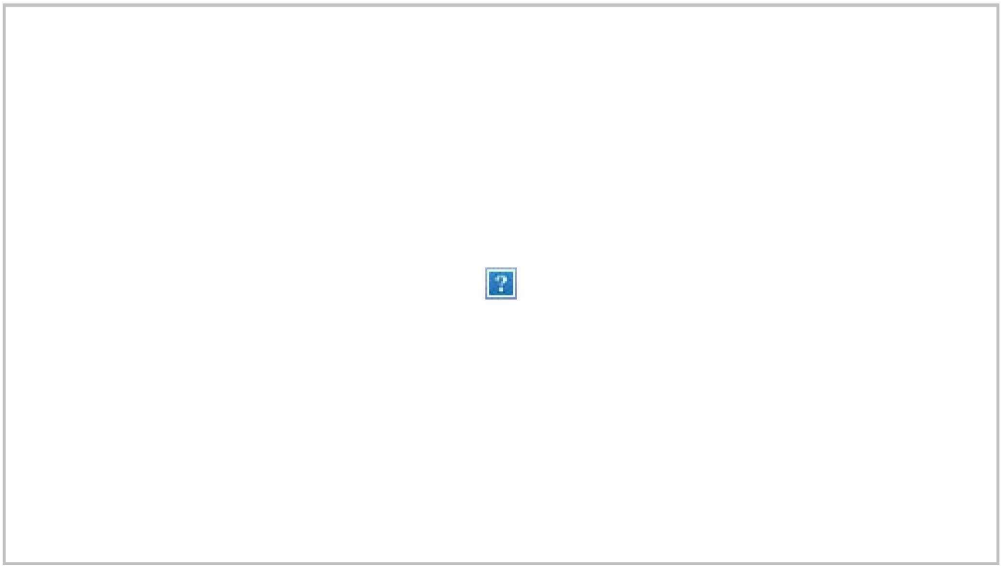

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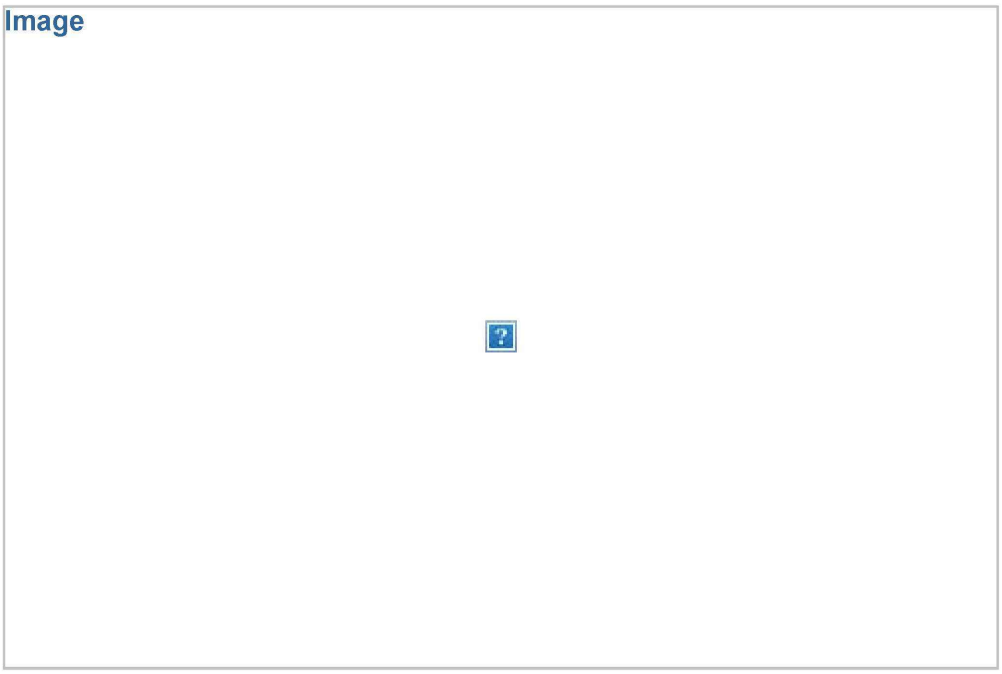

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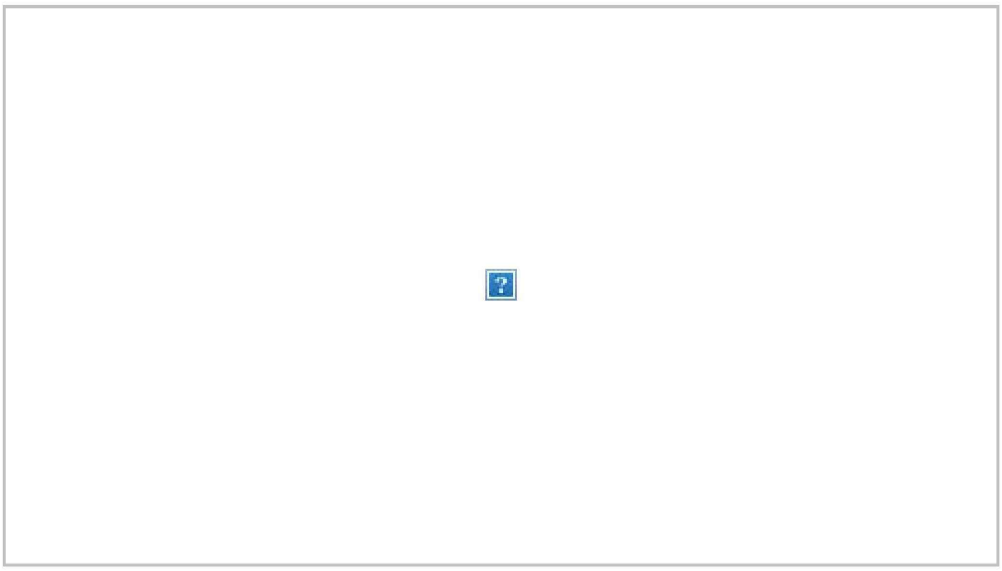

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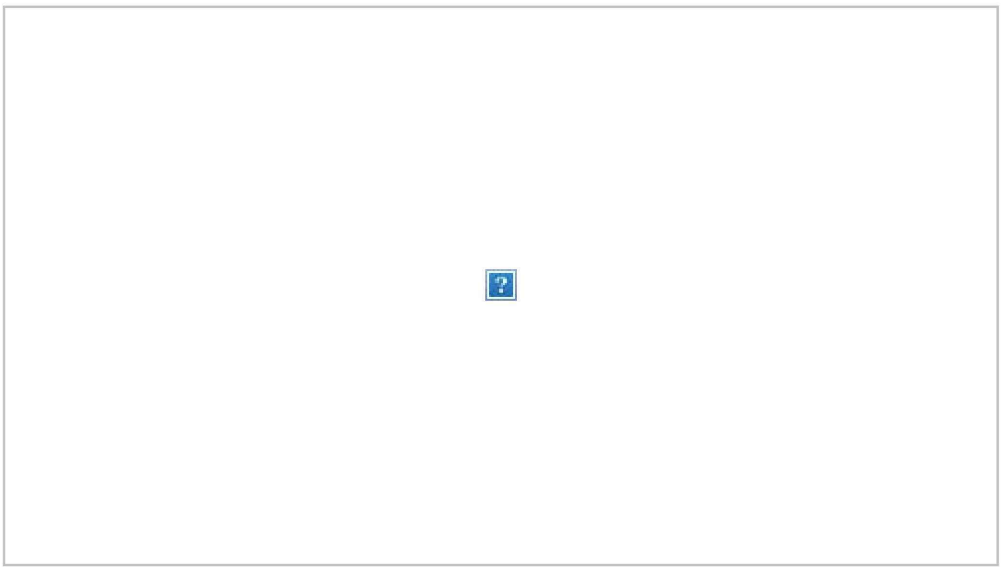

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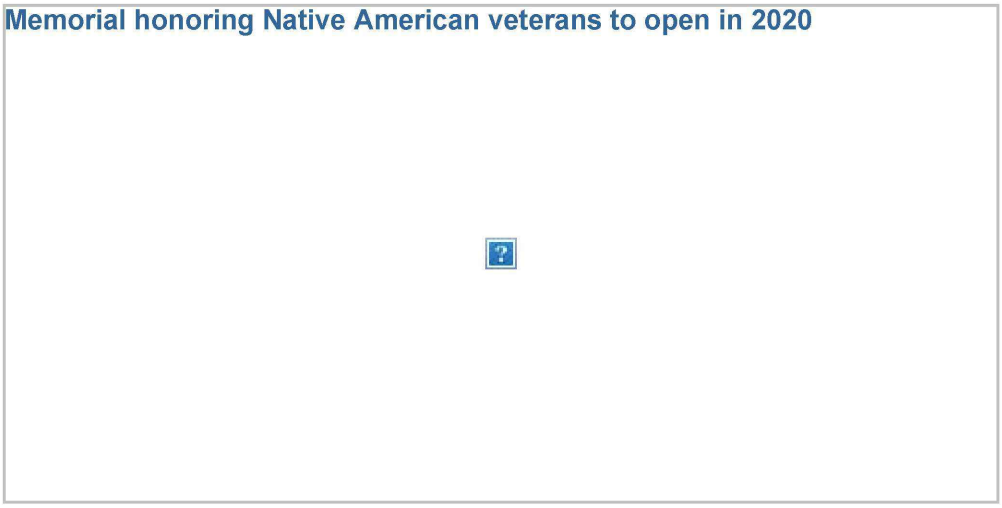

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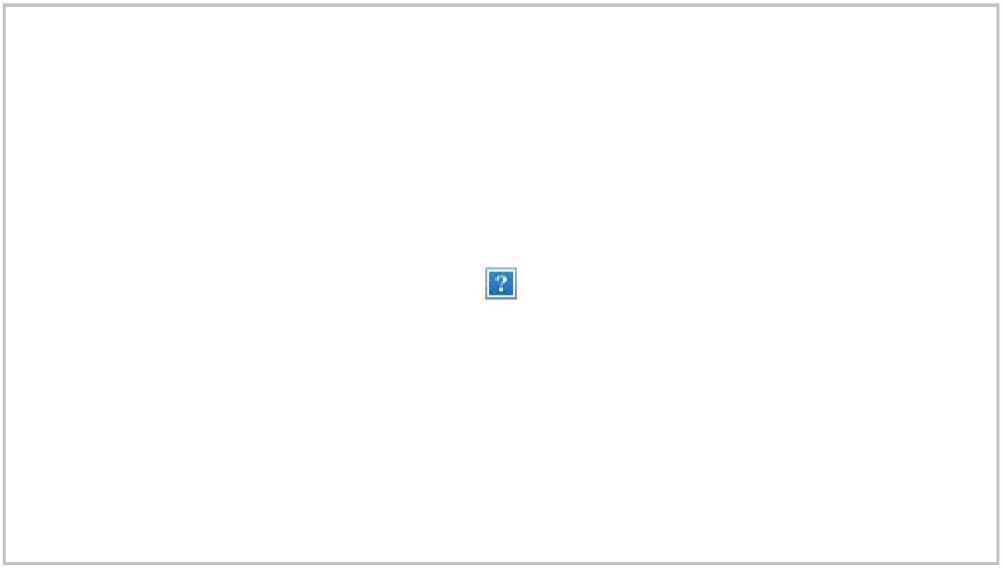

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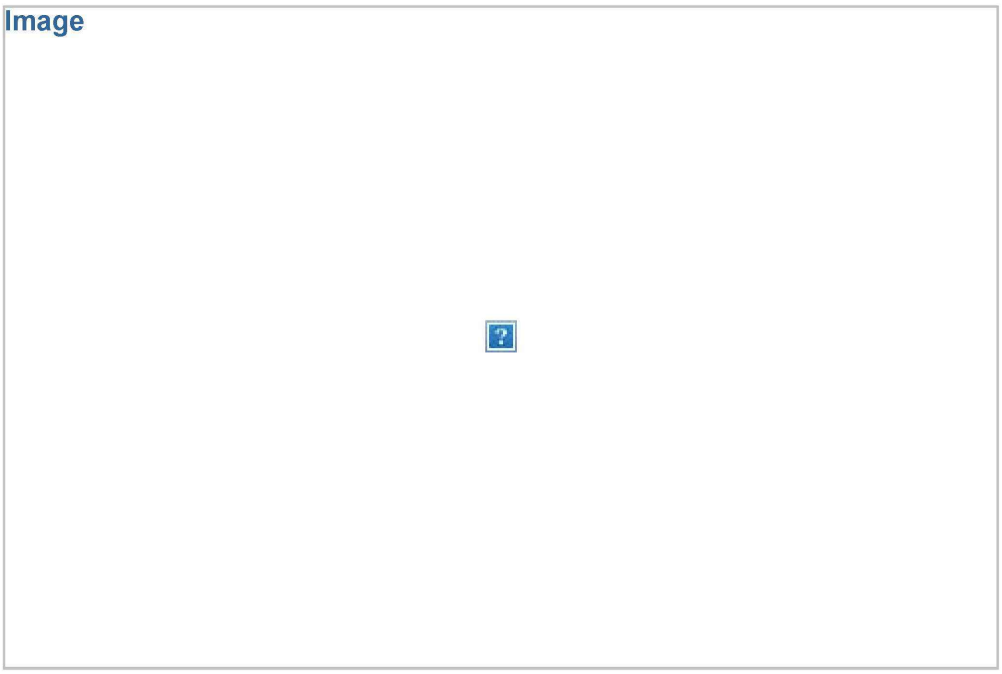

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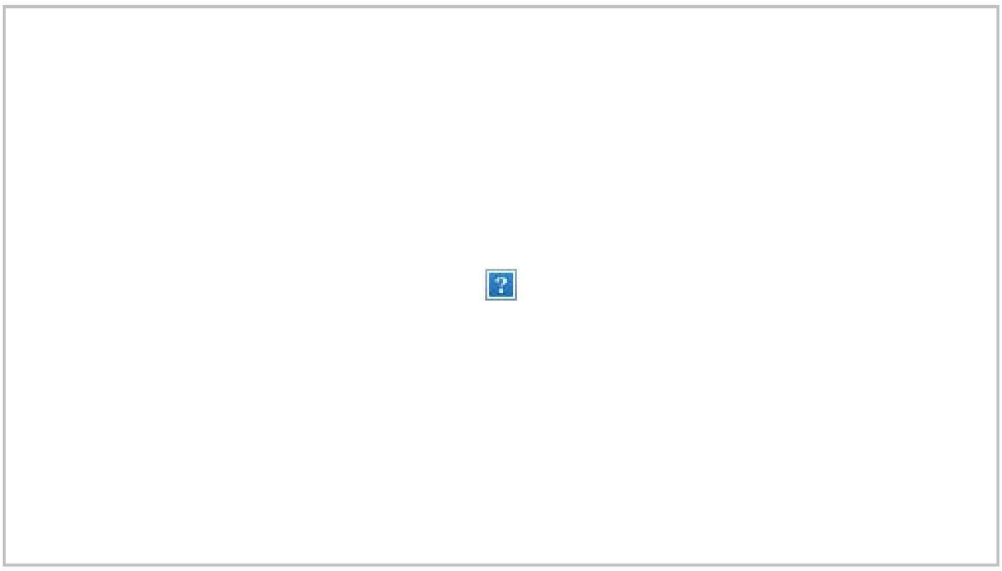

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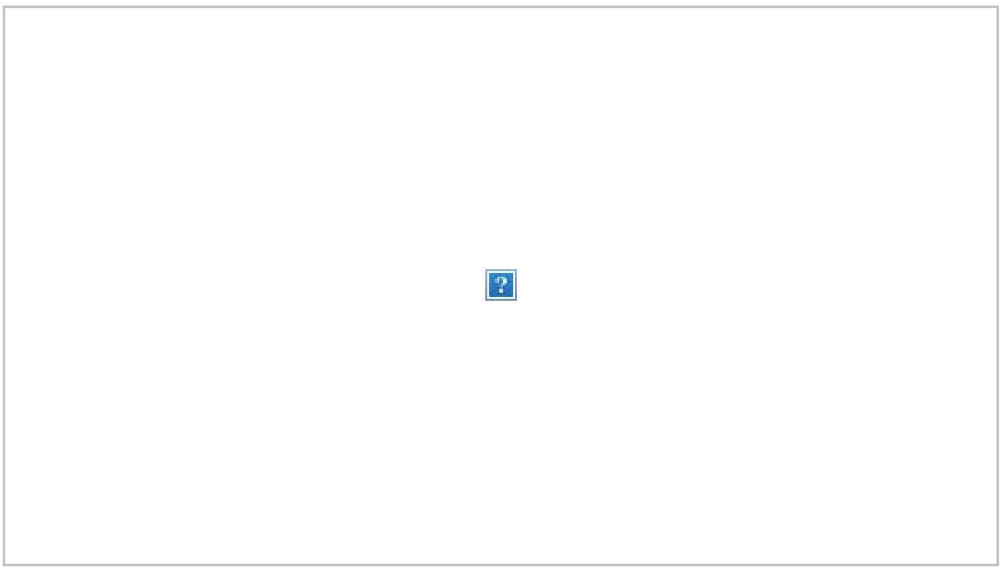

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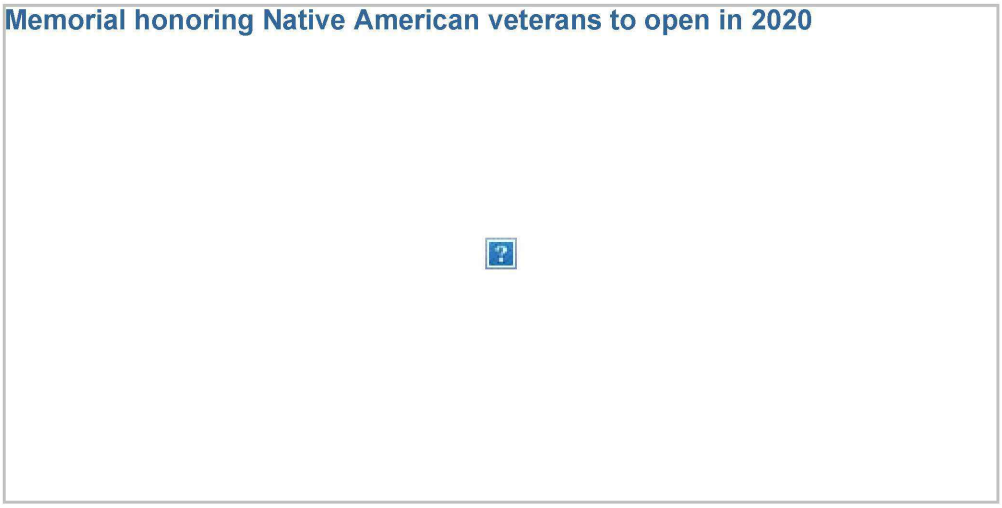

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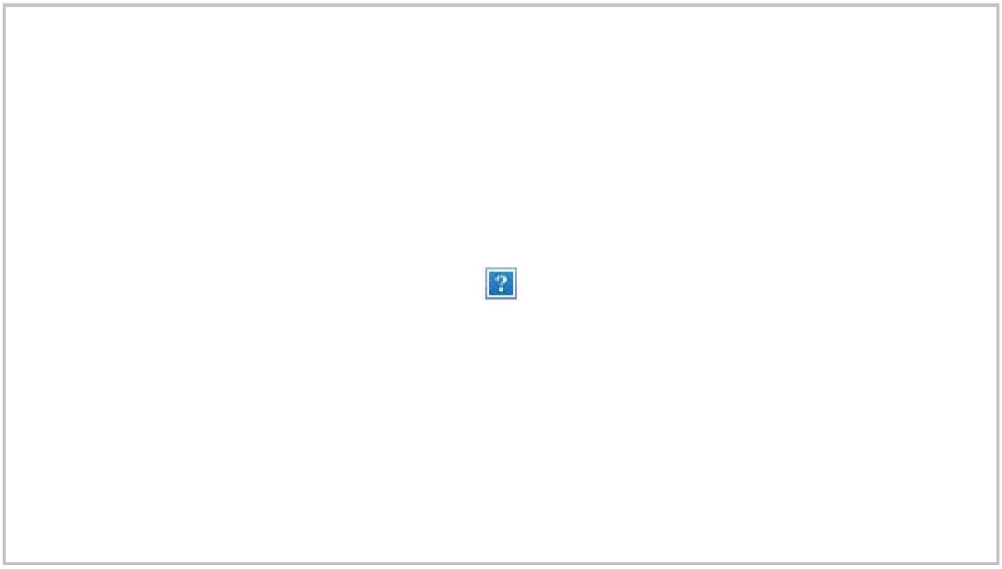

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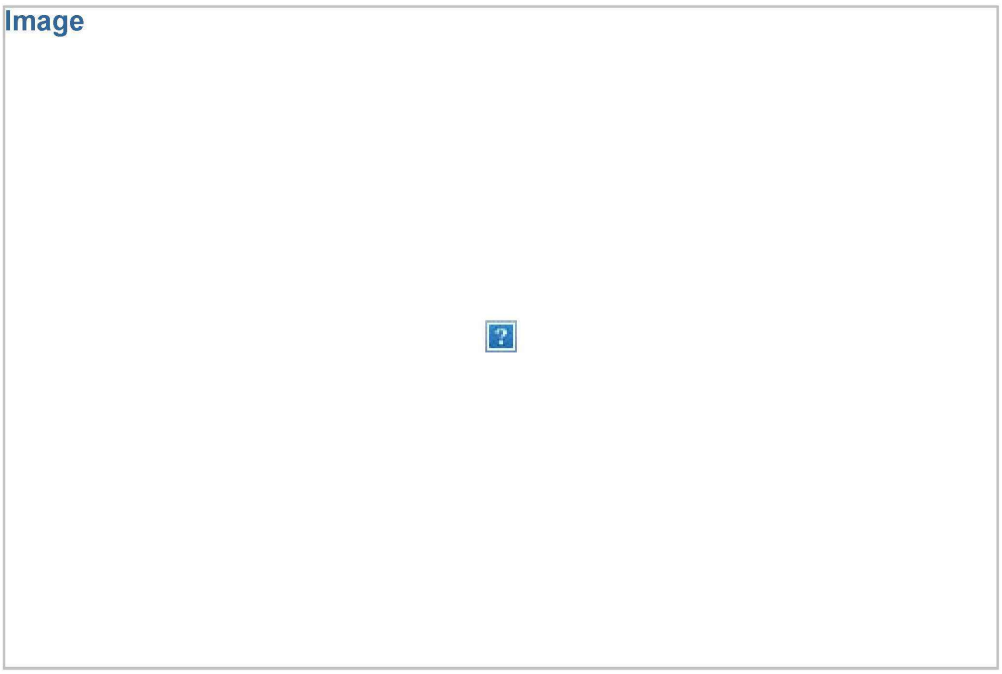

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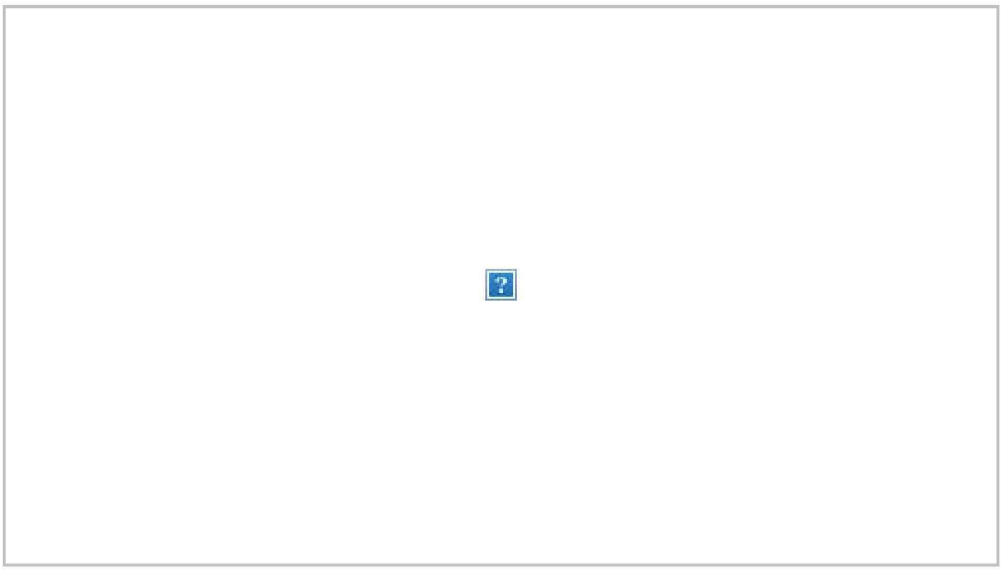

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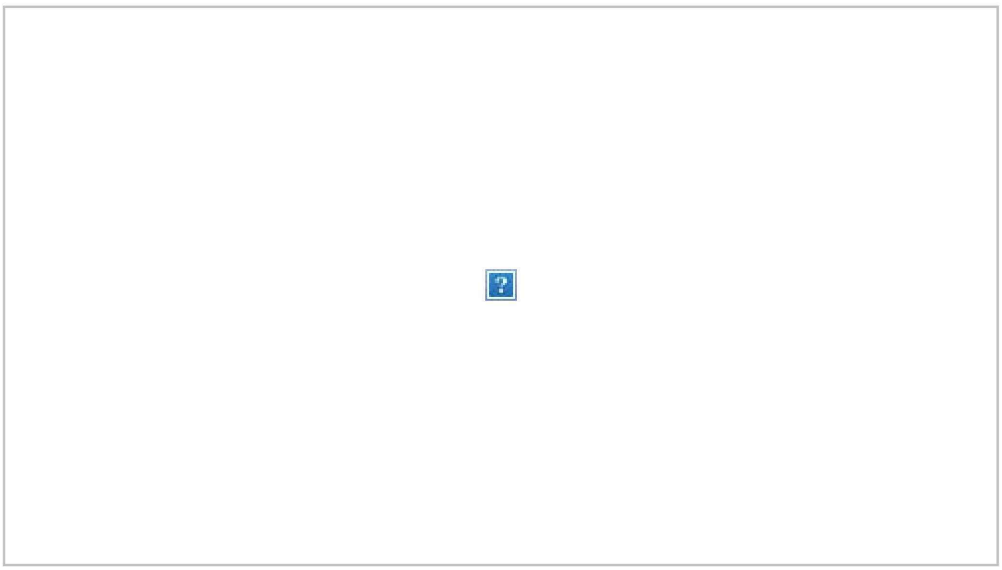

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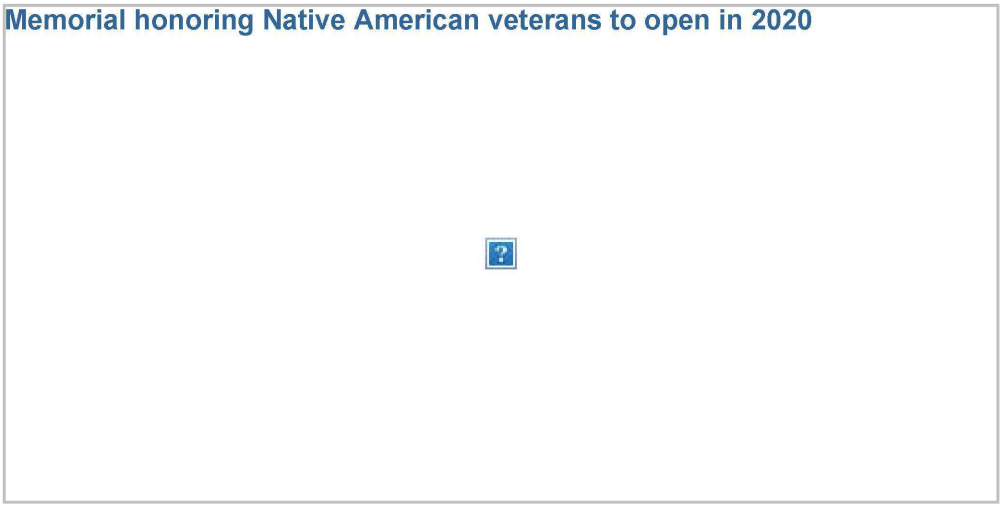

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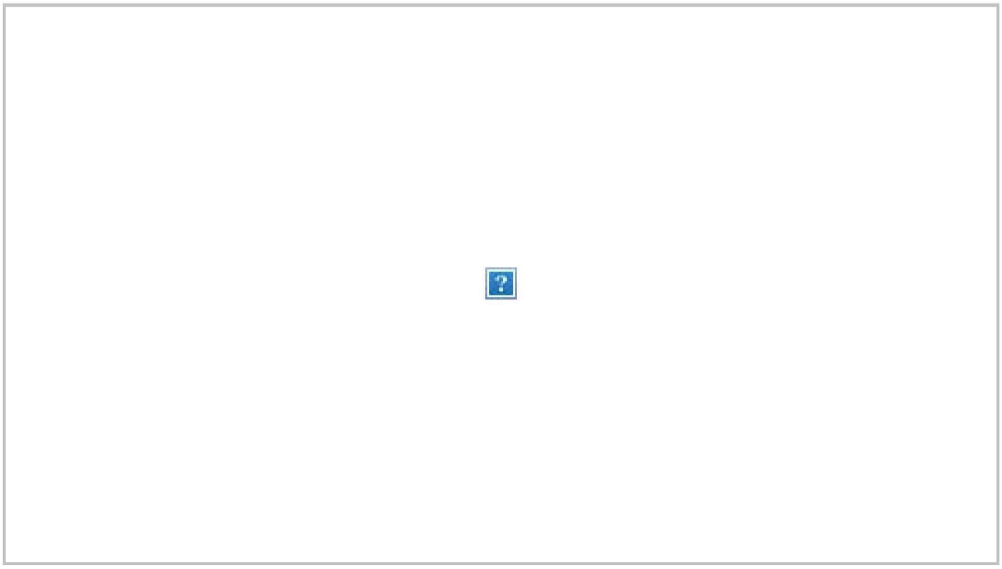

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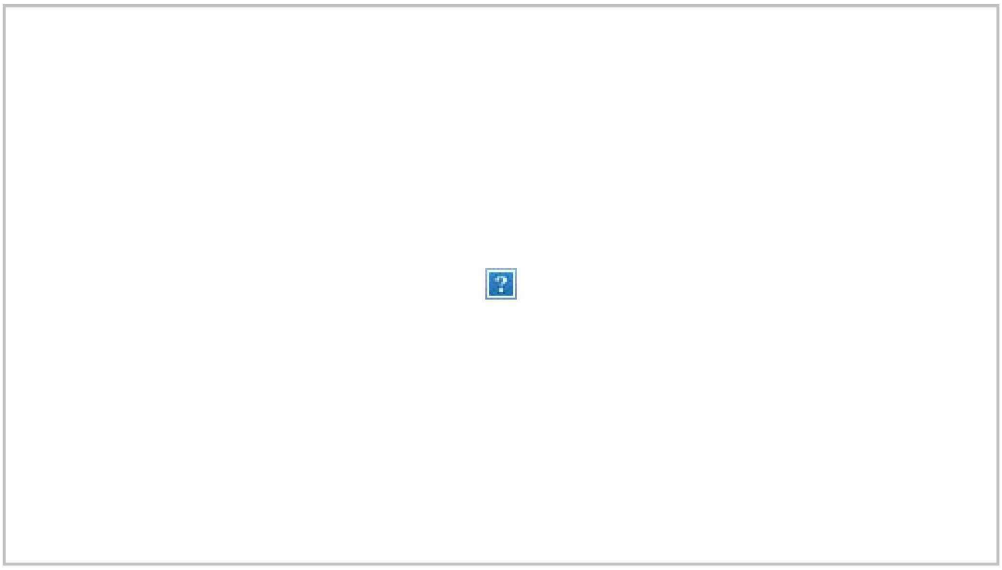

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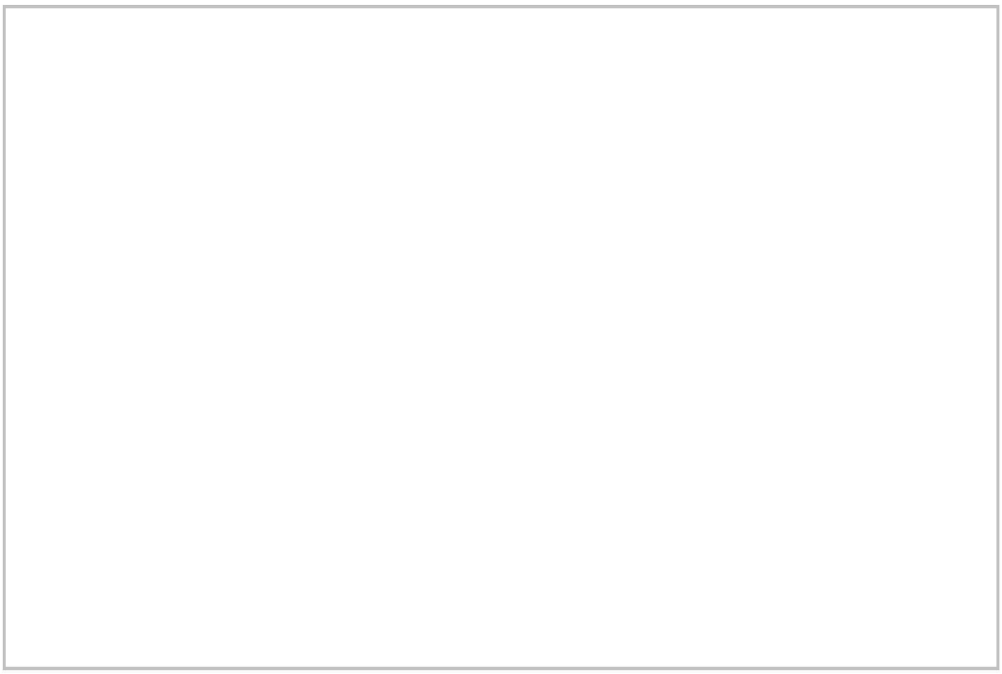

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Indian Affairs Update

DOE Office of Indian Energy Awards

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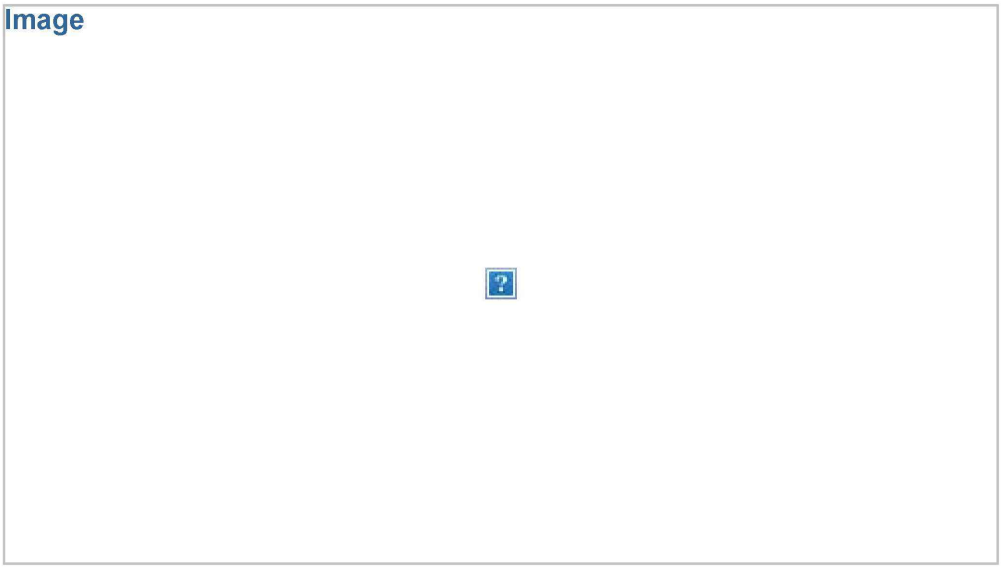

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Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

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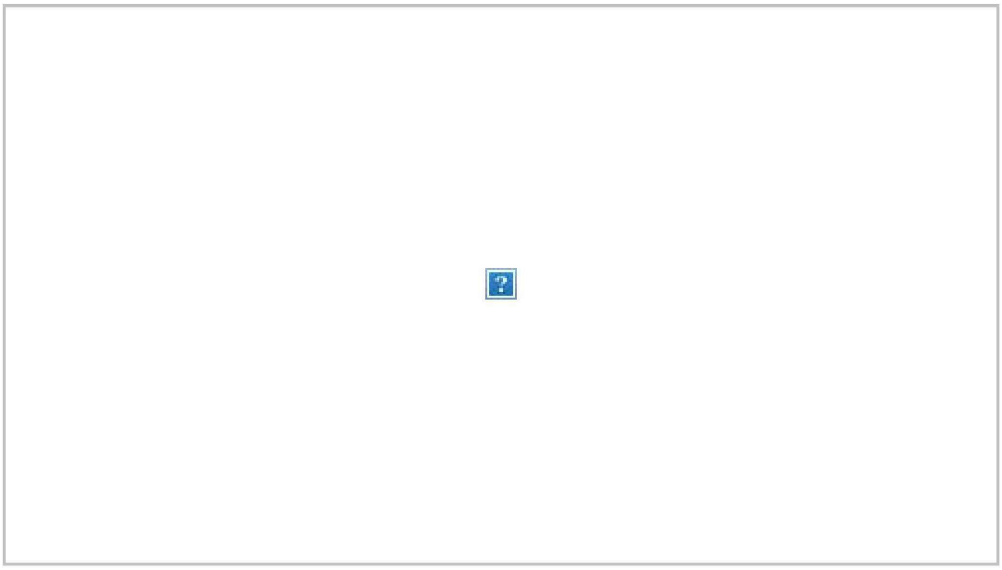

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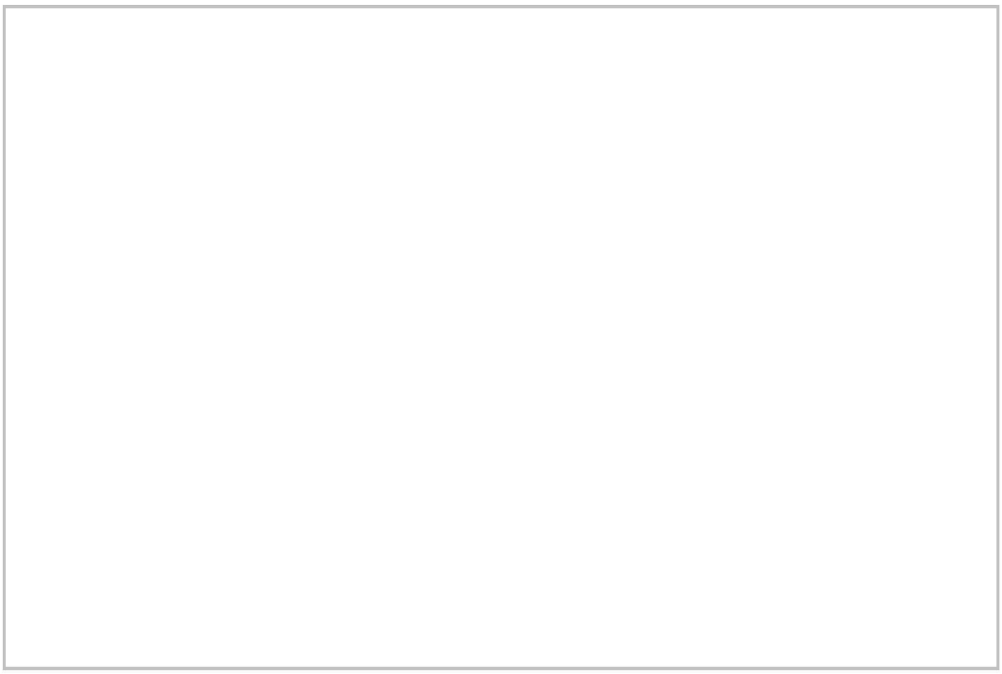

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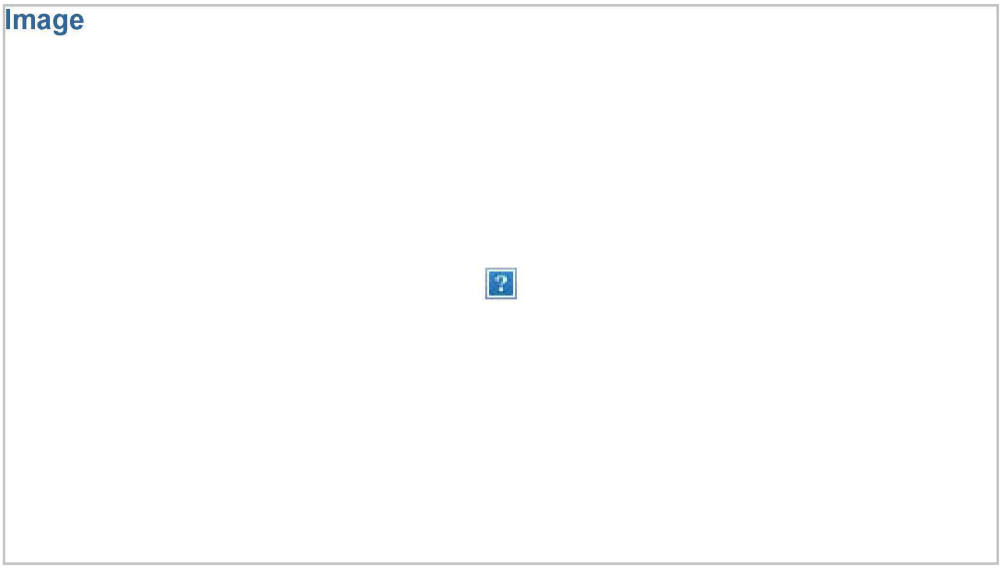

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Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar 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 on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found **here**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries **here**.

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the **Provider Relief Fund** closed today, November 6. More **here**. The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
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- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute for Allergies & Infections Disease*

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- General Gustave Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, OWS, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)*
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- *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.**

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

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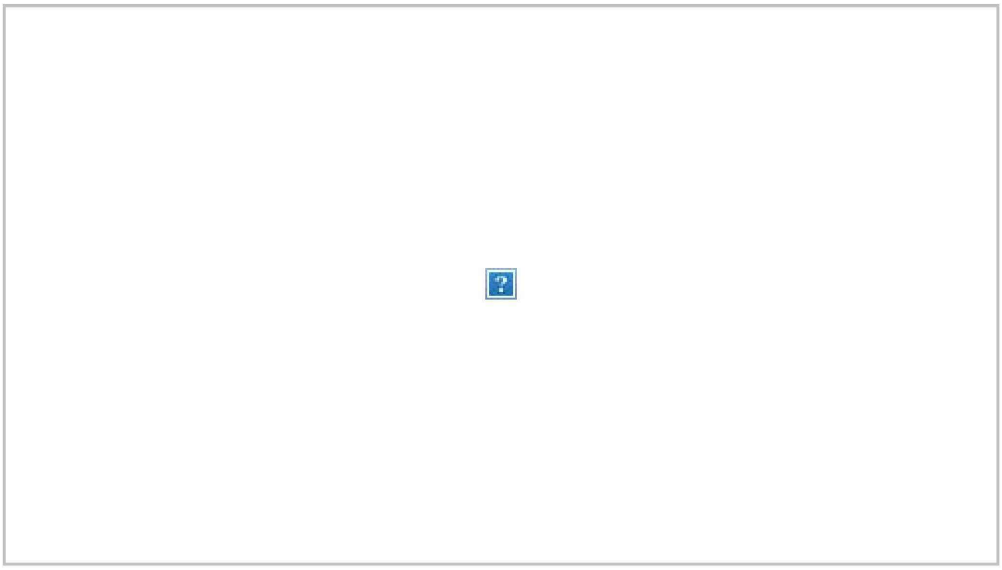

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Unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% vs. 7.7% expected
Non-farm employment up 12 million jobs in past 6 months
Blue-collar workers in construction and manufacturing had combined gains of 122K; leisure and hospitality workers experienced the greatest gains with 271K
Unemployment rate dropped for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans

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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 October #jobsreport

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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**.

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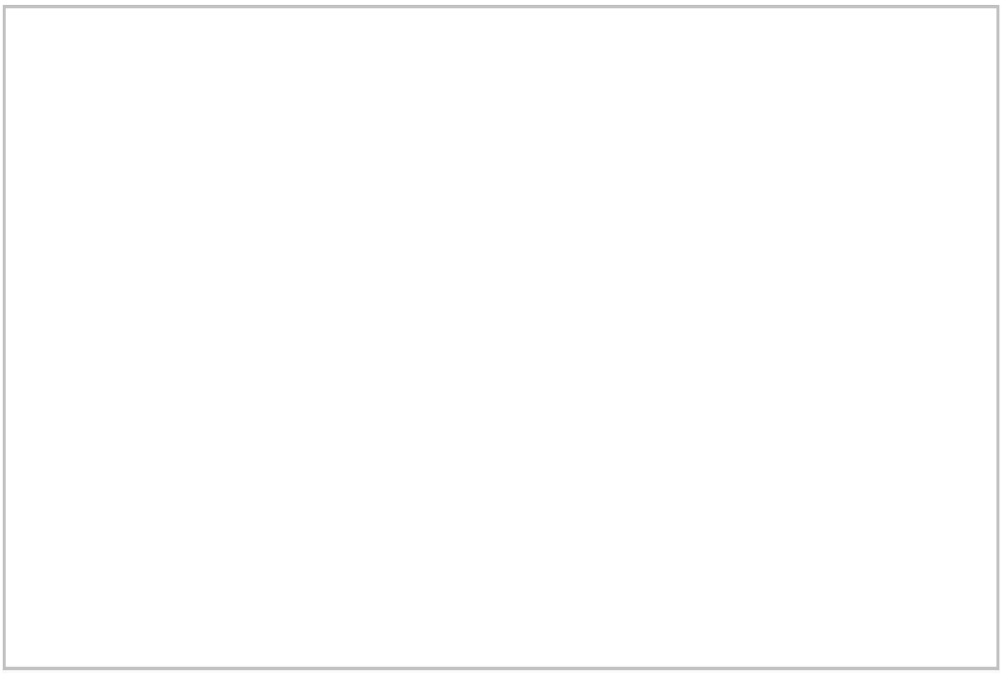

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Read More: **Presidential Proclamation on Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, And Constitution Week, 2020**

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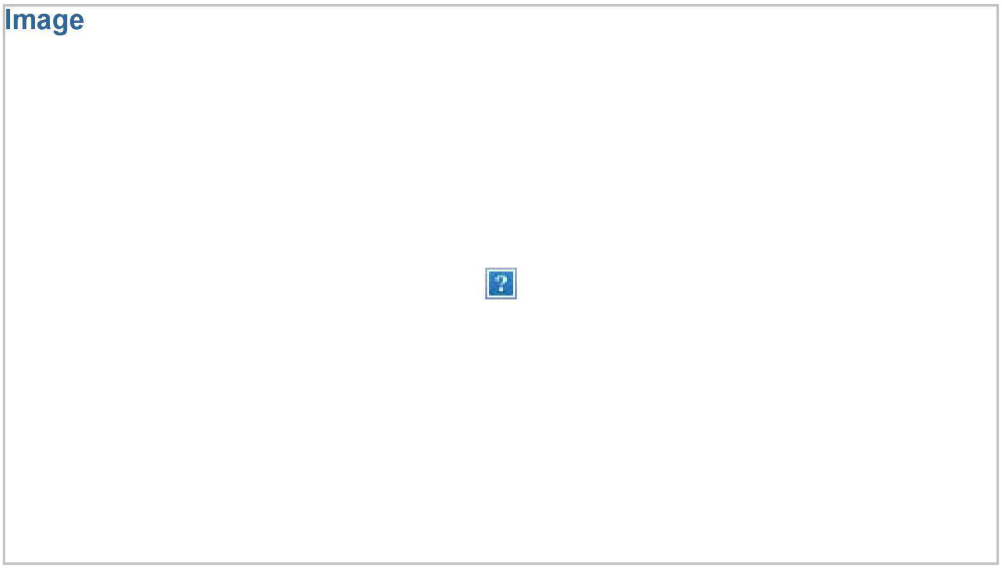

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- Education Week 2020

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COVID-19 Update

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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.

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- **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 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

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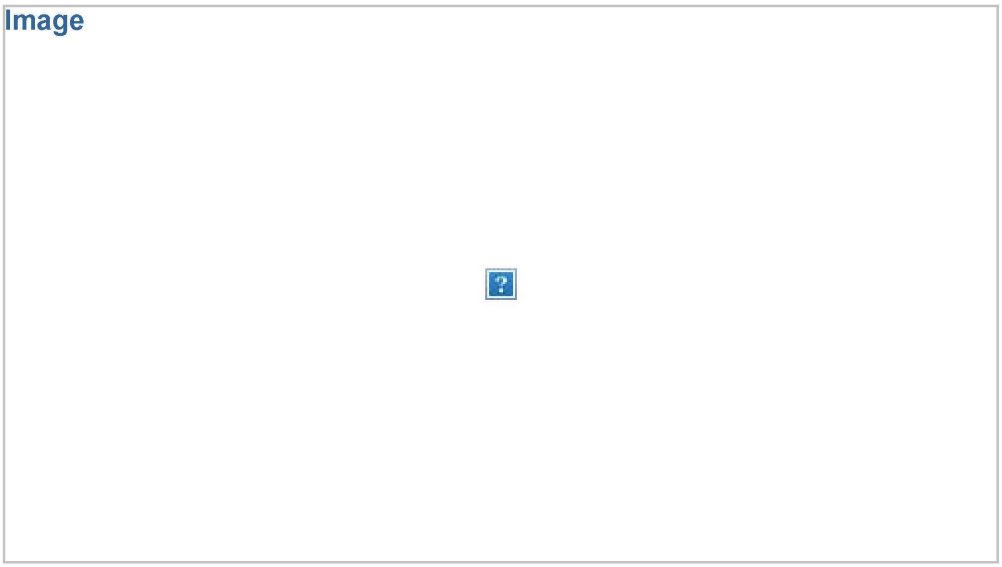
Fact Sheet: **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**



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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*

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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 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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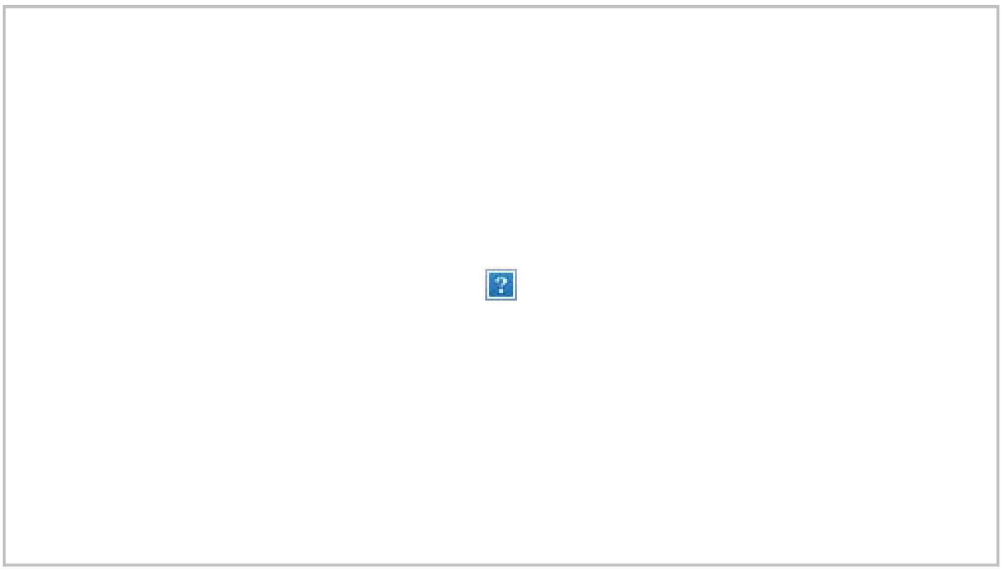

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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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.

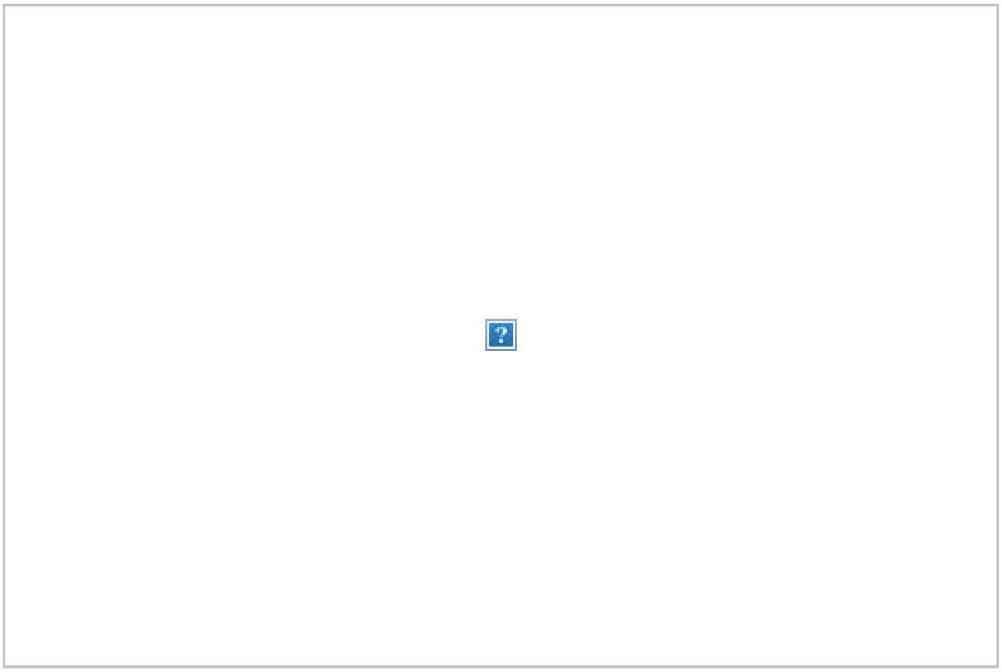
Read More: **Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

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



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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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.

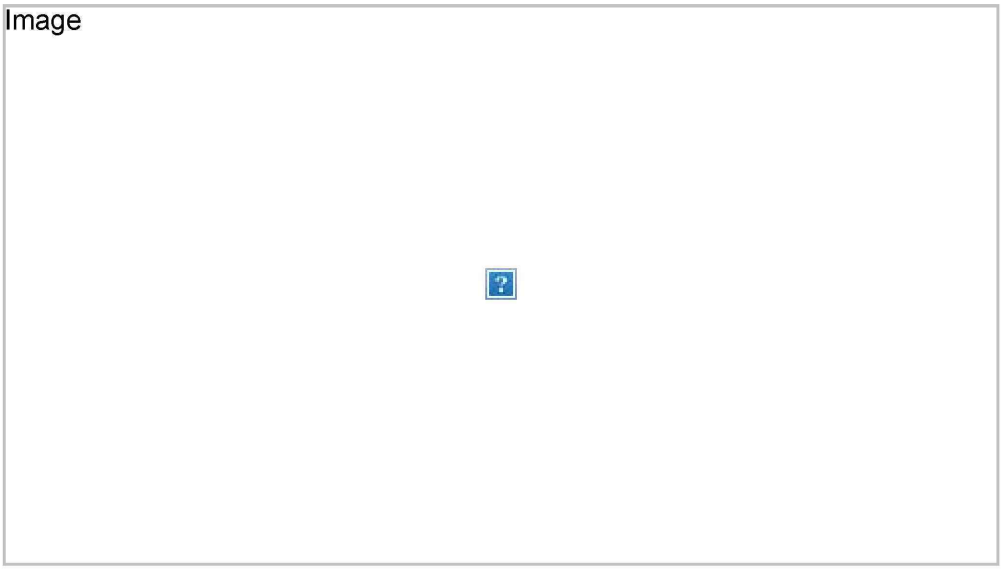
Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed 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**

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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 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch

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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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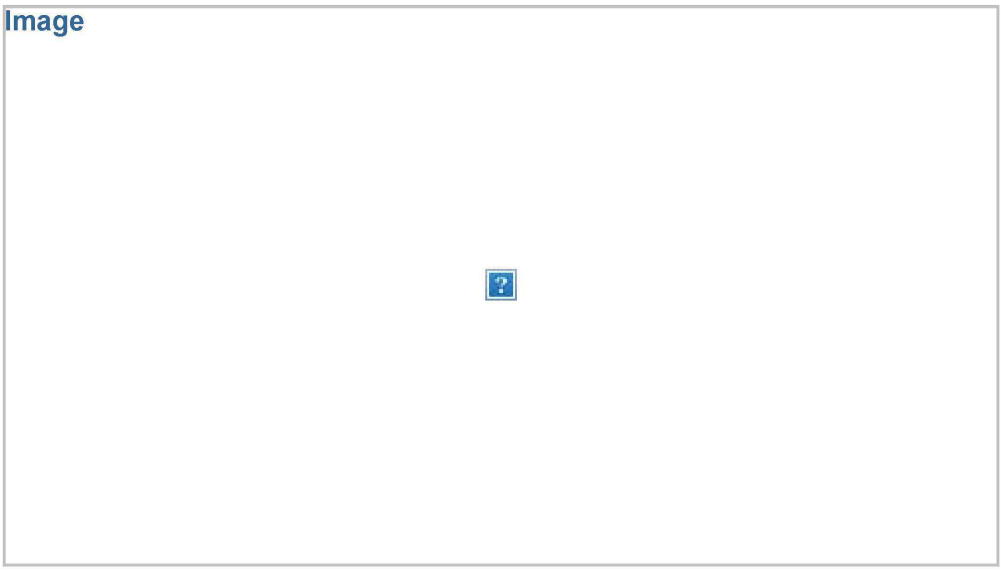

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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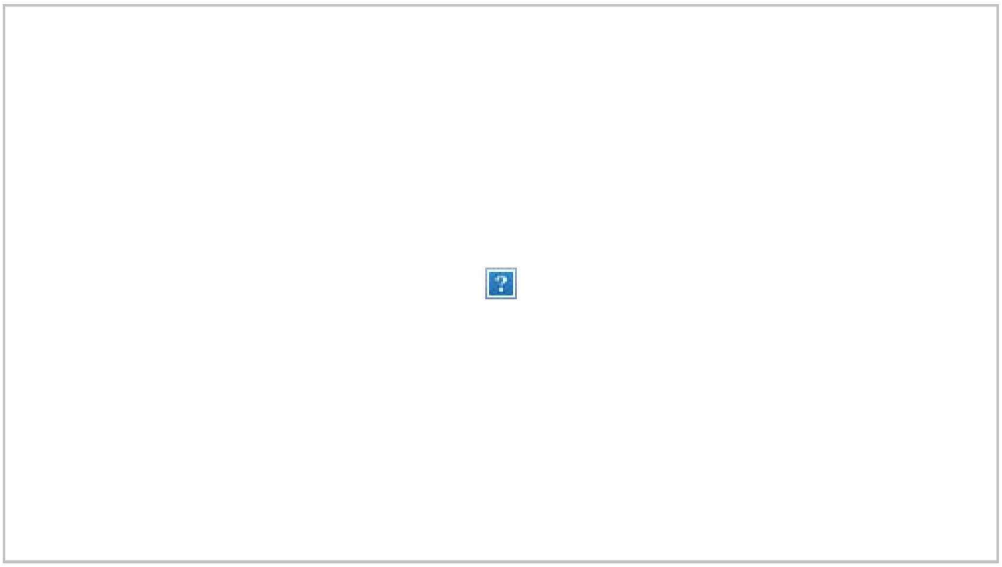
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week



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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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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, November 18, 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.

Please note that we have begun sharing call registration and other pertinent information through an email platform. See the below *IGA Weekly Recap* as an example. If you are not receiving our communications, please check your spam folder and make sure to add IGA.state@who.eop.gov to your approved email list.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, November 18
Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and time zone)
Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE (if you have already registered, please disregard)
Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.

Thank you for your continued partnership. As a reminder, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs 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 be helpful.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

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: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11. If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** **CLICK HERE**
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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update
- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial
- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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 Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the 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

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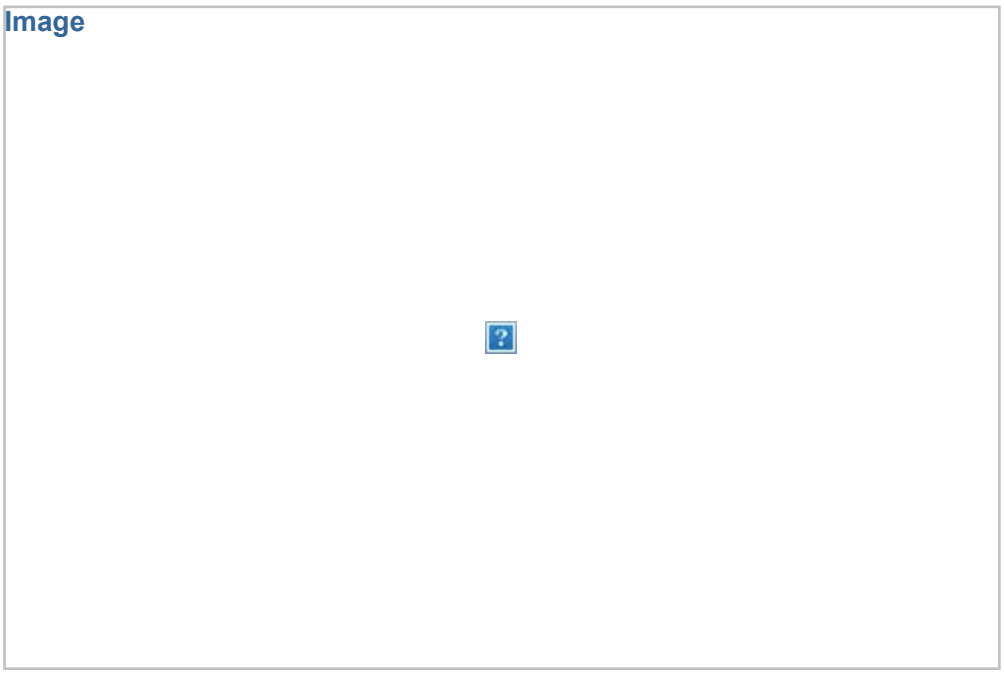

Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

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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

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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.

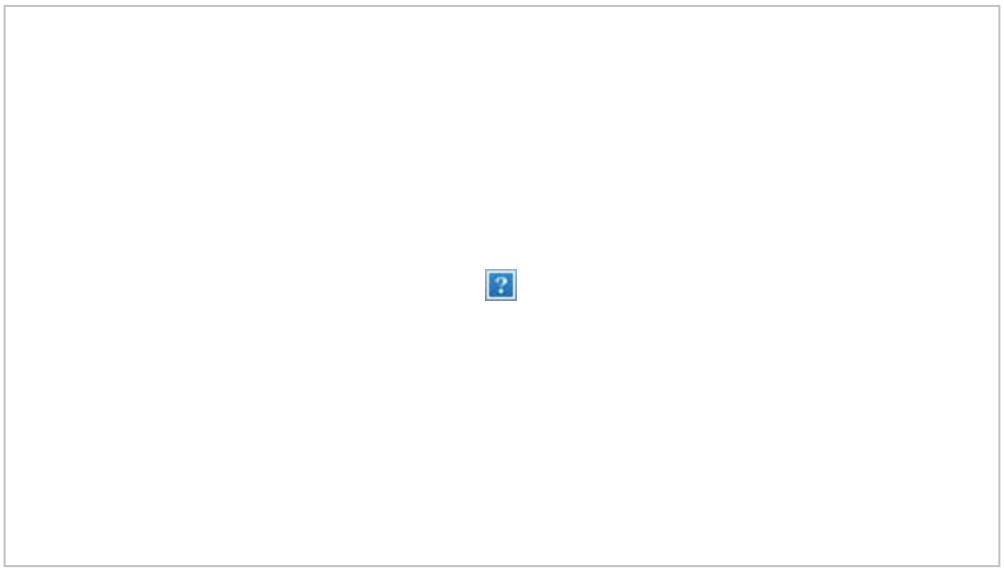
Read More: **FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19**

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, 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**



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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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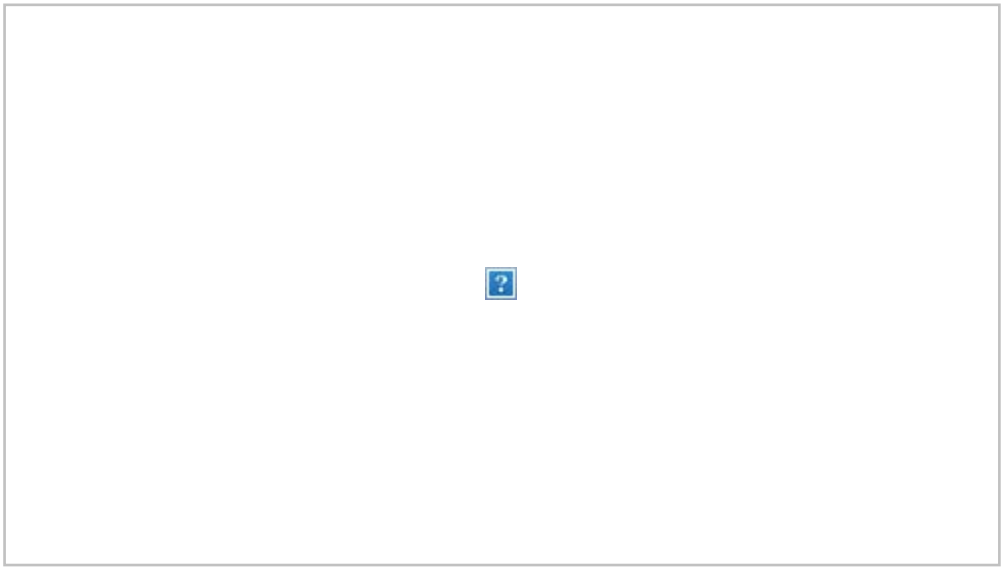

America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. 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.

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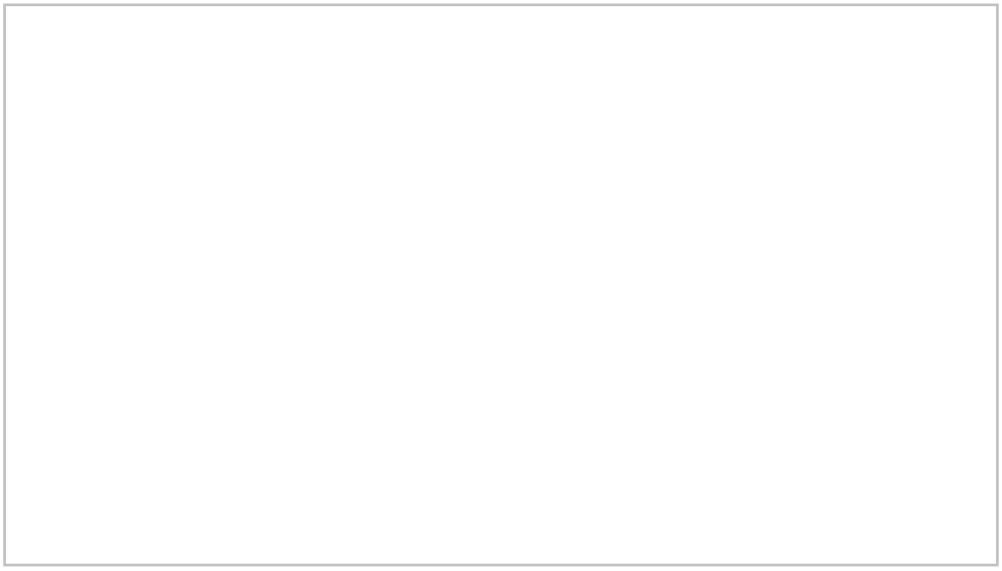

Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie: **How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans**

Watch: **Veterans Day Message from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie**

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Read More: **Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families**

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.

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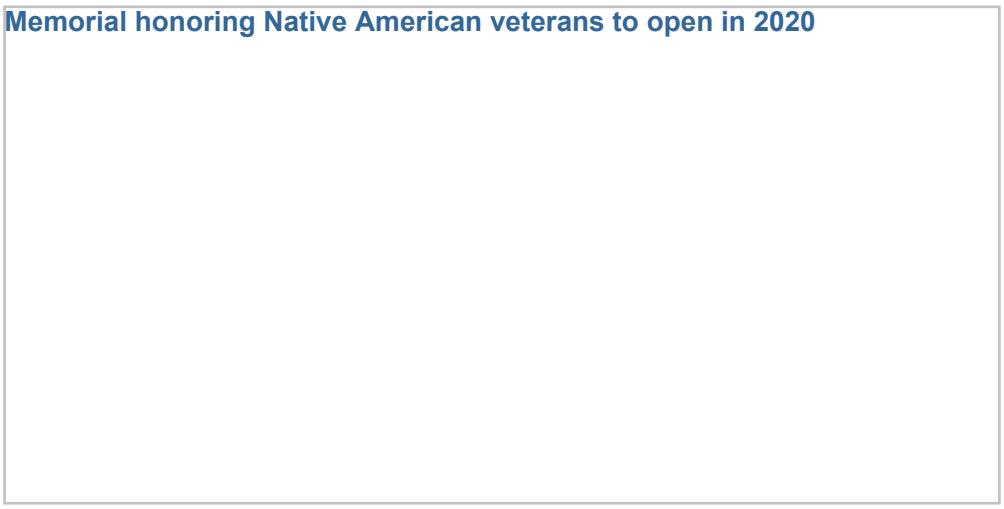

The $15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San 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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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.

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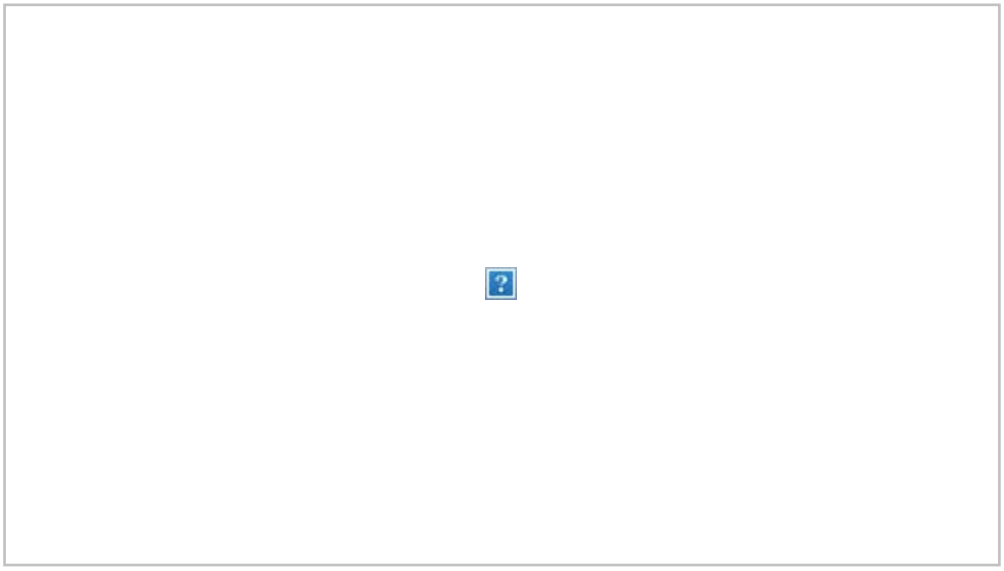

Watch: [You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!]

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 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

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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**

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**

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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Read More: **Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies**

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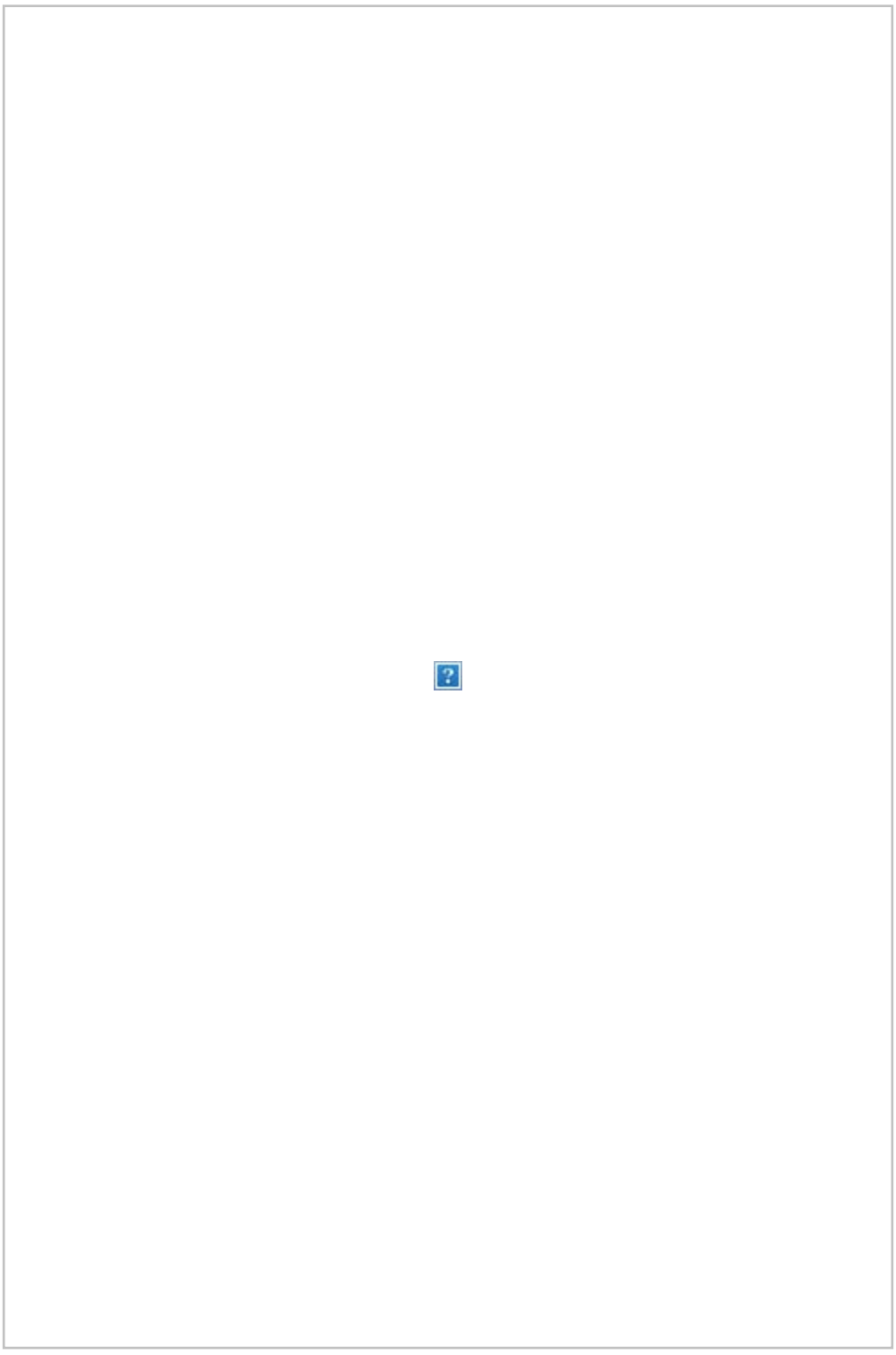

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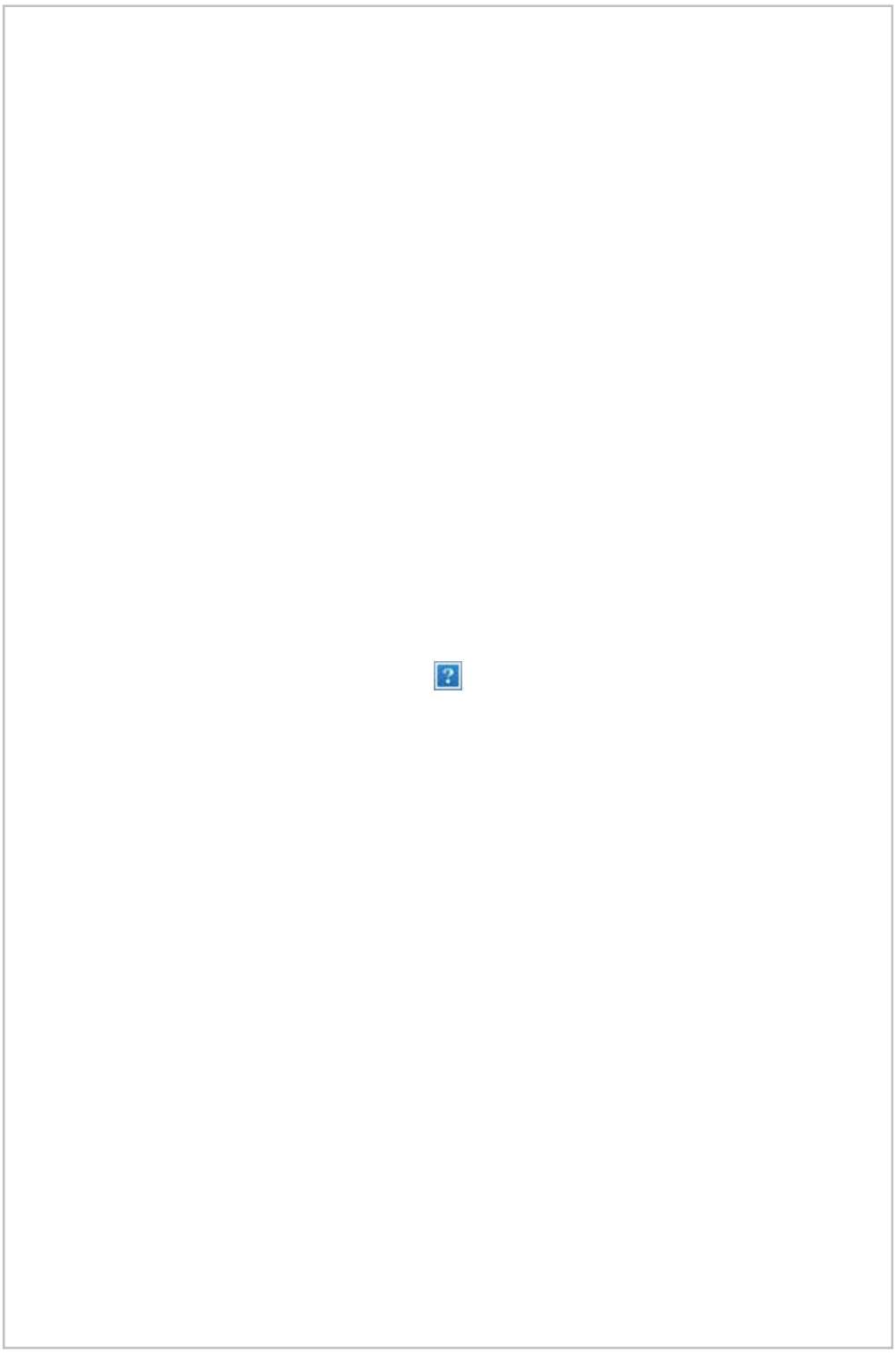

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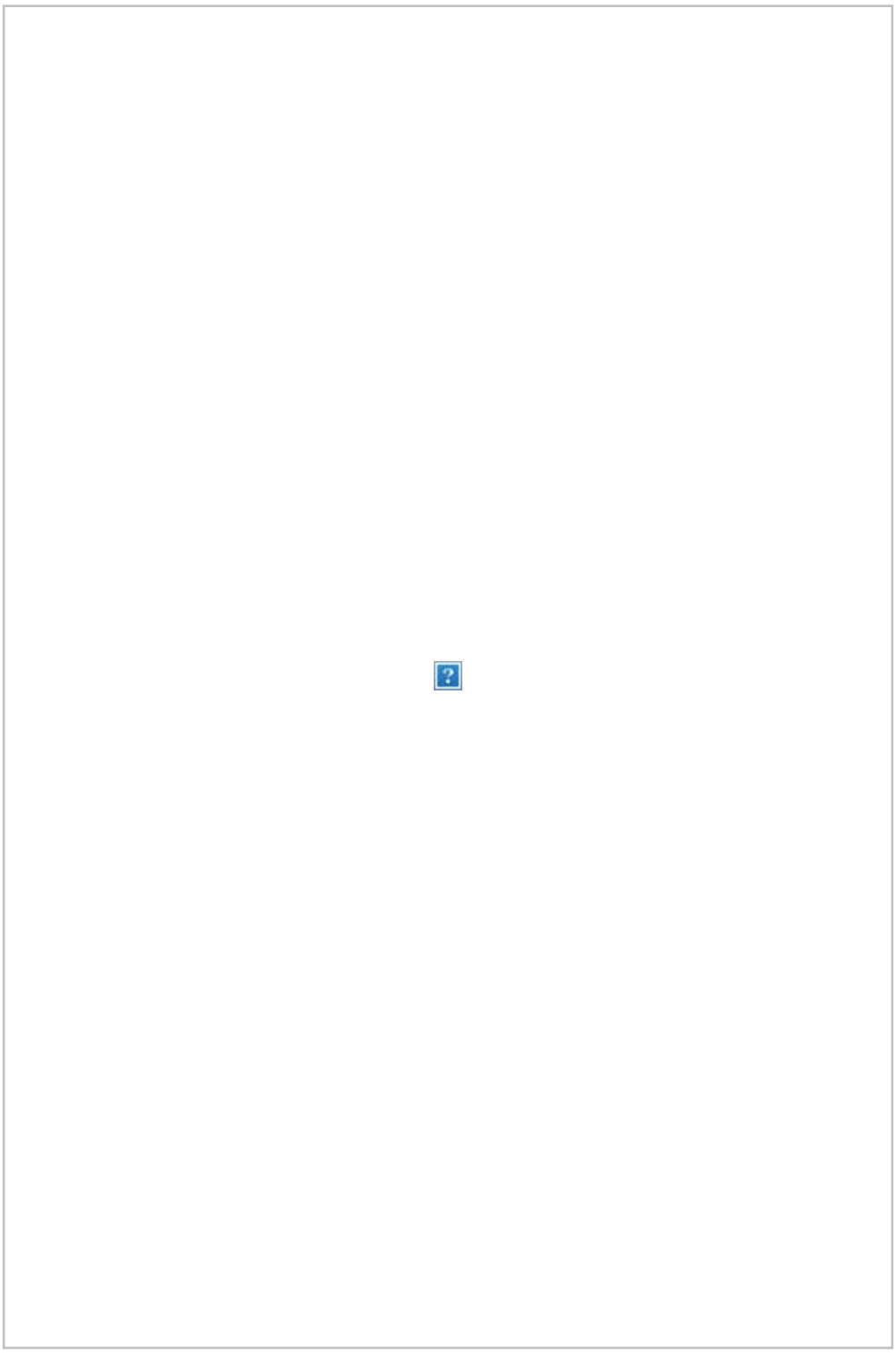

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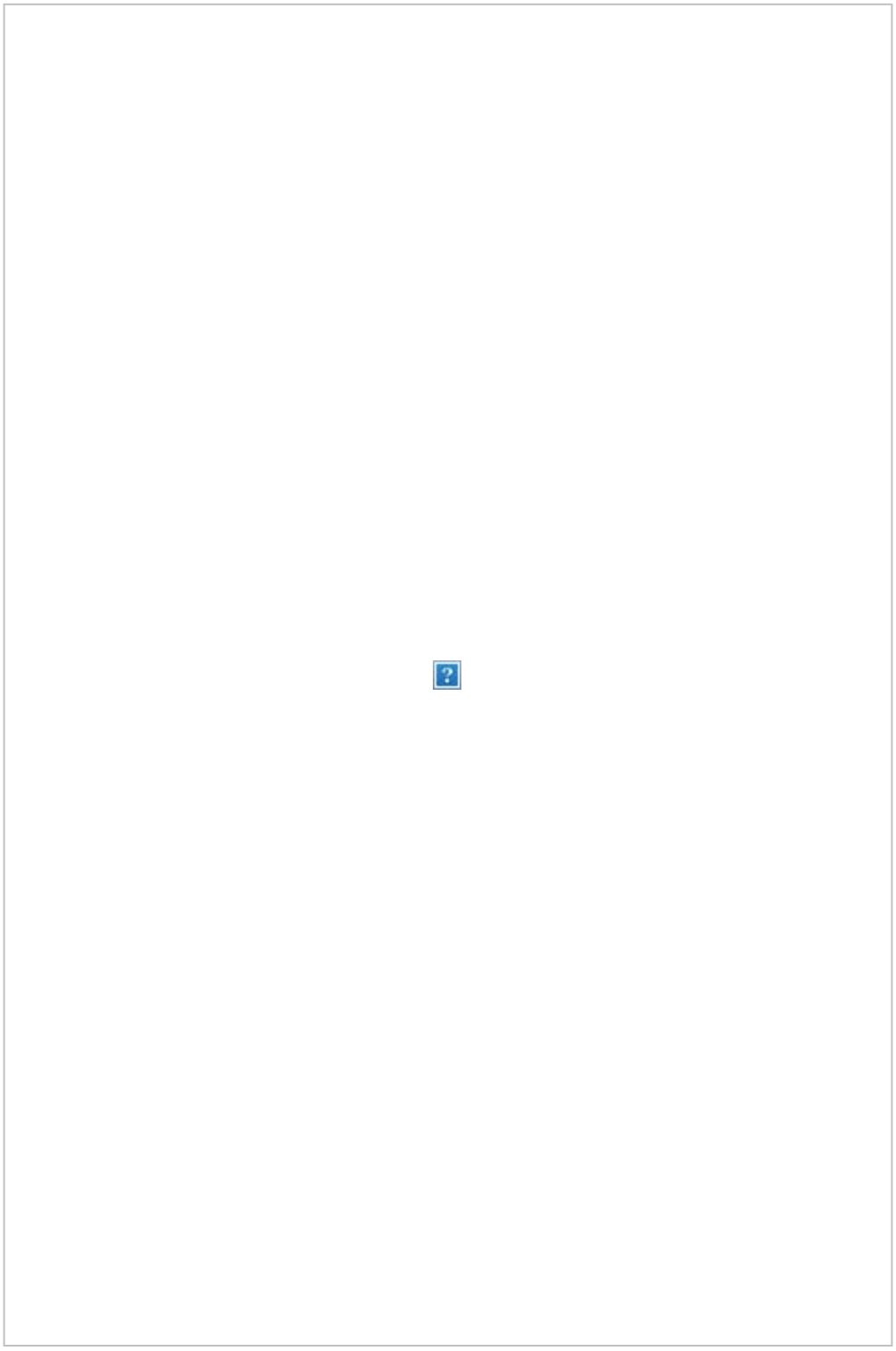

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Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues 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 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**

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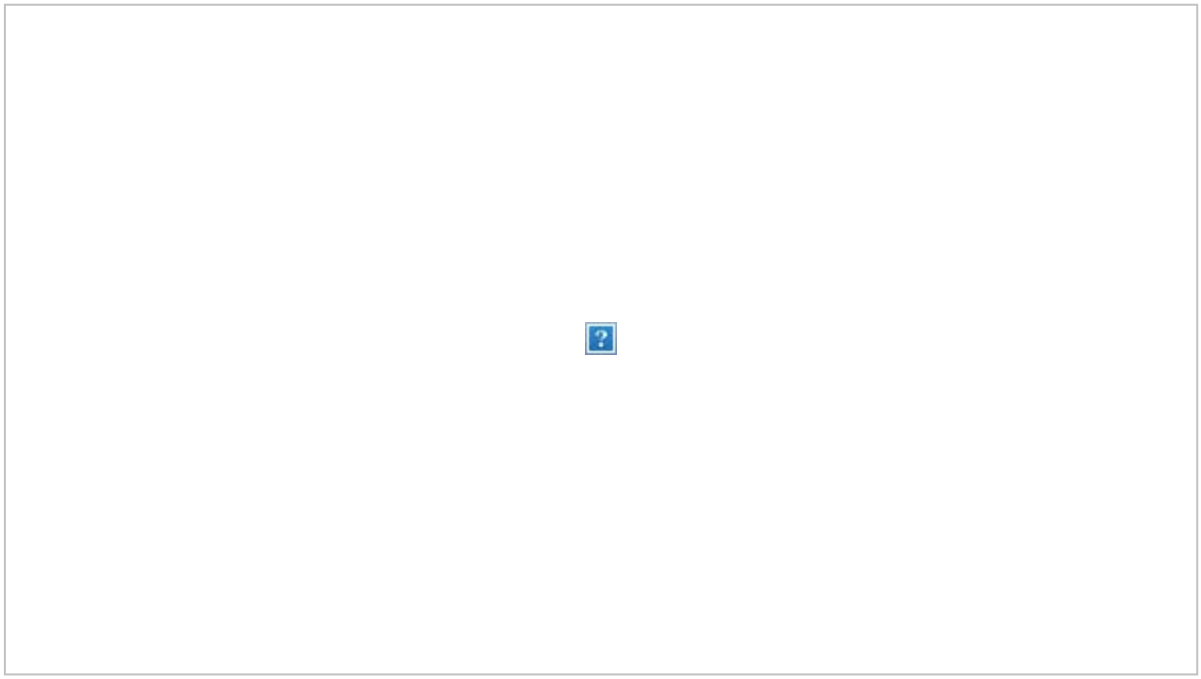

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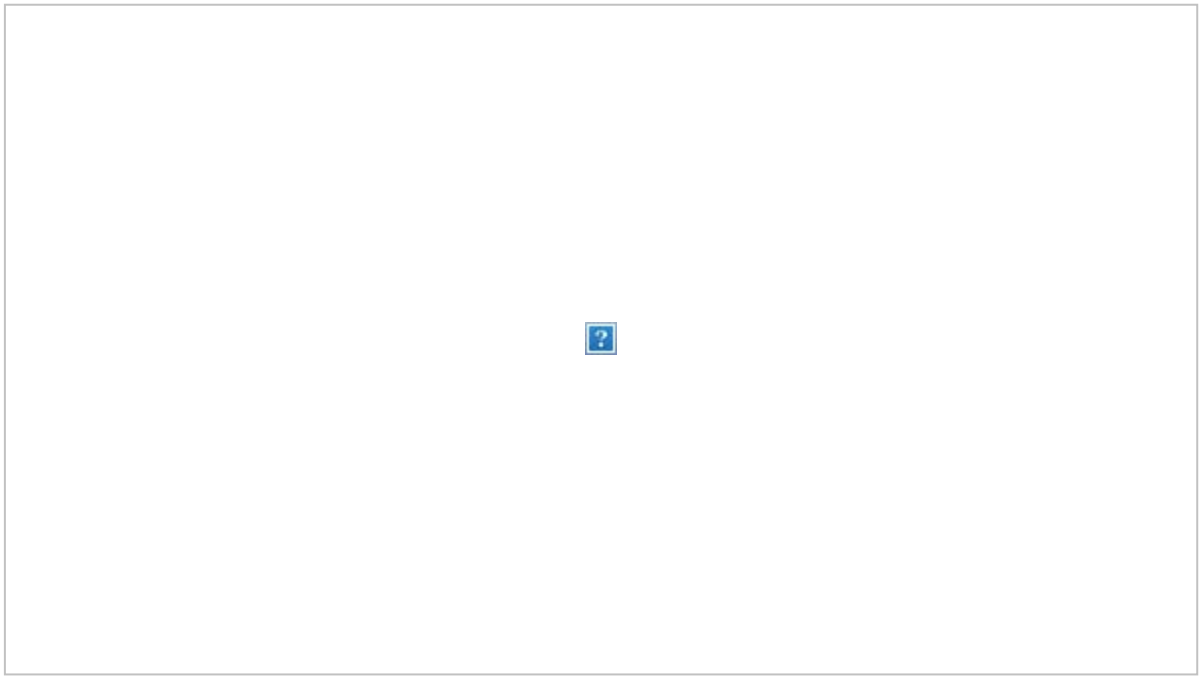

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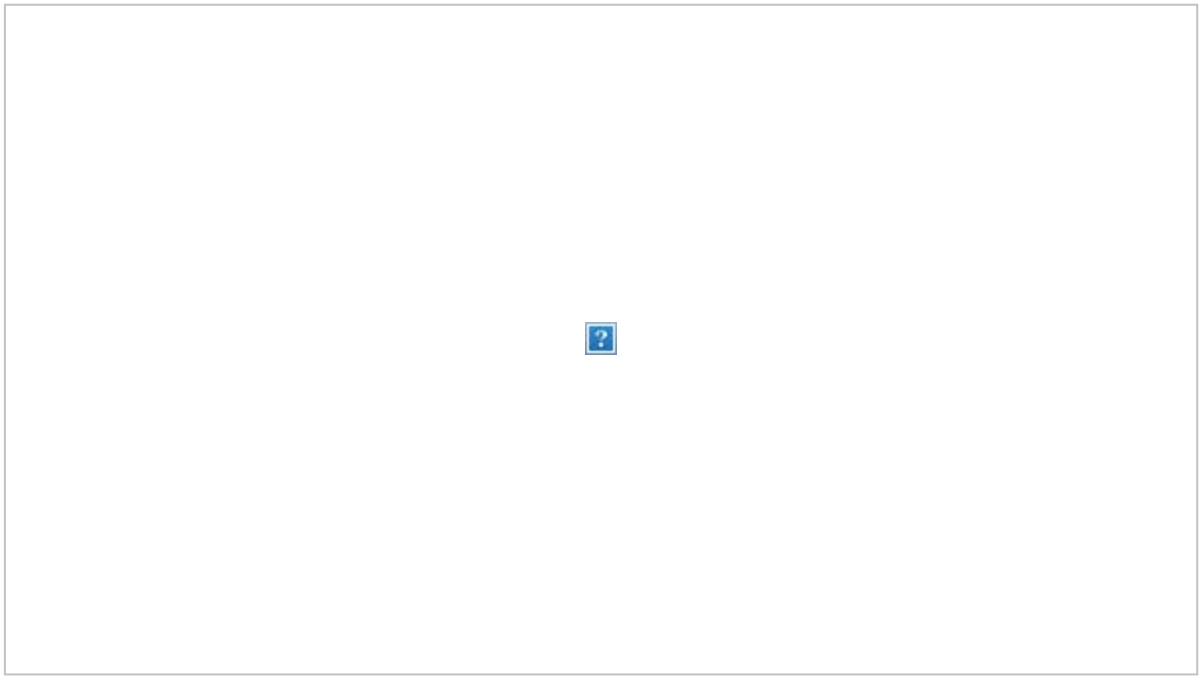

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | 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
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act Funding
- 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

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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.

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- **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 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

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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**

Image

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*

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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 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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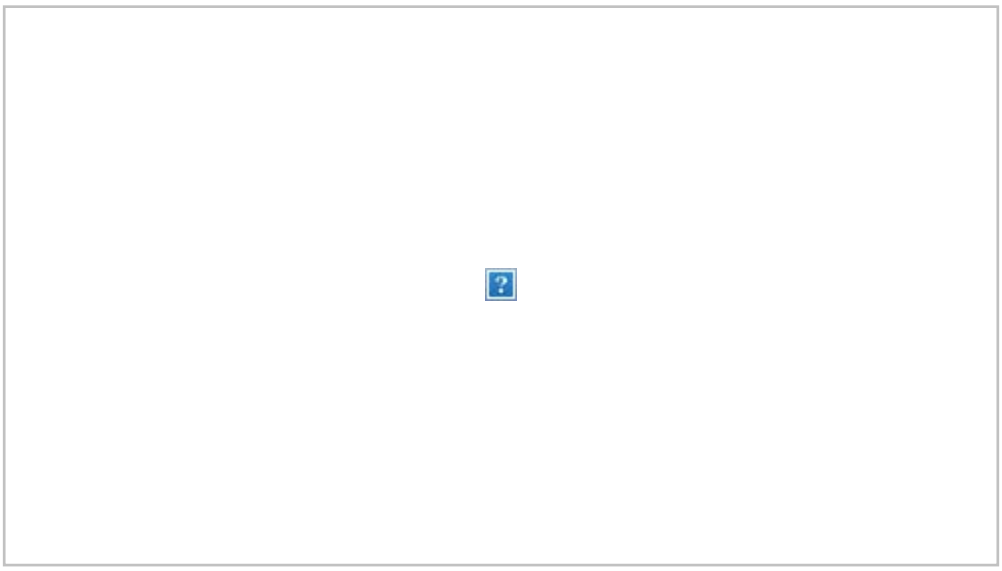

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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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

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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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 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**

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Drug Prices

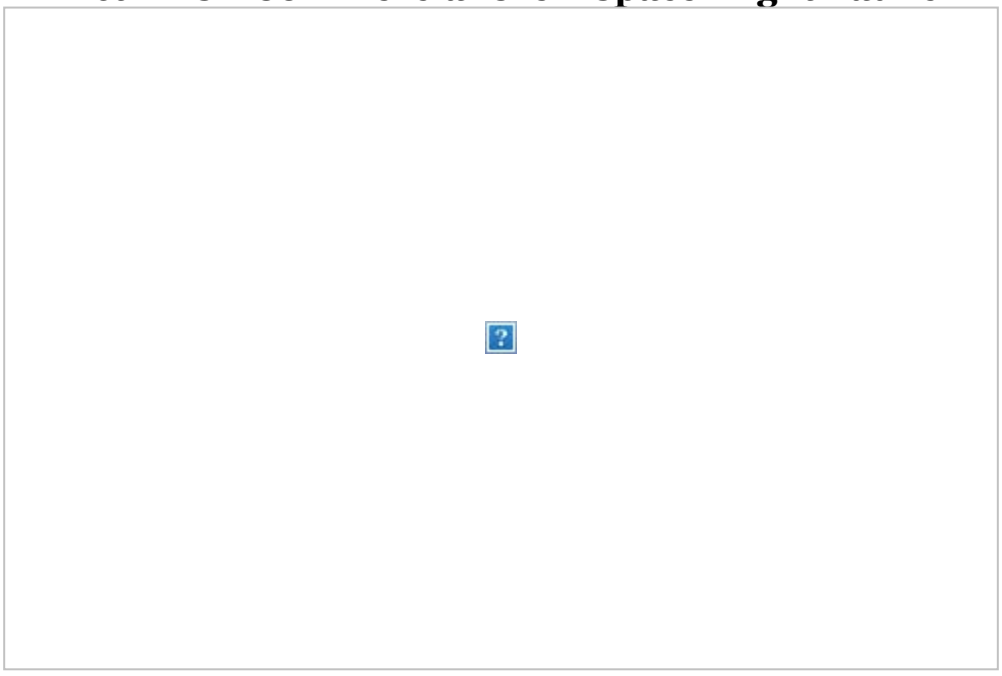
Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent Executive Orders 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch



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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.**

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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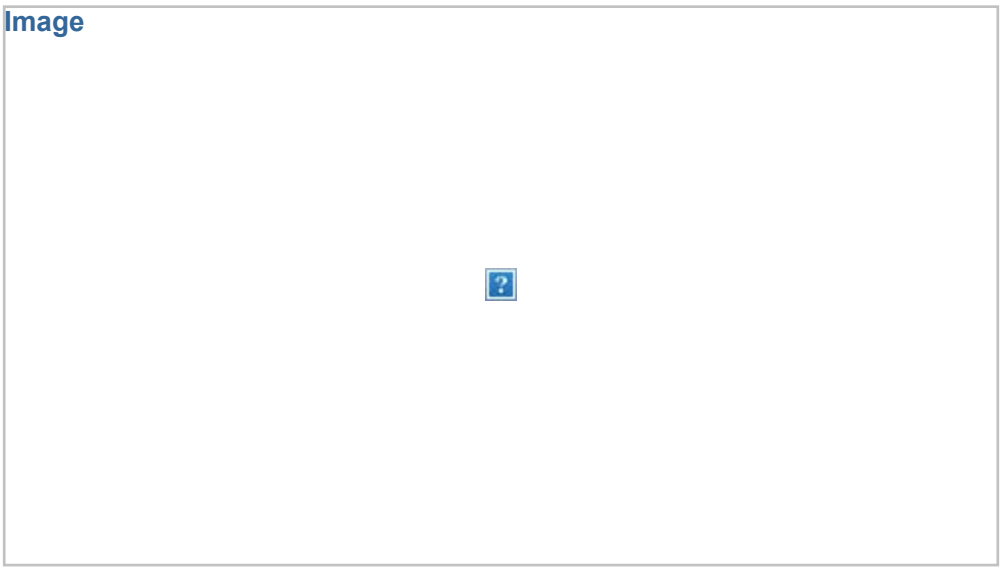

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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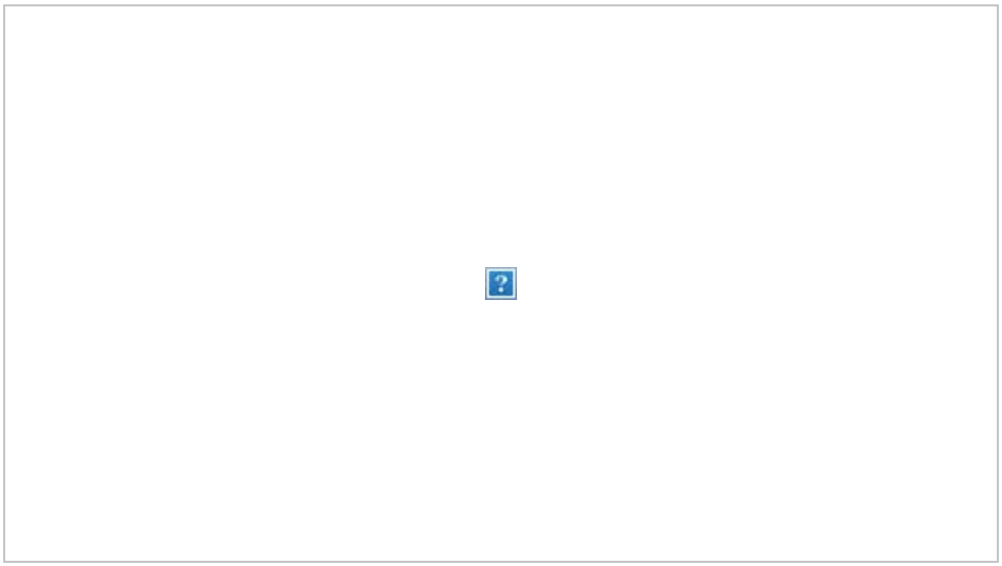
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: **Proclamation on American Education Week**



*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 IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 2020

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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: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11. If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** **CLICK HERE**
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This week's recap includes updates on:

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- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial
- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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.

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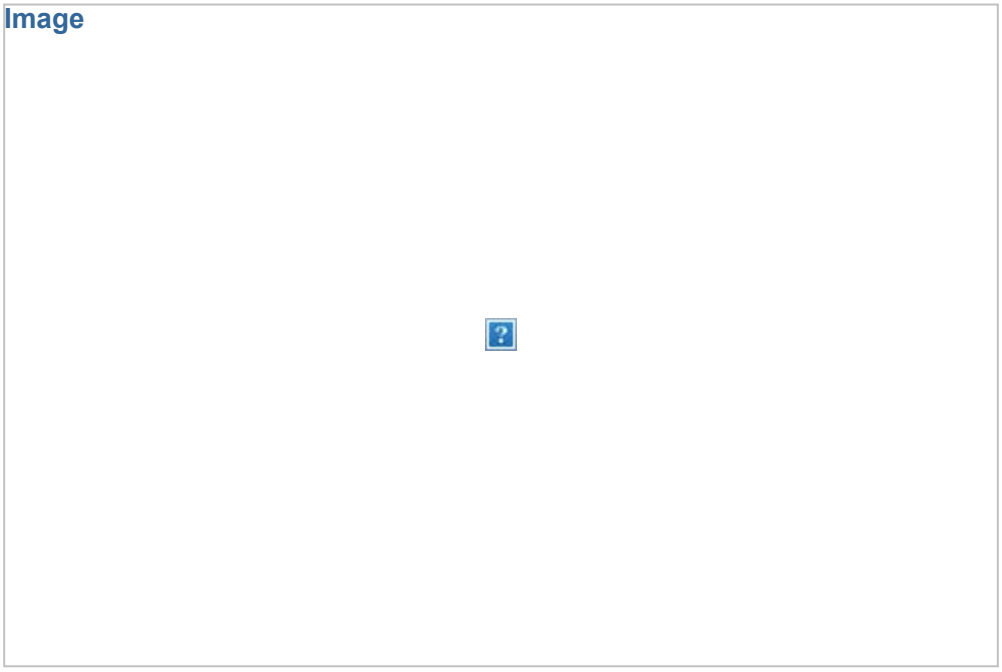
On Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

Read More: **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**



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 **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, 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

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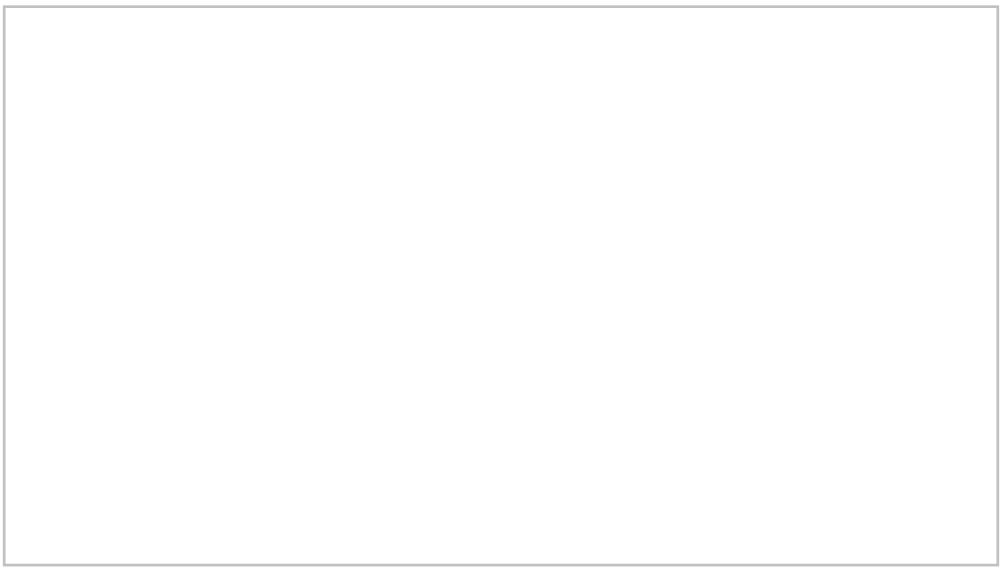
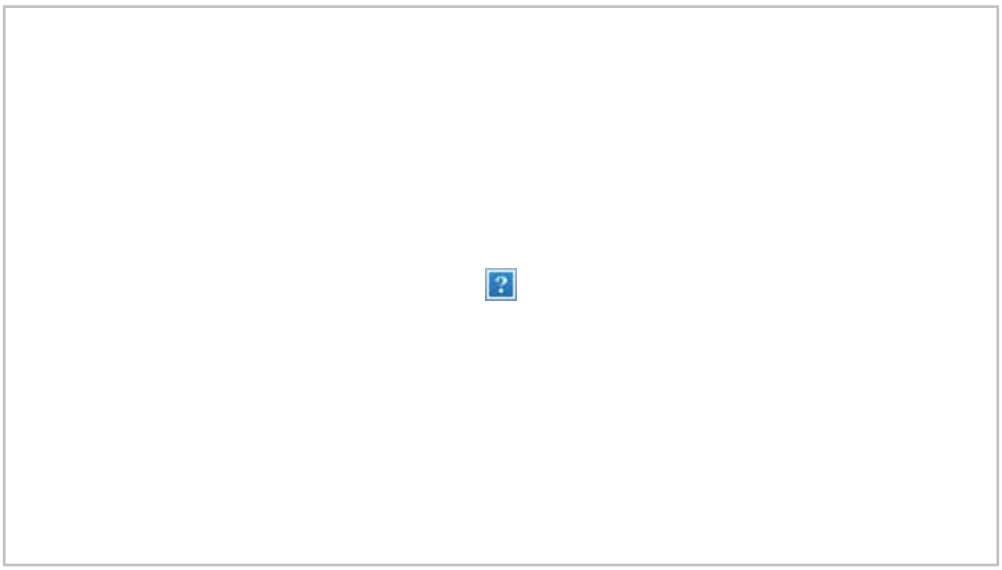


Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,014 COVID-19 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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.



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

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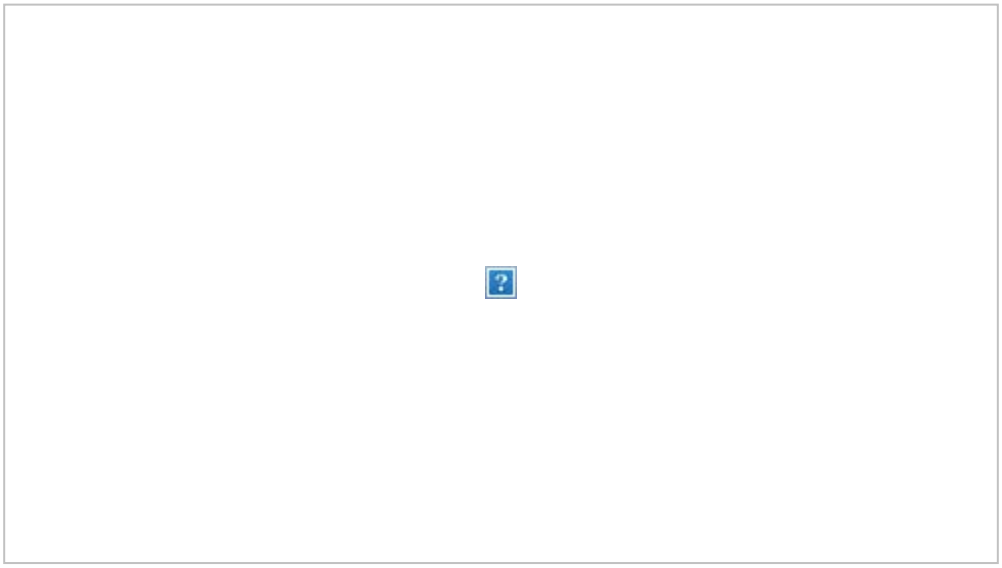
forever indebted to them beyond measure.

Read More: [Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020]

The White House: [On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them.]

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 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]

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

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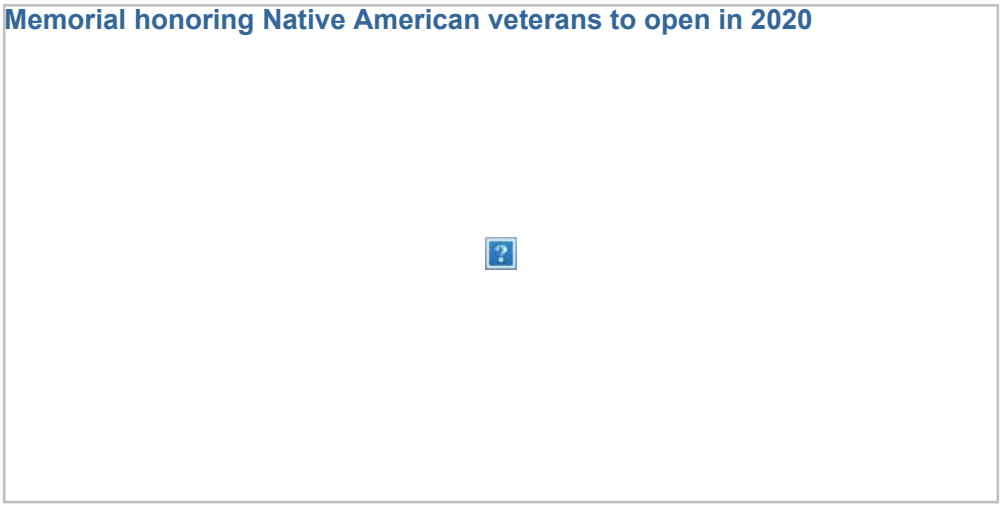
more than 120 submissions.



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 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

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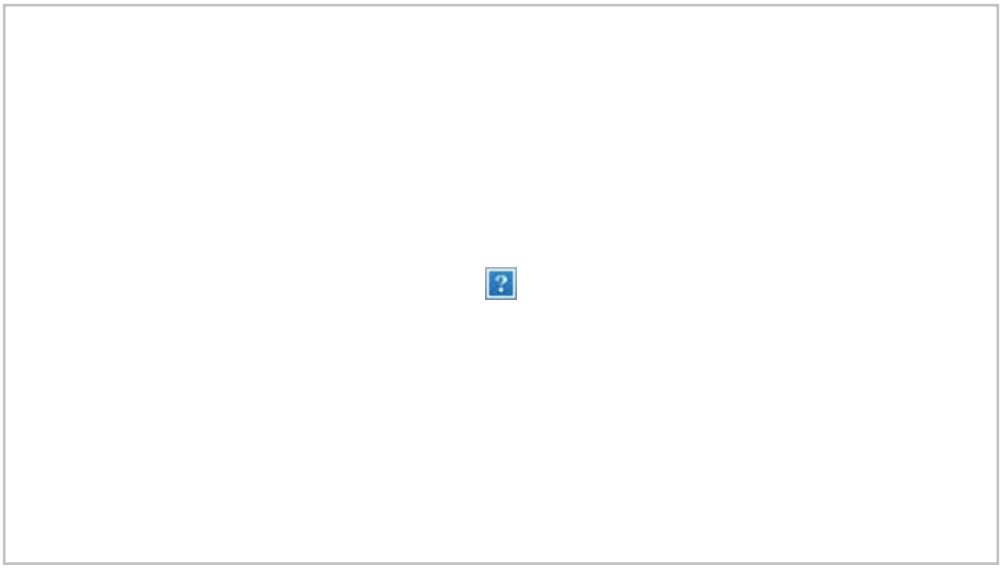
help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and 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 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**

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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**

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**

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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Report: [Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies]

COPS Office (DOJ): [NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies." #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing]

Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies

On Thursday, November 12, President 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. Below you will find additional information including the Executive Order and National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien's statement.

"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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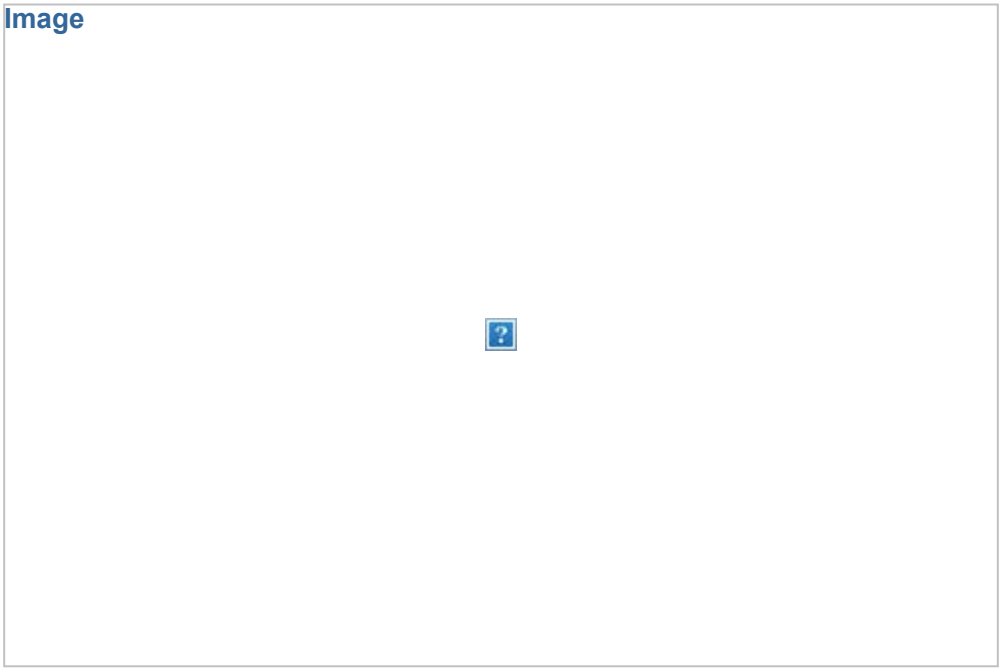

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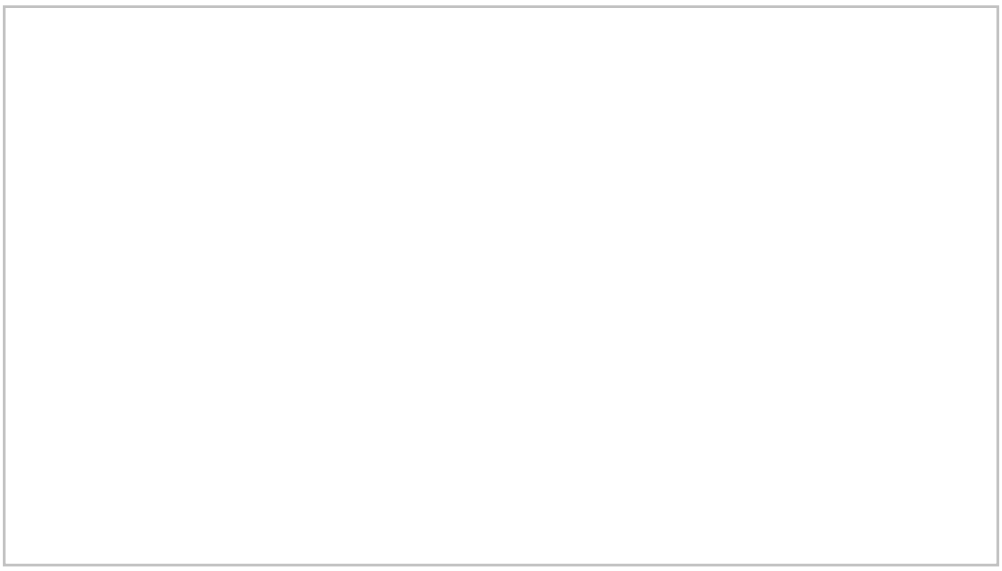

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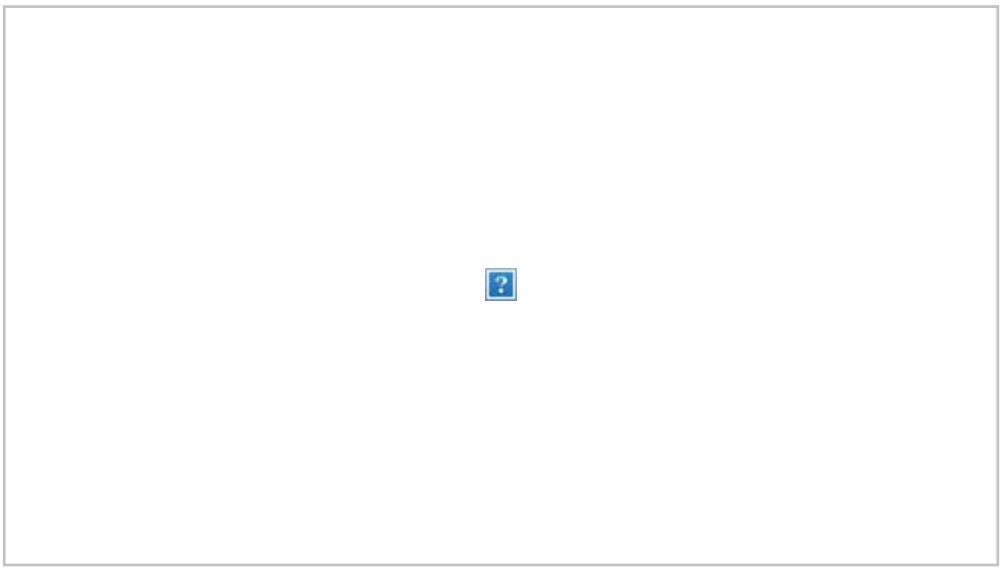

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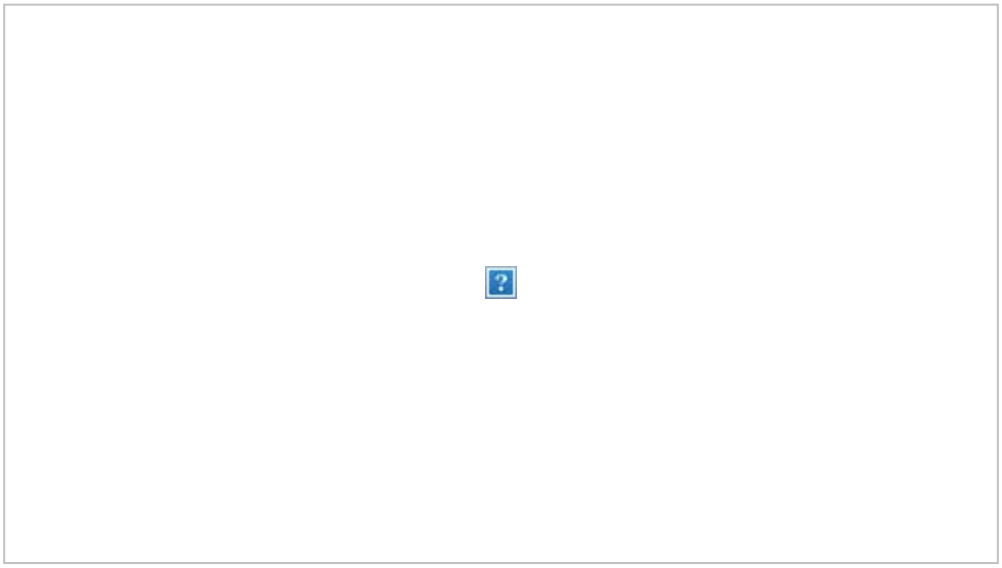

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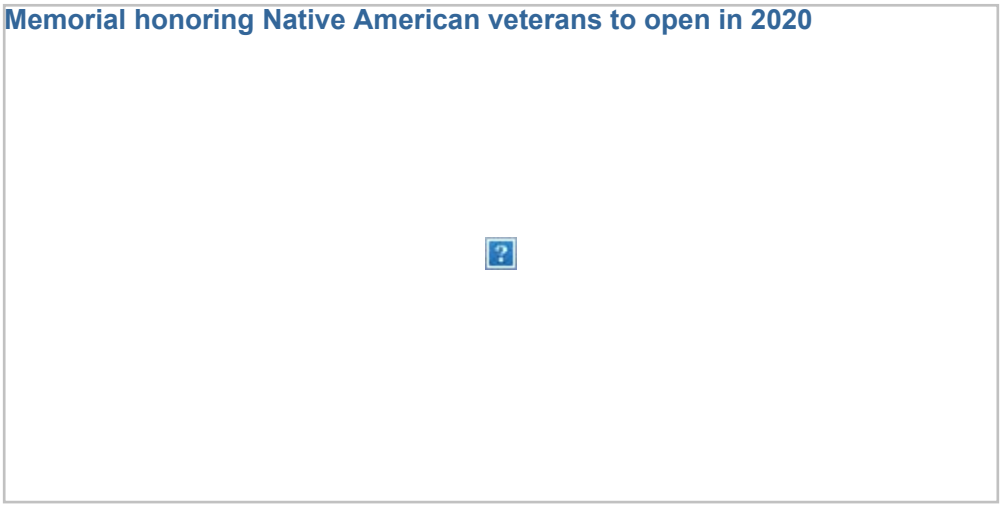

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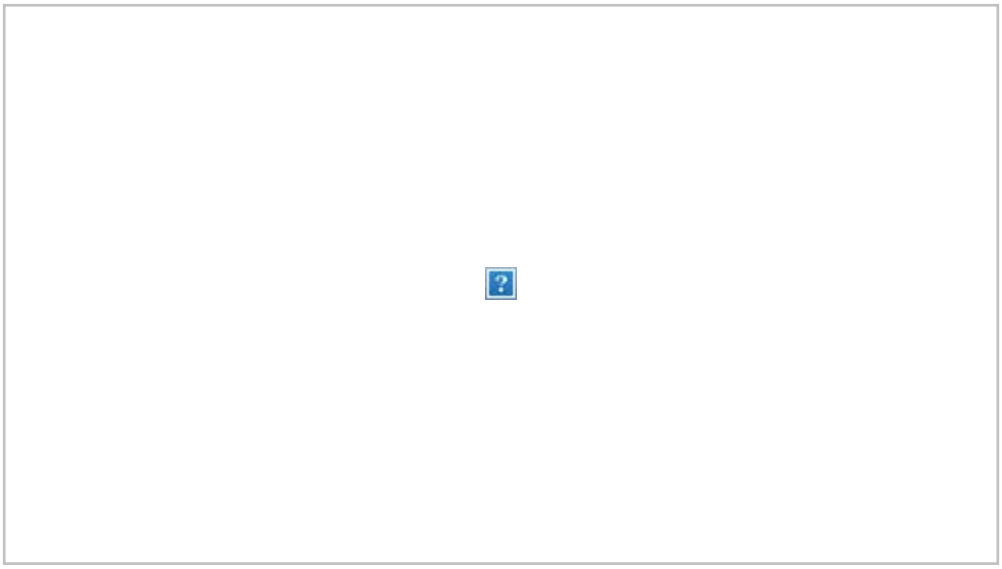

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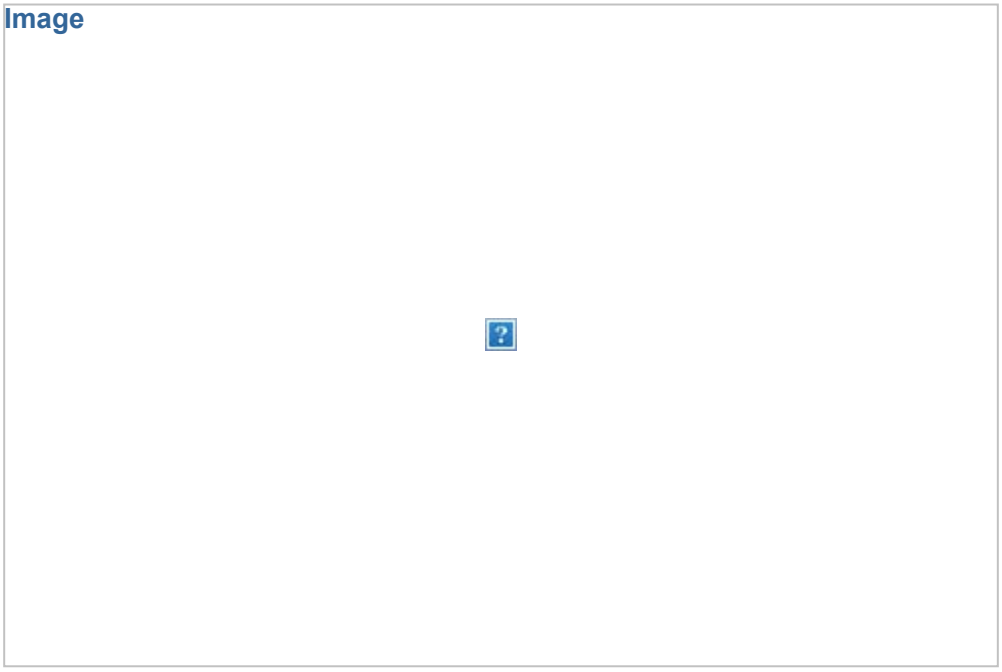

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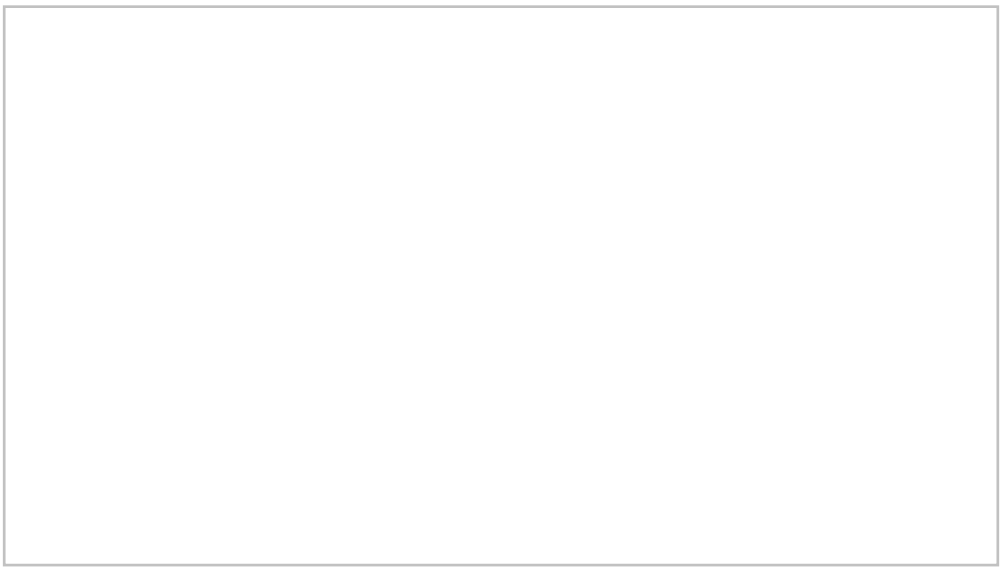

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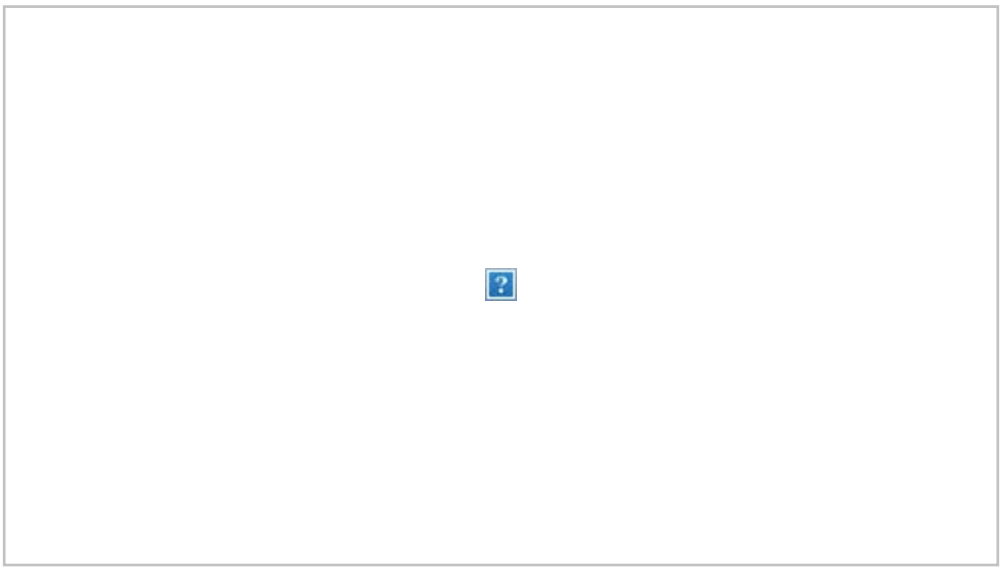

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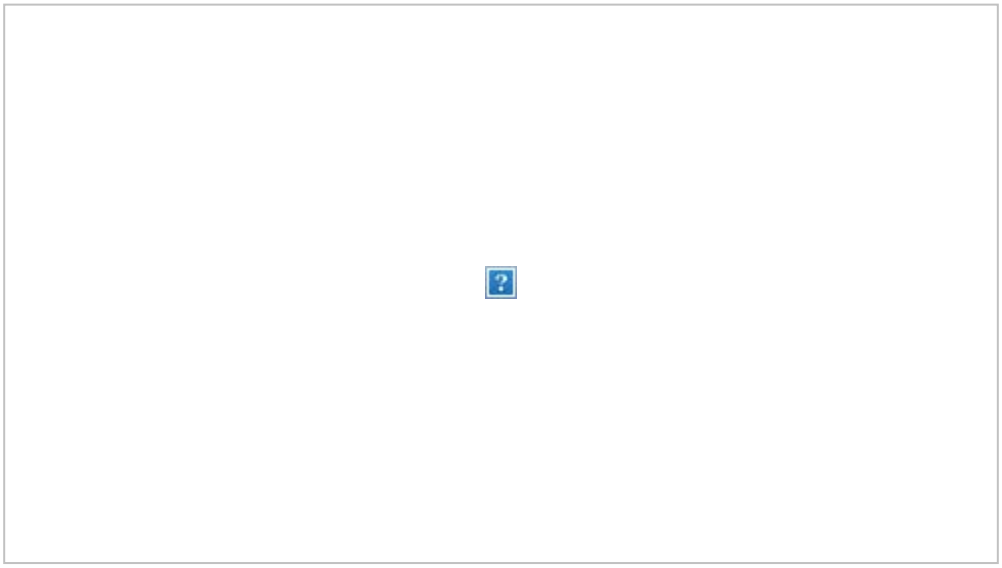

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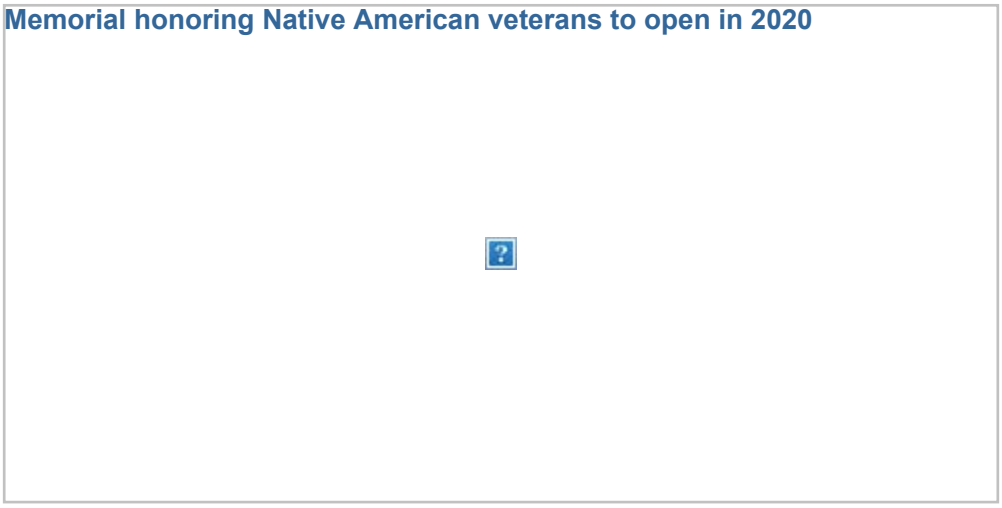

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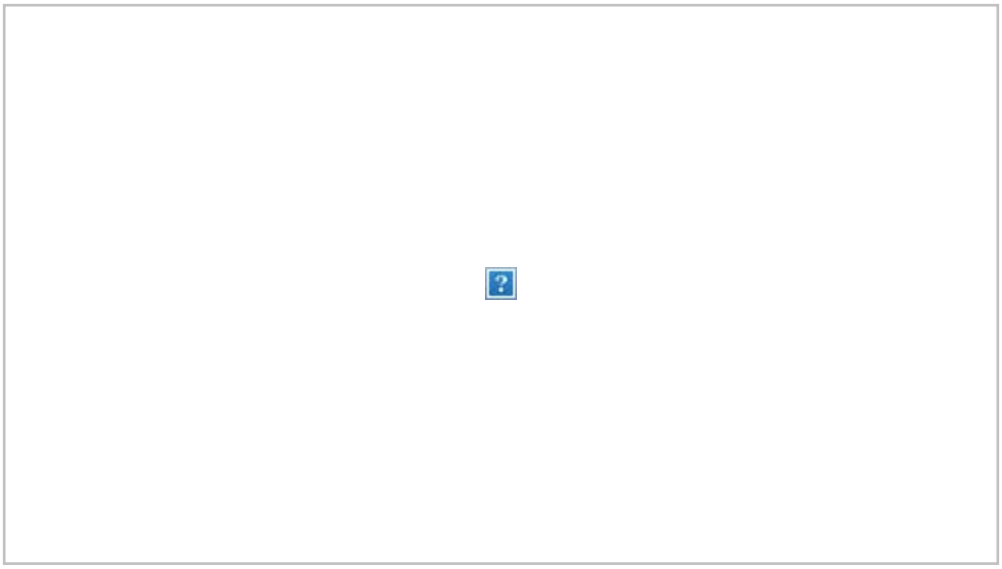

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COVID-19 Update

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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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.

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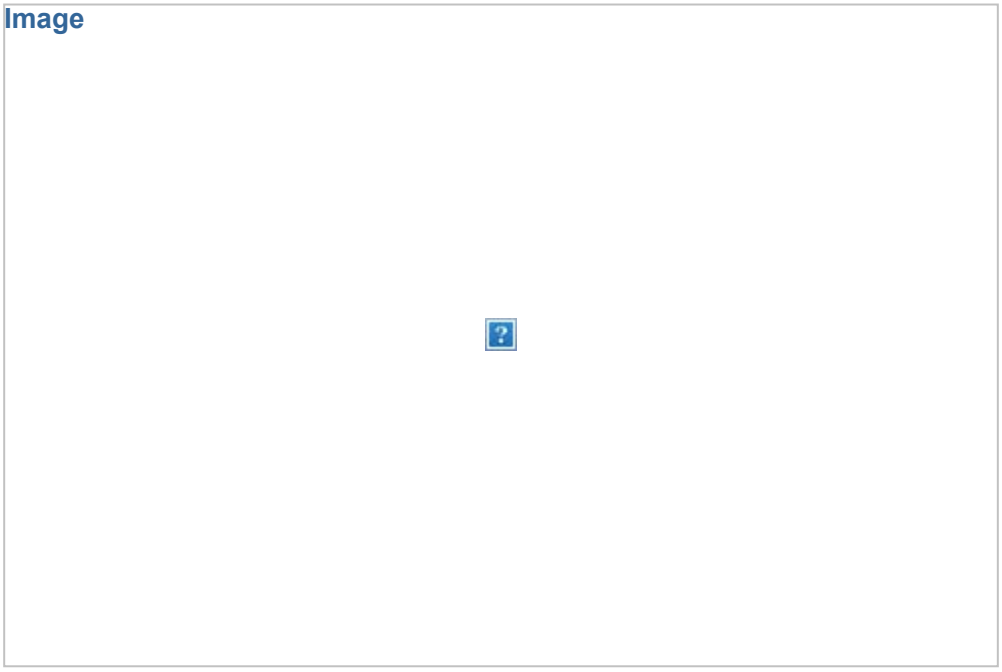
On Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

Read More: **Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**



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 **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

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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, first-of-its kind policy that drastically expands access to #COVID19 monoclonal antibodies to beneficiaries without cost sharing."

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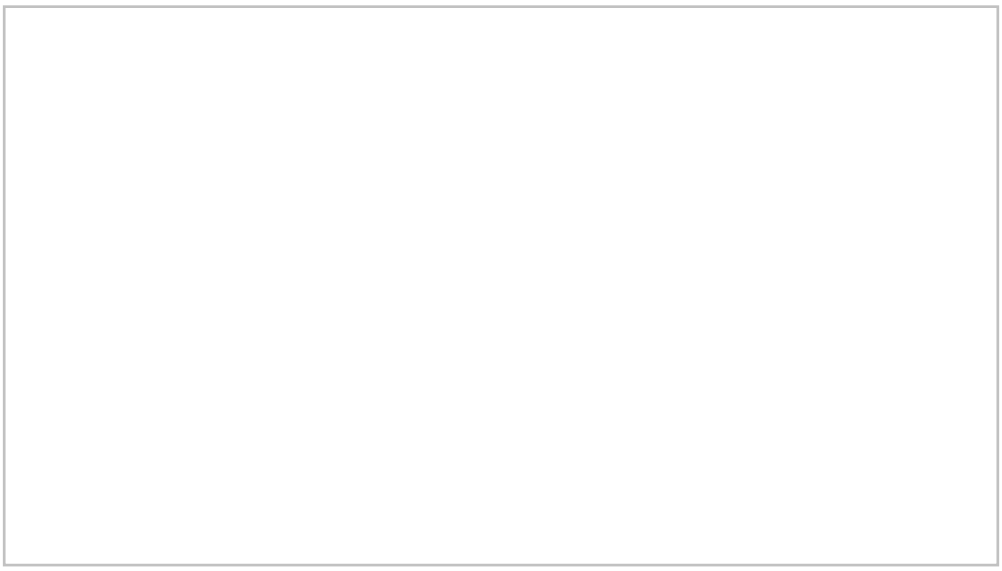

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Veteran's Day 2020

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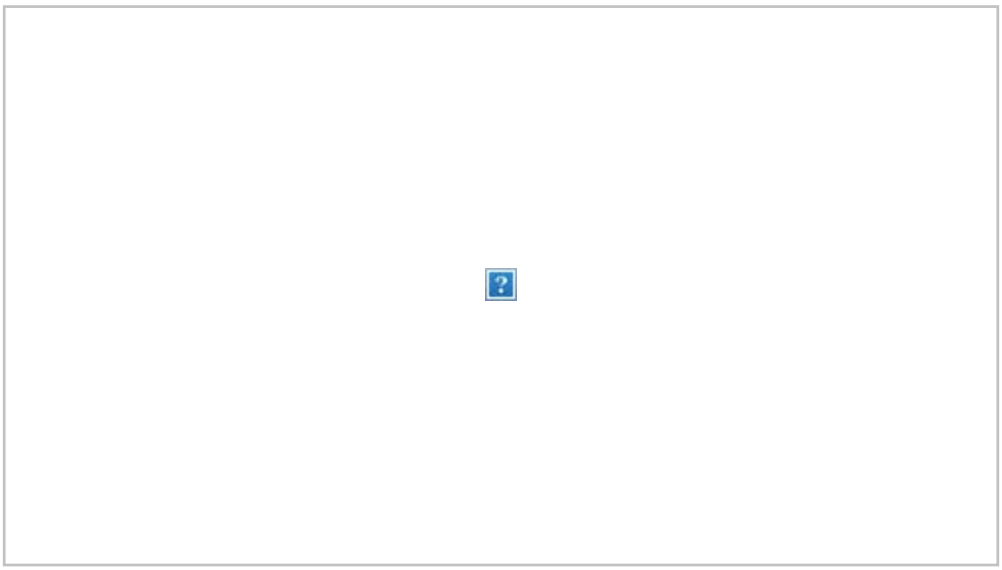

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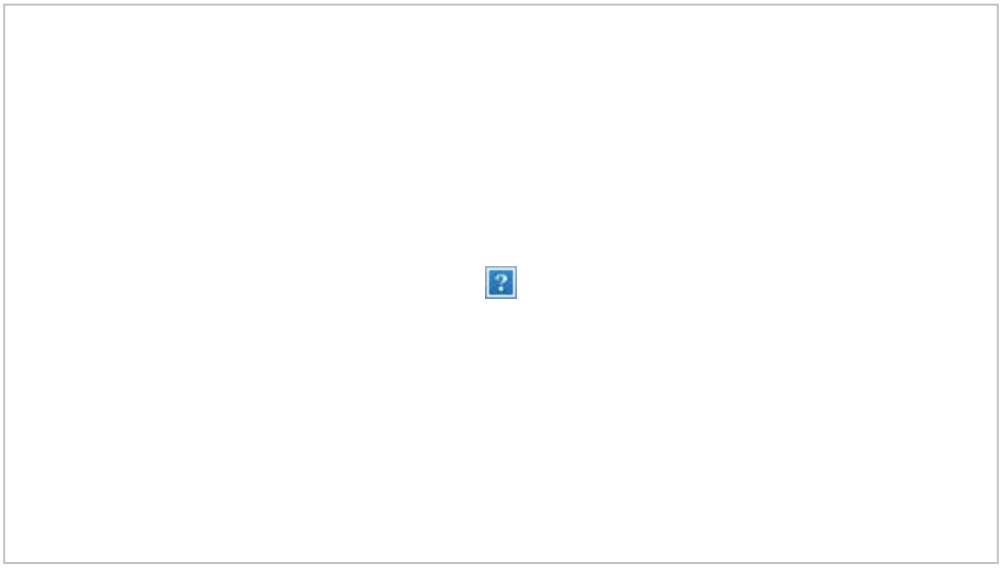

Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie: [How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans]

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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 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]

Native American Heritage Month 2020

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

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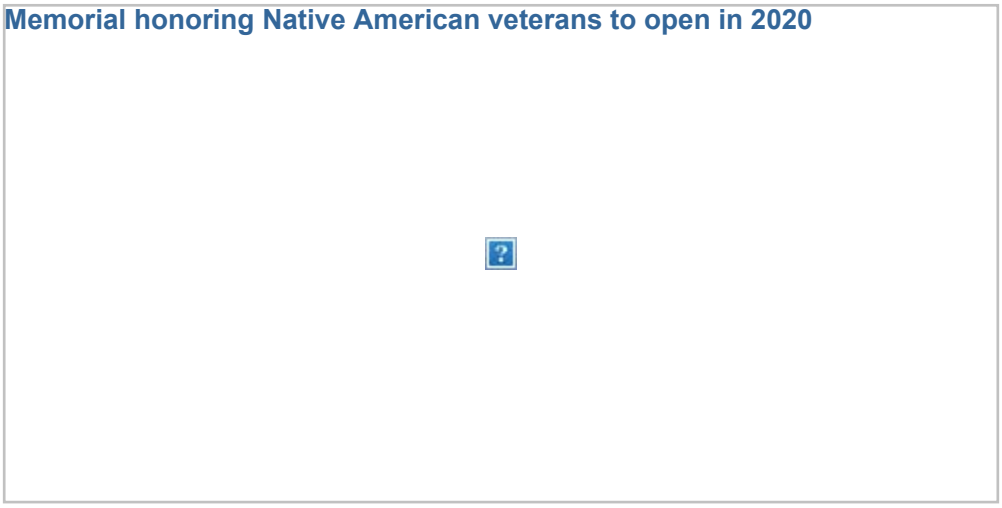

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Read More: **Native American Veterans Receive a Place of Their Own to Reflect and to Heal**

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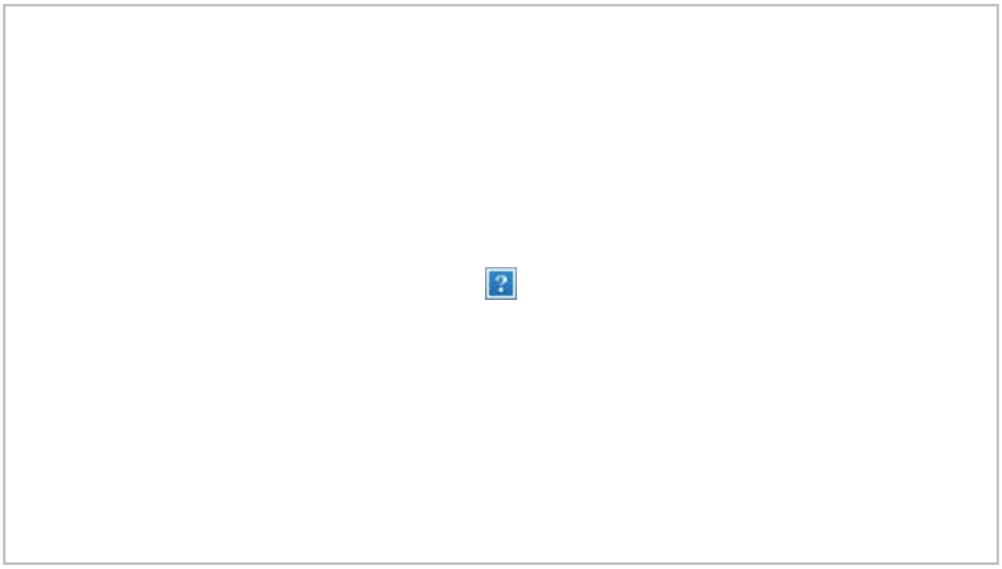

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Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar 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 on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found **here**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries **here**.

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the **Provider Relief Fund** closed today, November 6. More **here**. The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- 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*

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- 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.**

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

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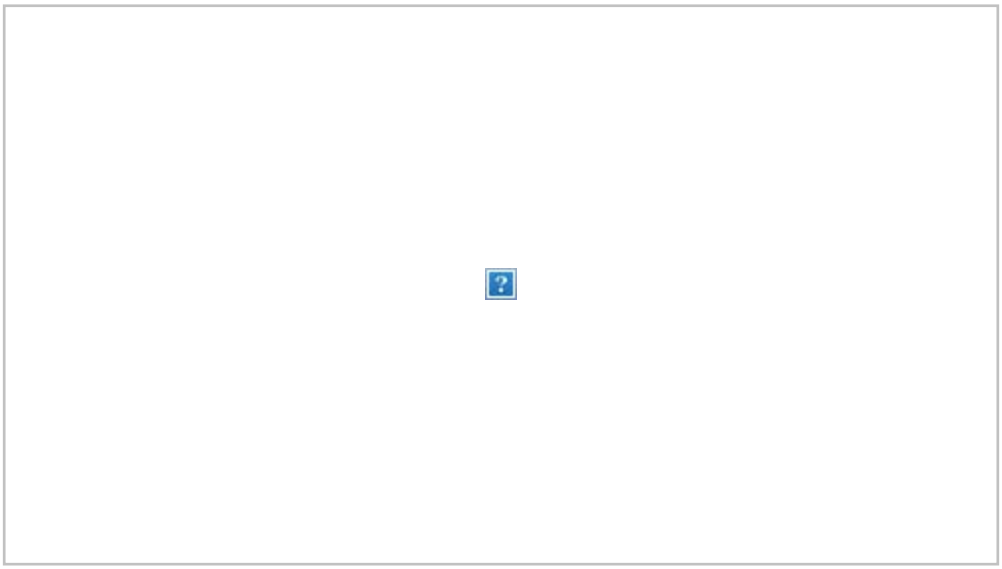

On Friday, November 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released October's jobs report showing a continued recovery of the U.S. economy. U.S. employers brought back more jobs than expected in October and the unemployment rate improved by a greater than anticipated margin.

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
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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 October #jobsreport

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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.

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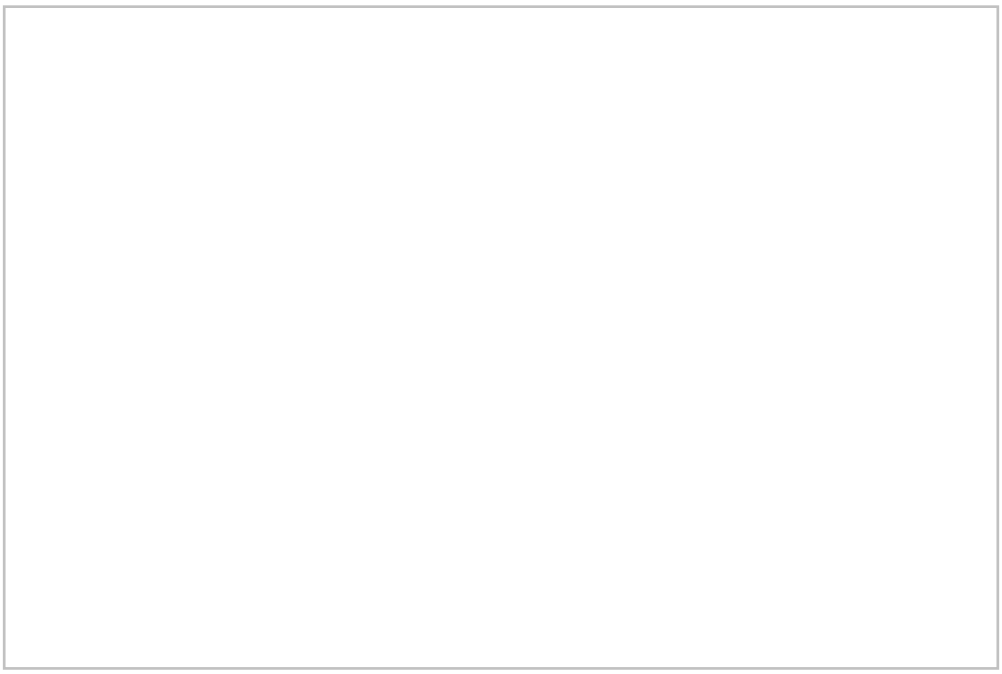

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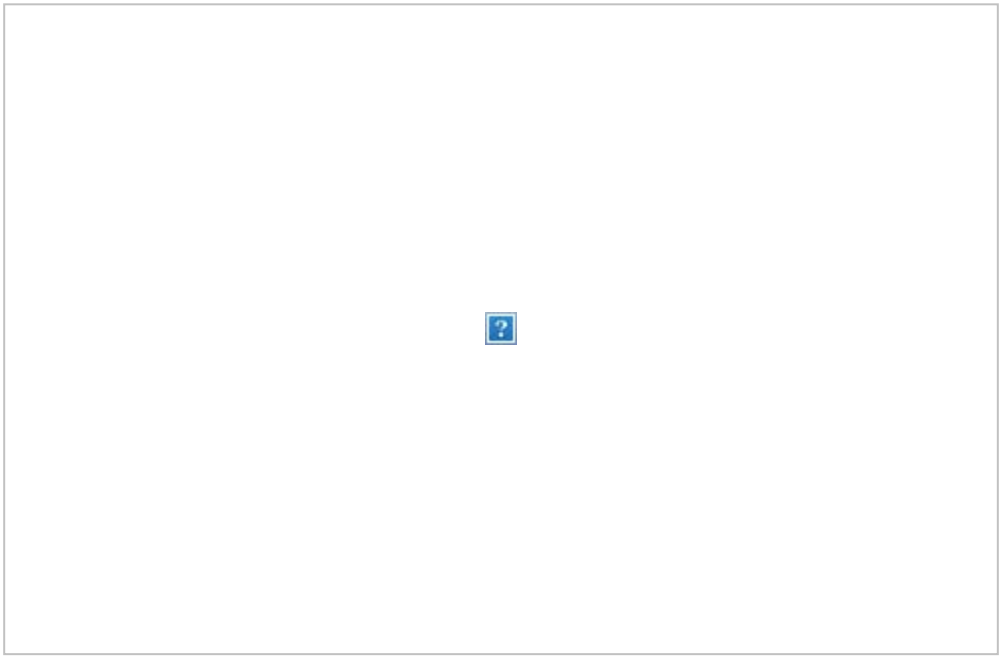

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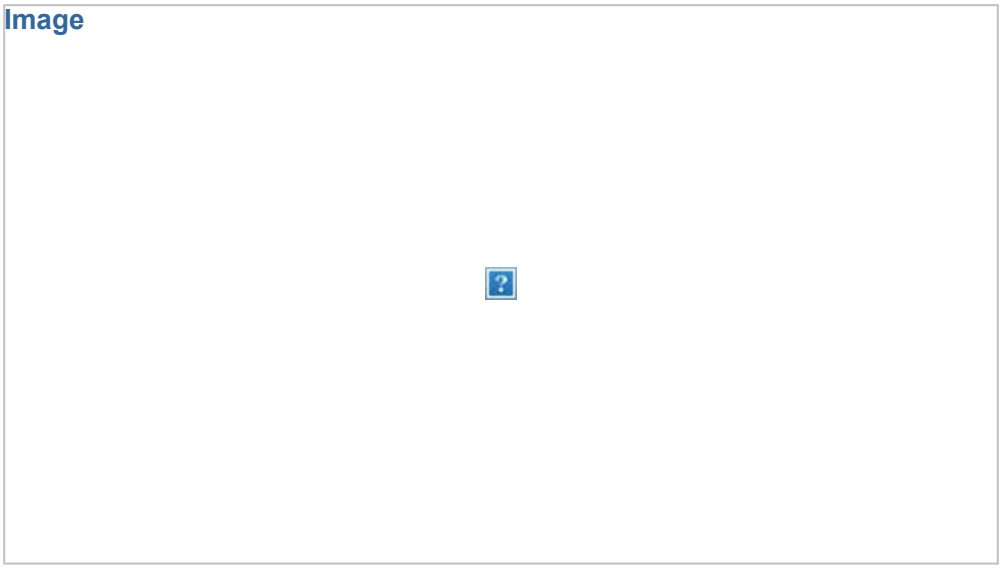

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Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar 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 on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

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Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the **Provider Relief Fund** closed today, November 6. More **here**. The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
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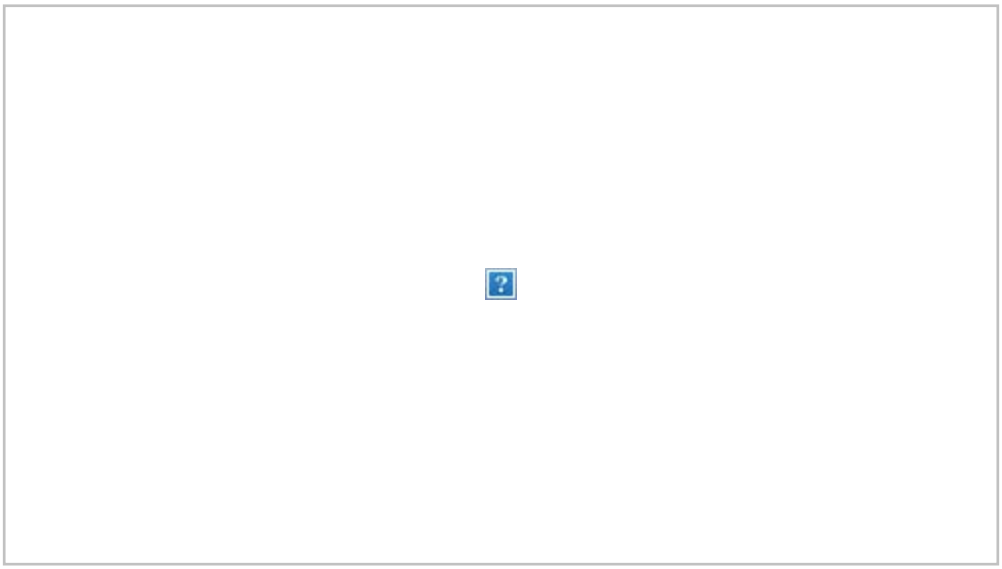

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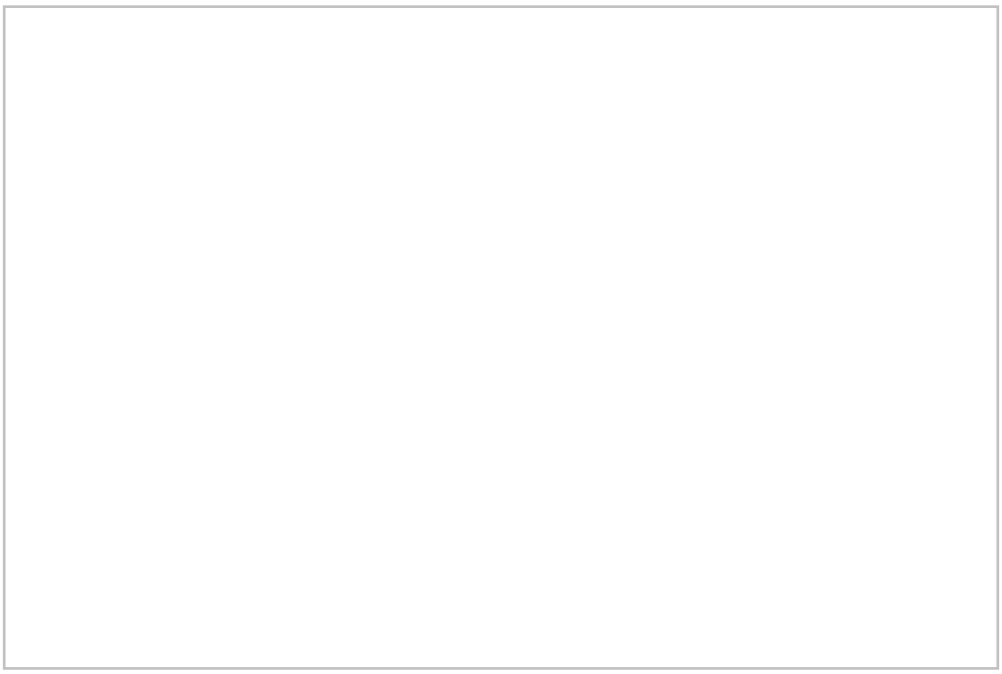

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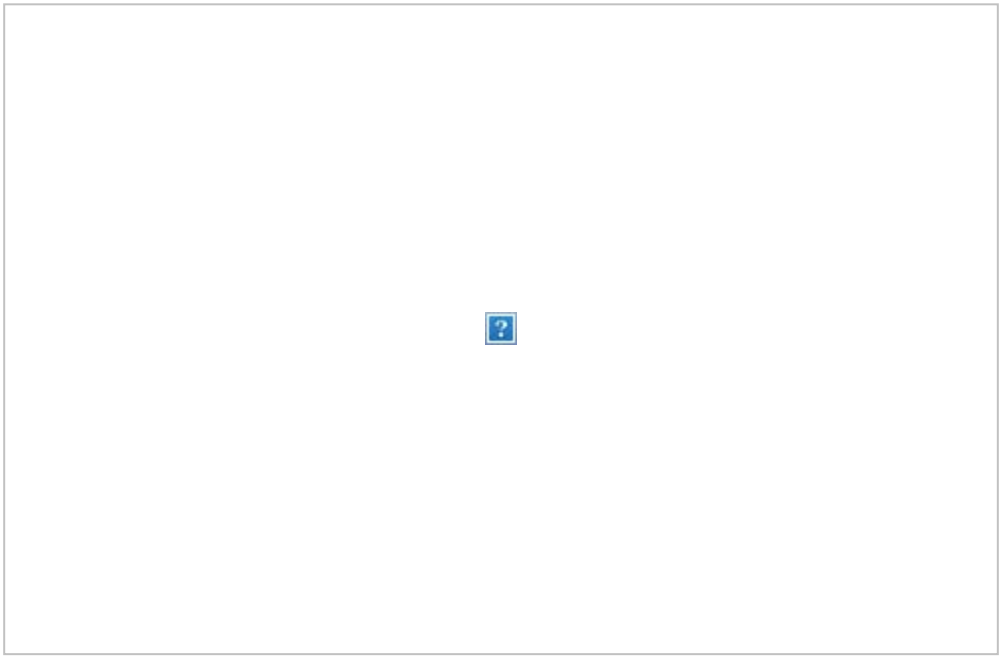

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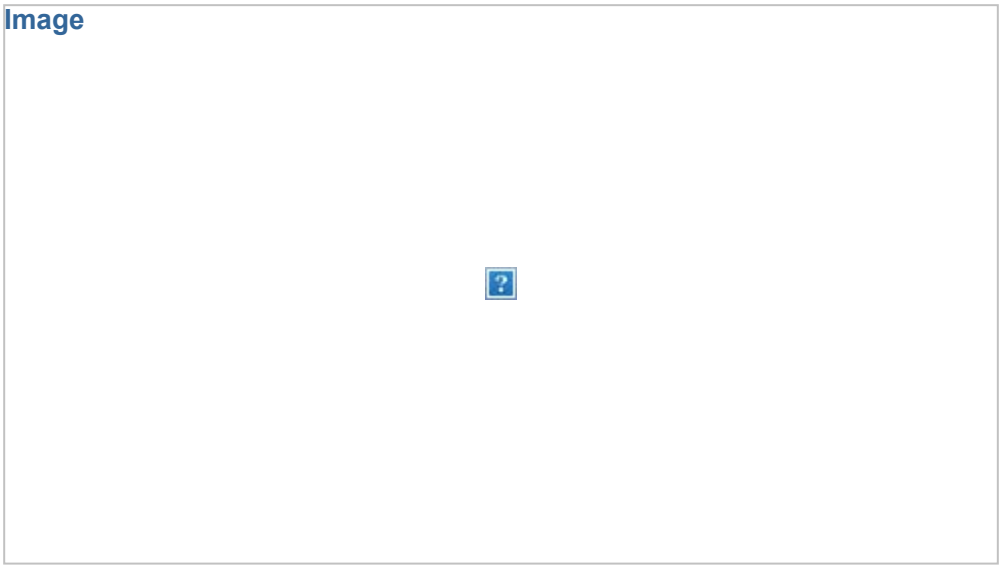

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Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar 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 on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found **here**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries **here**.

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the **Provider Relief Fund** closed today, November 6. More **here**. The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- 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*

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- 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.**

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

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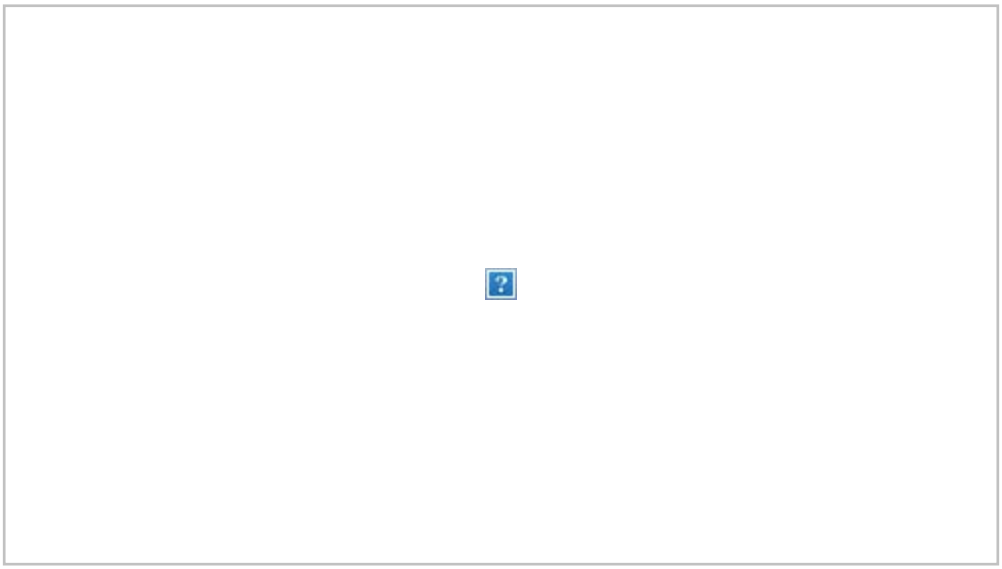
likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October



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 October #jobsreport

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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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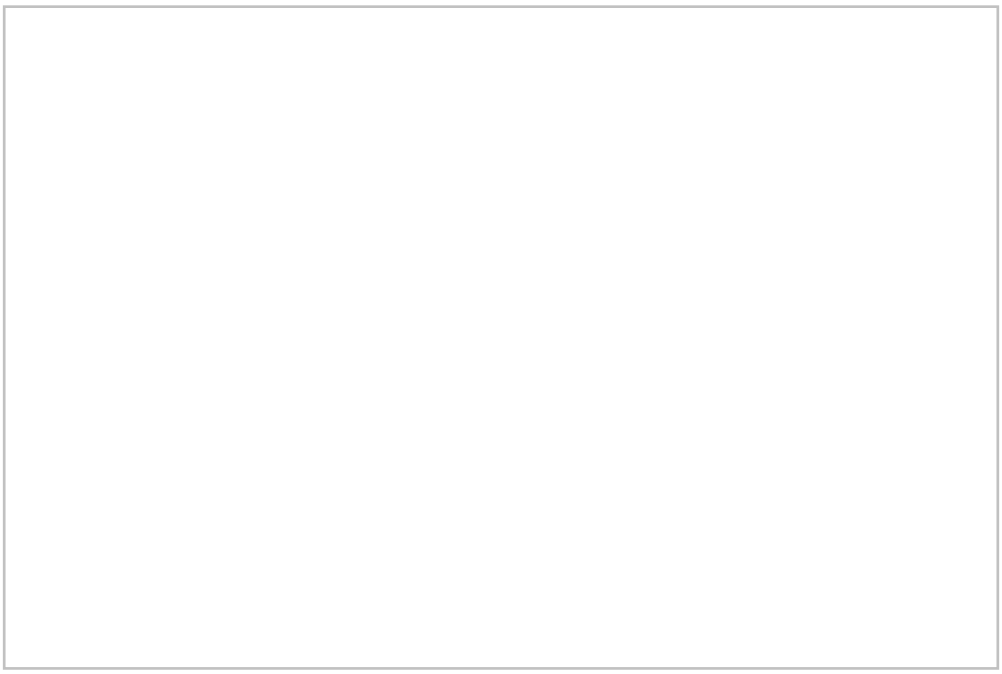

President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event 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 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

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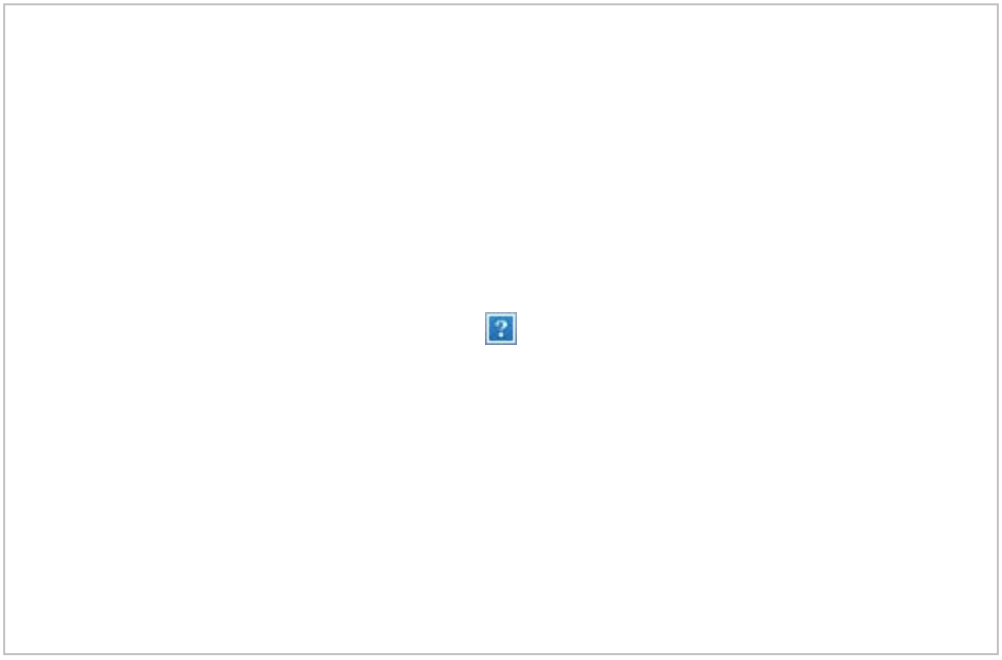
curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

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.



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**

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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.

DOJ Office of Justice Programs: **OJP announces 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.**

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 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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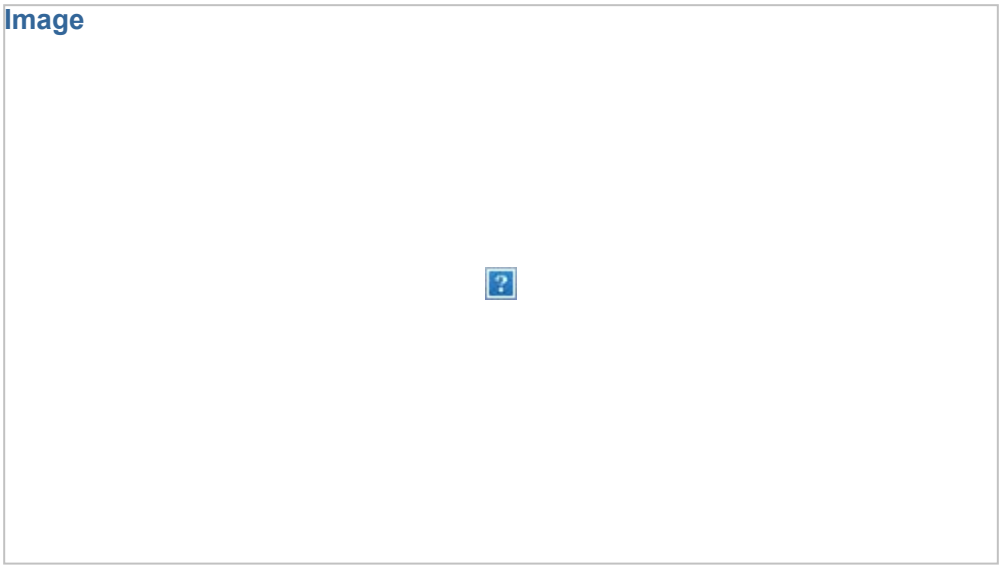
For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy **website**.

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live **here**.



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**

On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as **National Native American Heritage Month**.

The Trump Administration also **announced** on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the **repatriation** of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are **scheduled** for Wednesday, December 2,

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2020.

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, 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

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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

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agenda **here**.

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

Read More: **Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year**

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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
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act Funding
- 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

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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.

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- **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 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

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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**

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*

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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 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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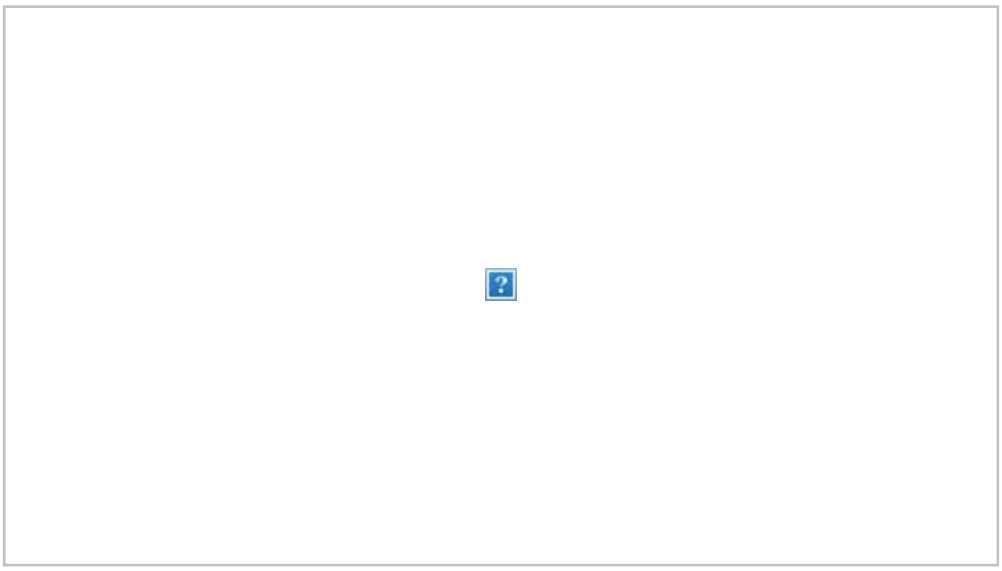

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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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

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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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 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**

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Drug Prices

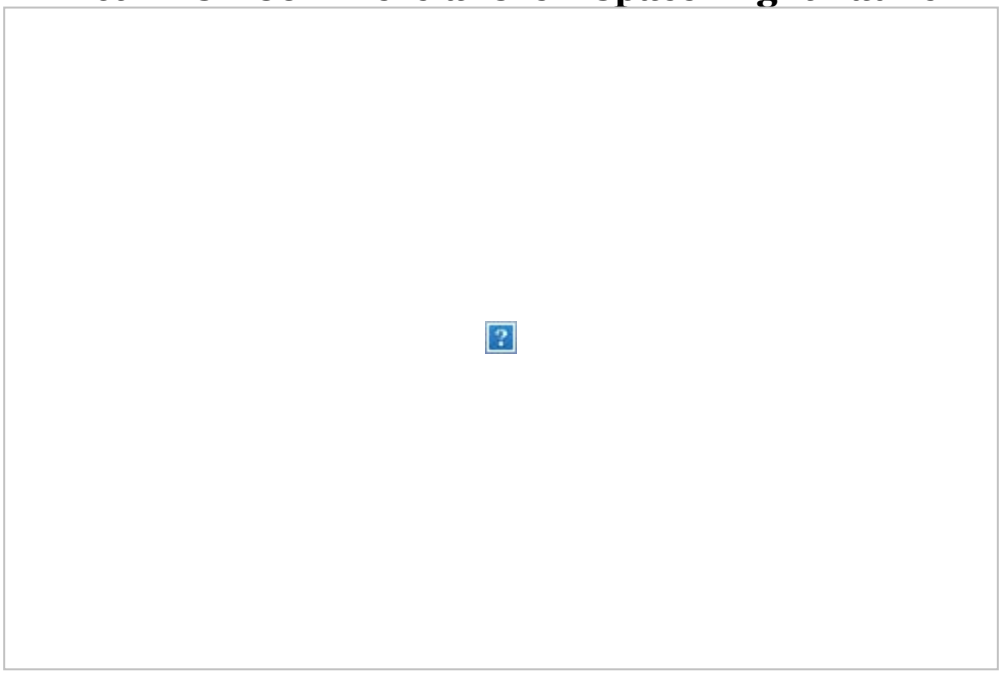
Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent Executive Orders 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch



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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.**

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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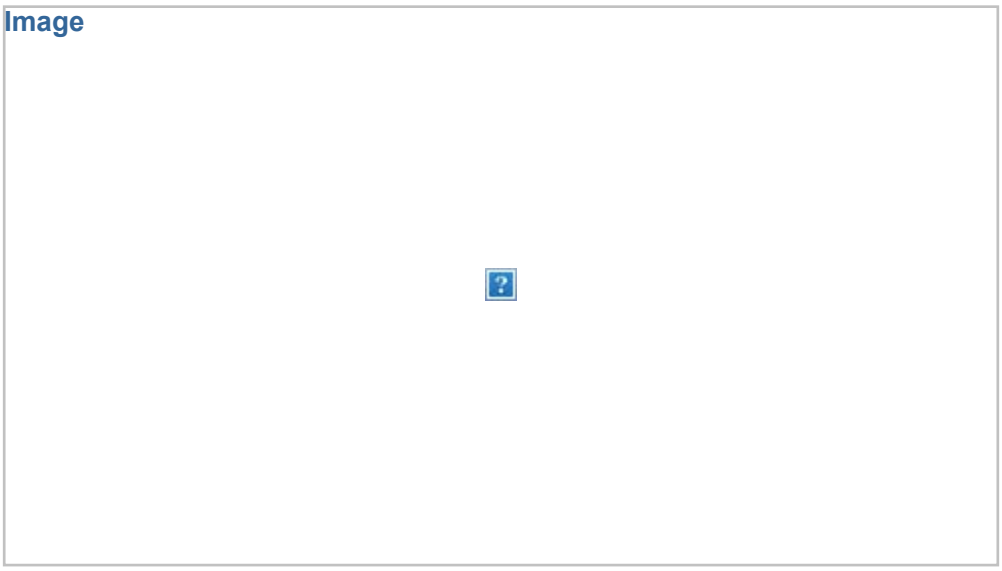

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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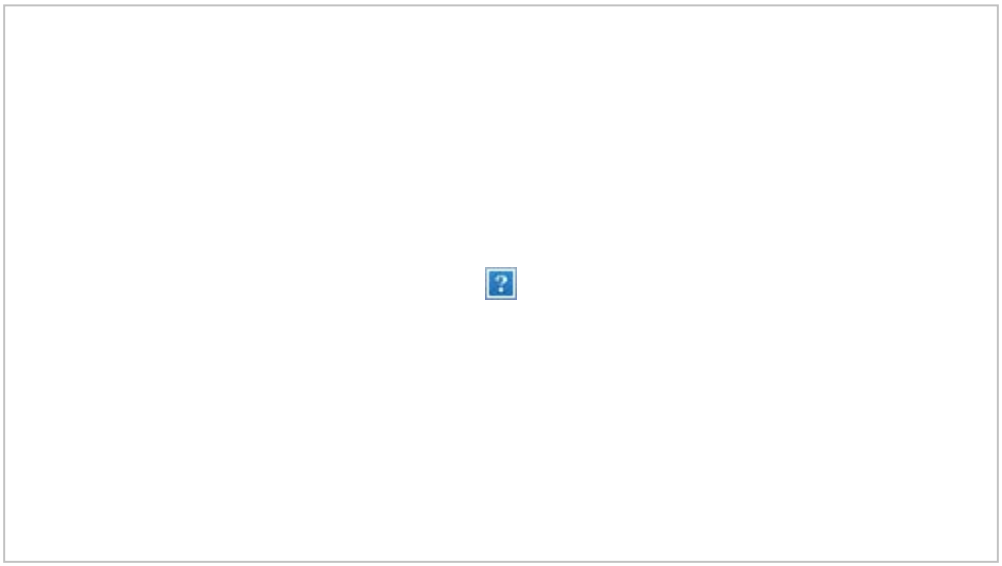
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: **Proclamation on American Education Week**



*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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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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, November 18, 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.

Please note that we have begun sharing call registration and other pertinent information through an email platform. See the below *IGA Weekly Recap* as an example. If you are not receiving our communications, please check your spam folder and make sure to add IGA.state@who.eop.gov to your approved email list.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, November 18
Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and time zone)
Call-In Registration: CLICK HERE (if you have already registered, please disregard)
Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.

Thank you for your continued partnership. As a reminder, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs 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 be helpful.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

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: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11. If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** **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
- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial
- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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 Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the 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

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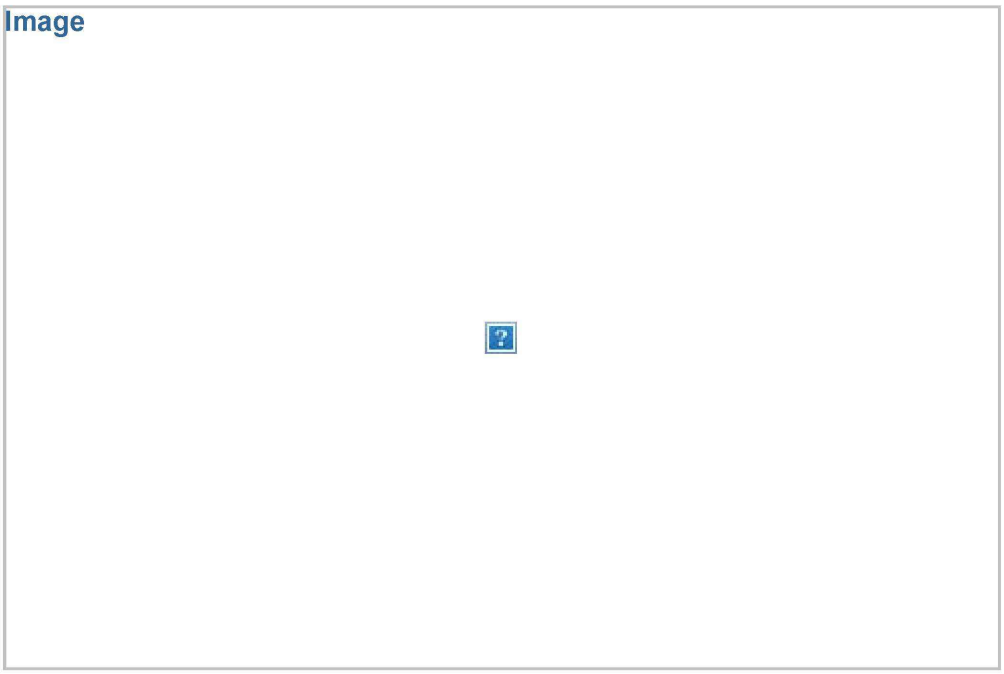

Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

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 **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

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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.

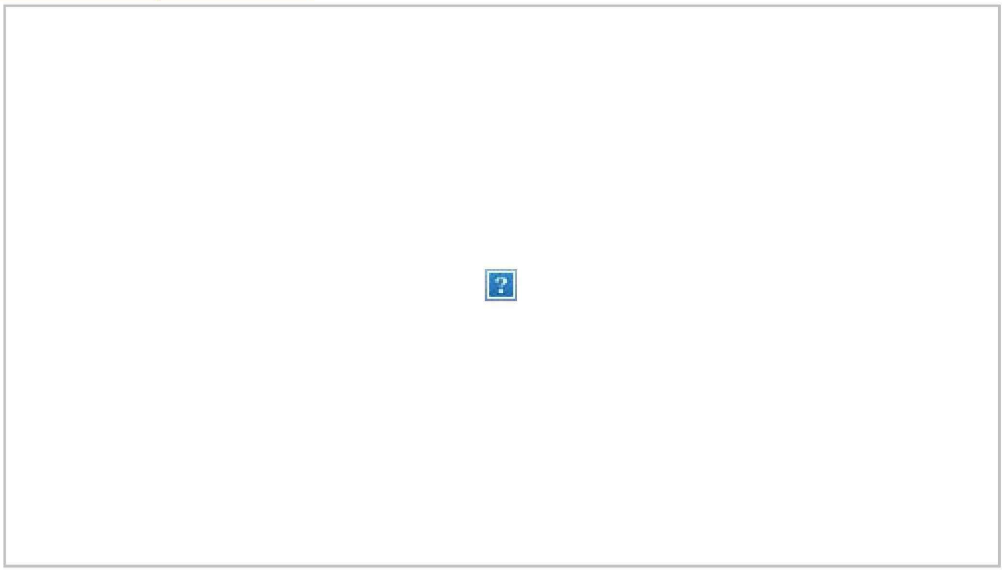
Read More: **FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19**

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, 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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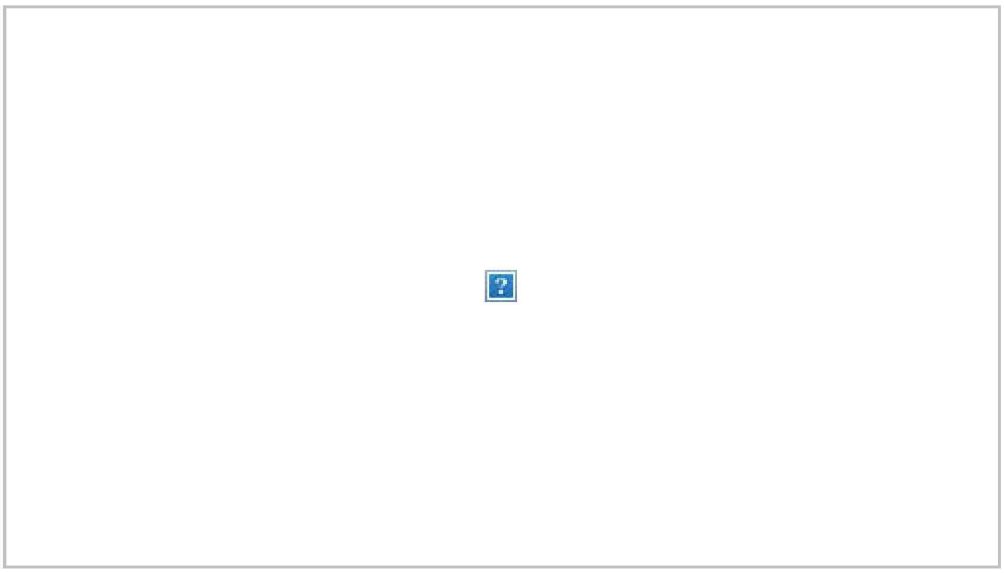

America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. 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

☐ **The White House:** On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them.

Watch: Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty

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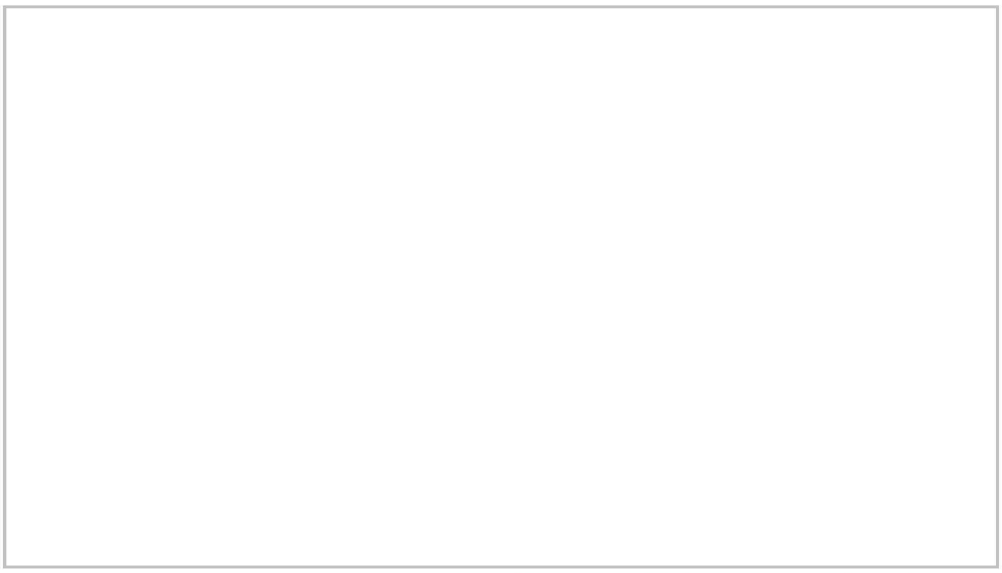

Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie: How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans

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 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.

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Memorial honoring Native American veterans to open in 2020

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 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.

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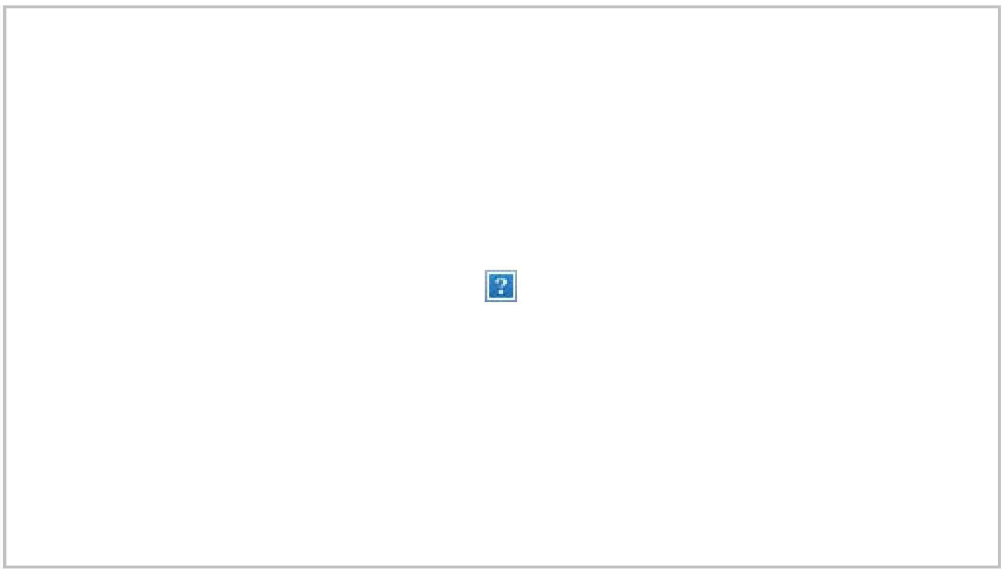

Watch: You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!

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 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

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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**

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**

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.

Report: **Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies**

☐ **COPS Office (DOJ):** **NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies." #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing**

Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies

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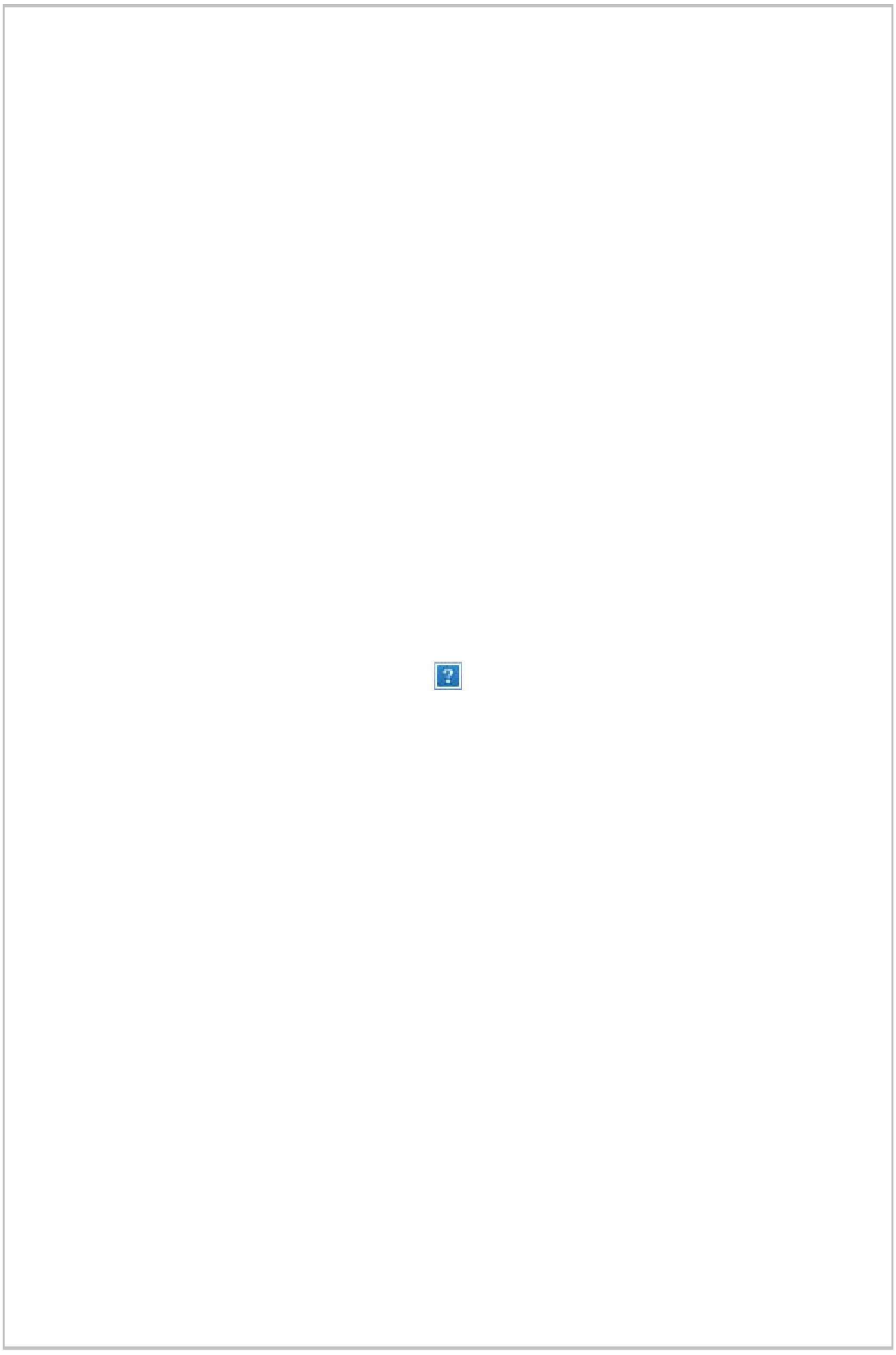

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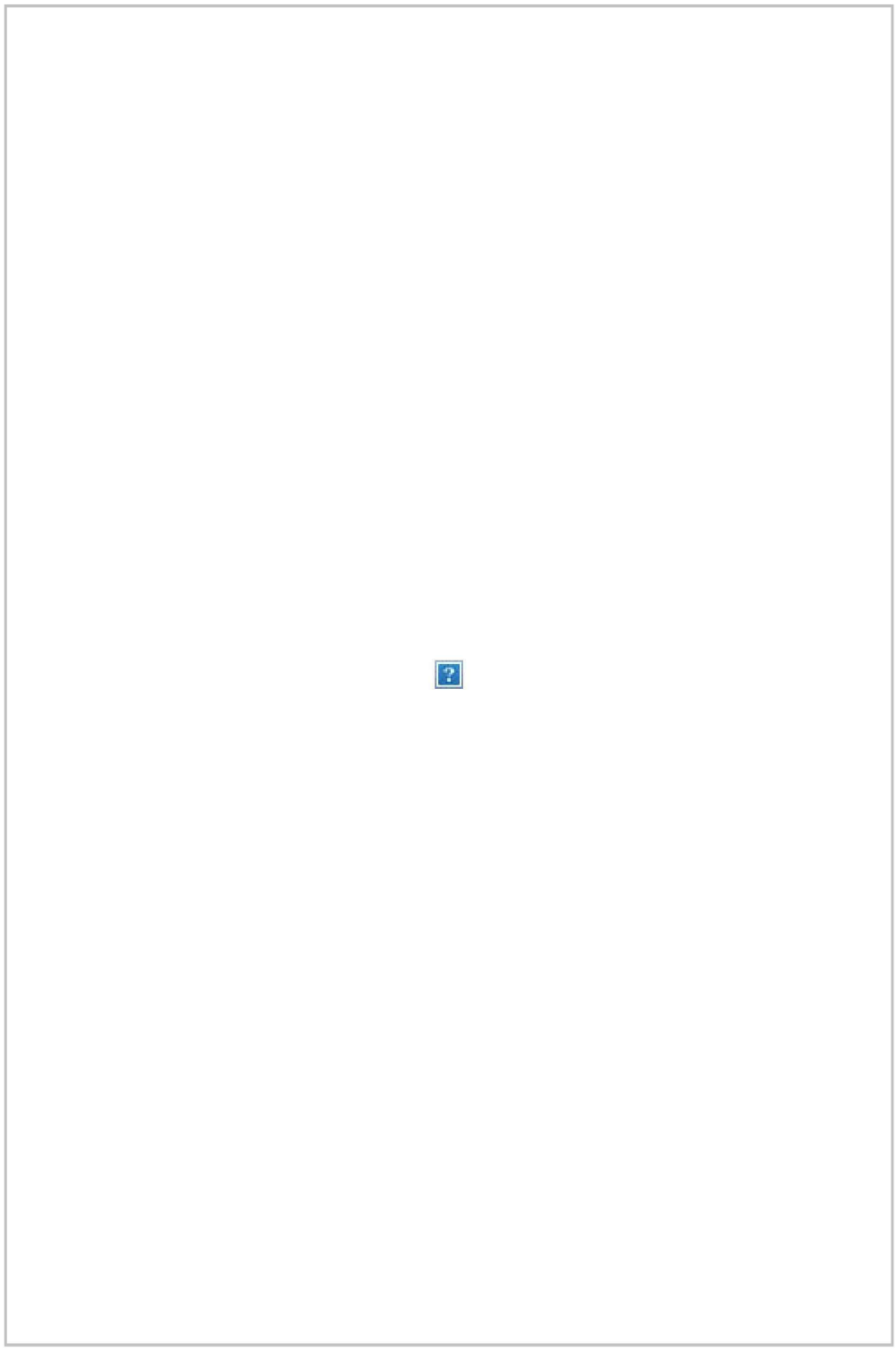

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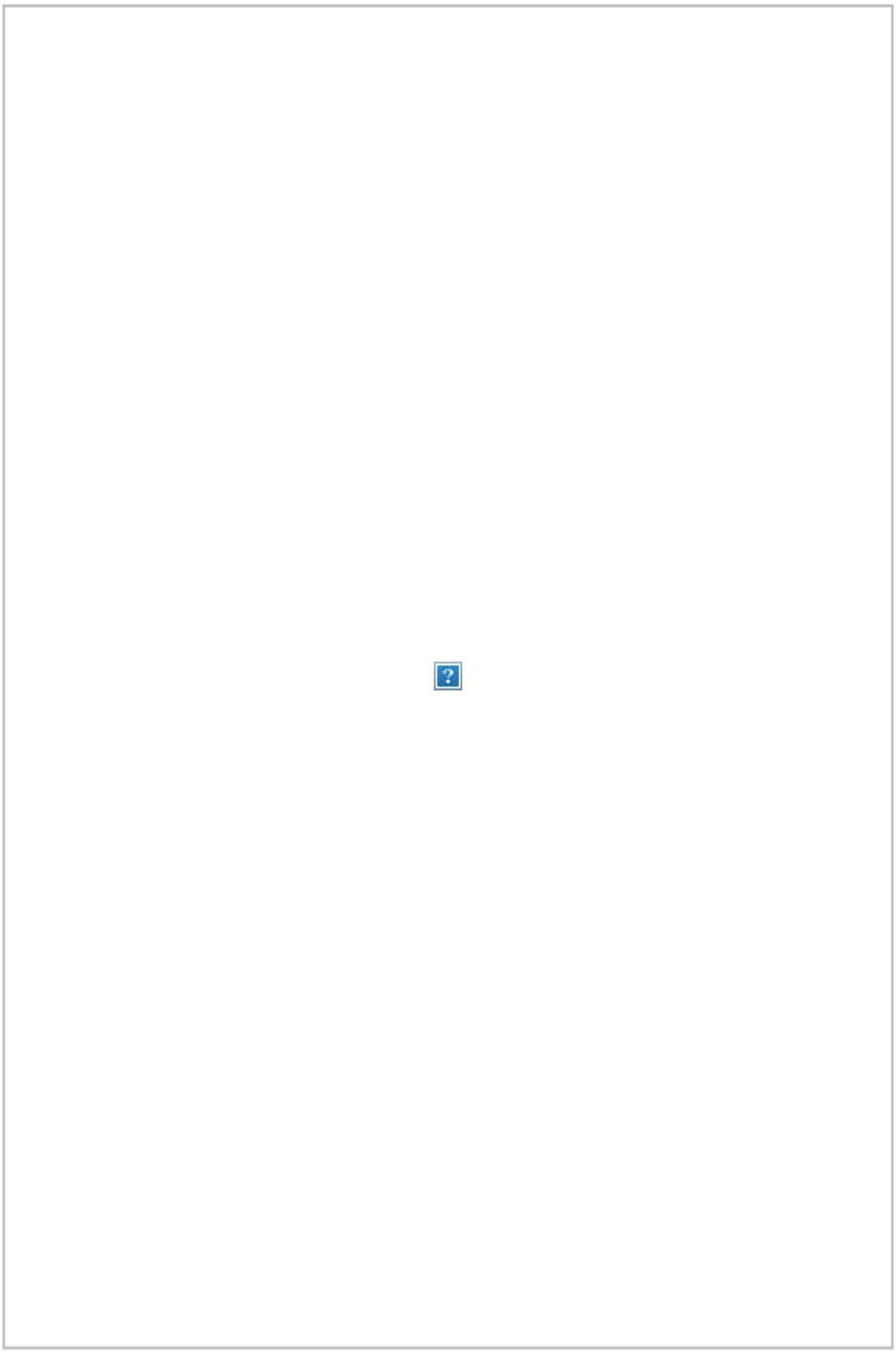

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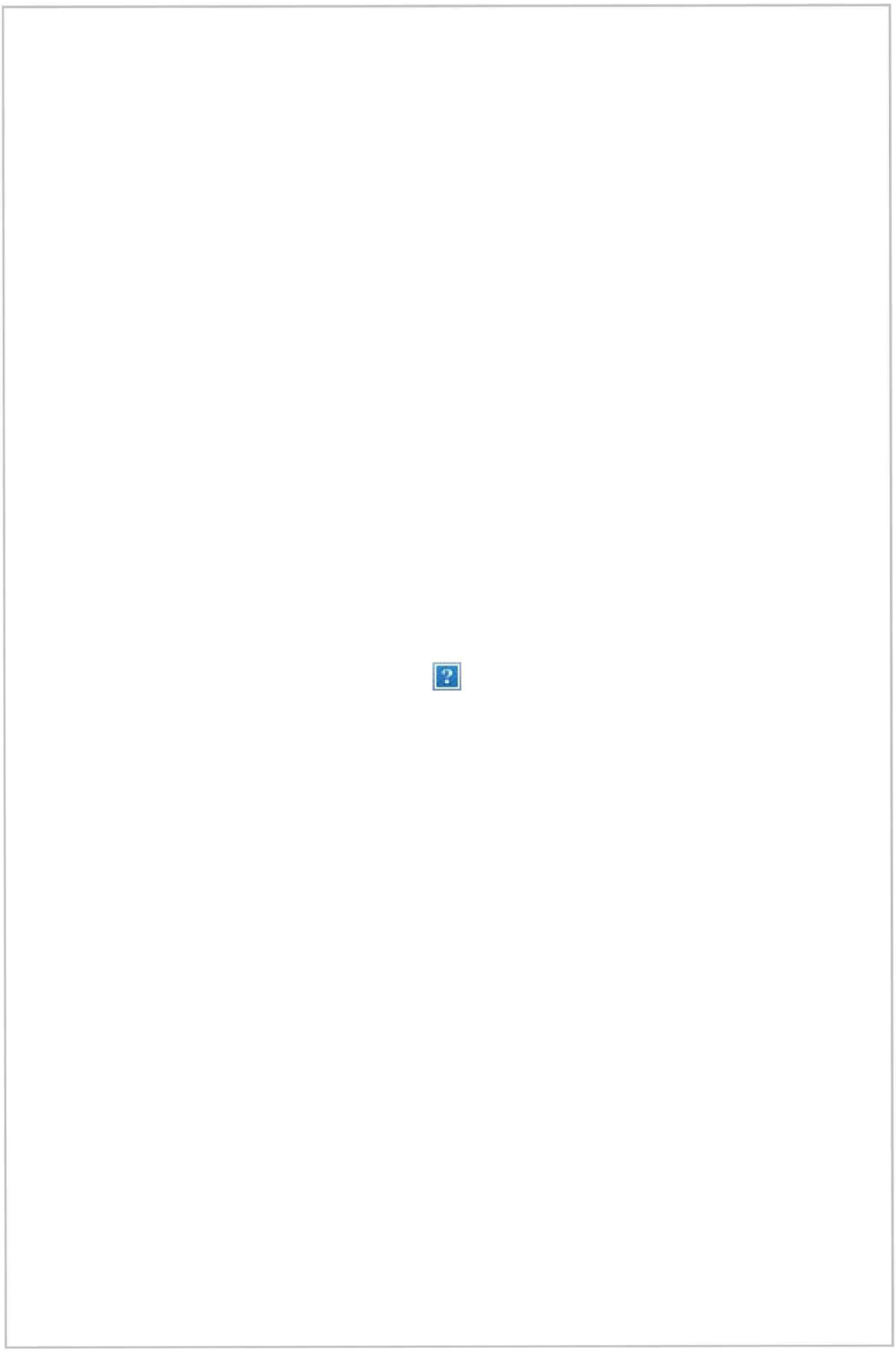

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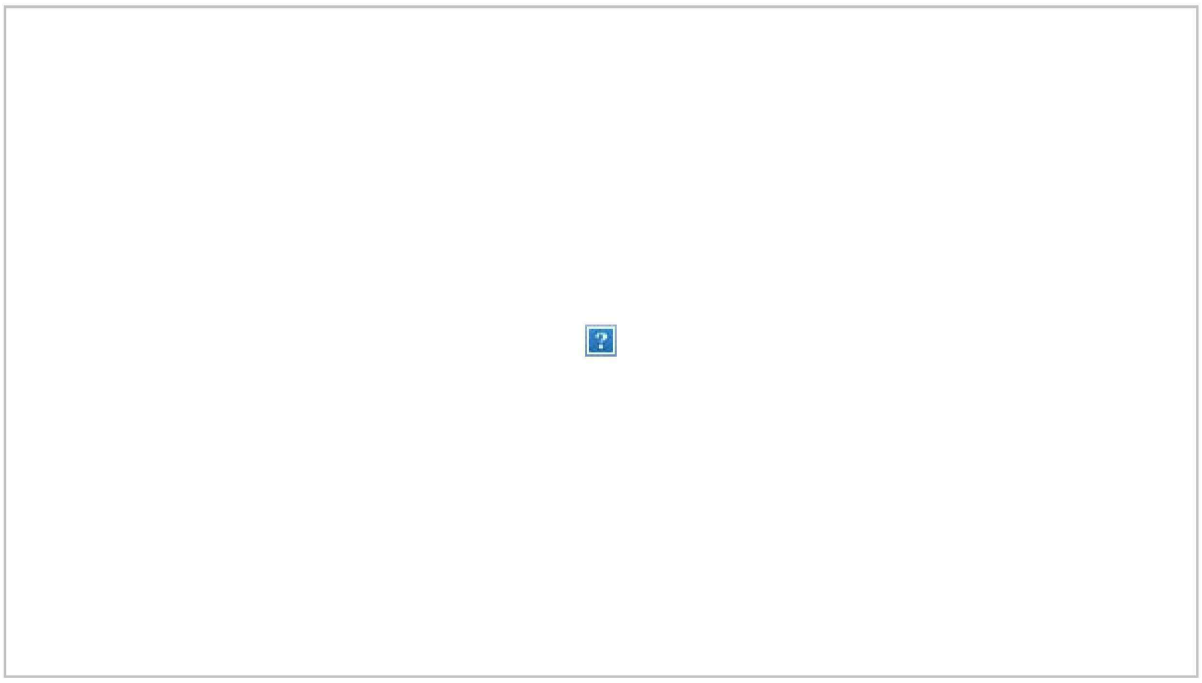

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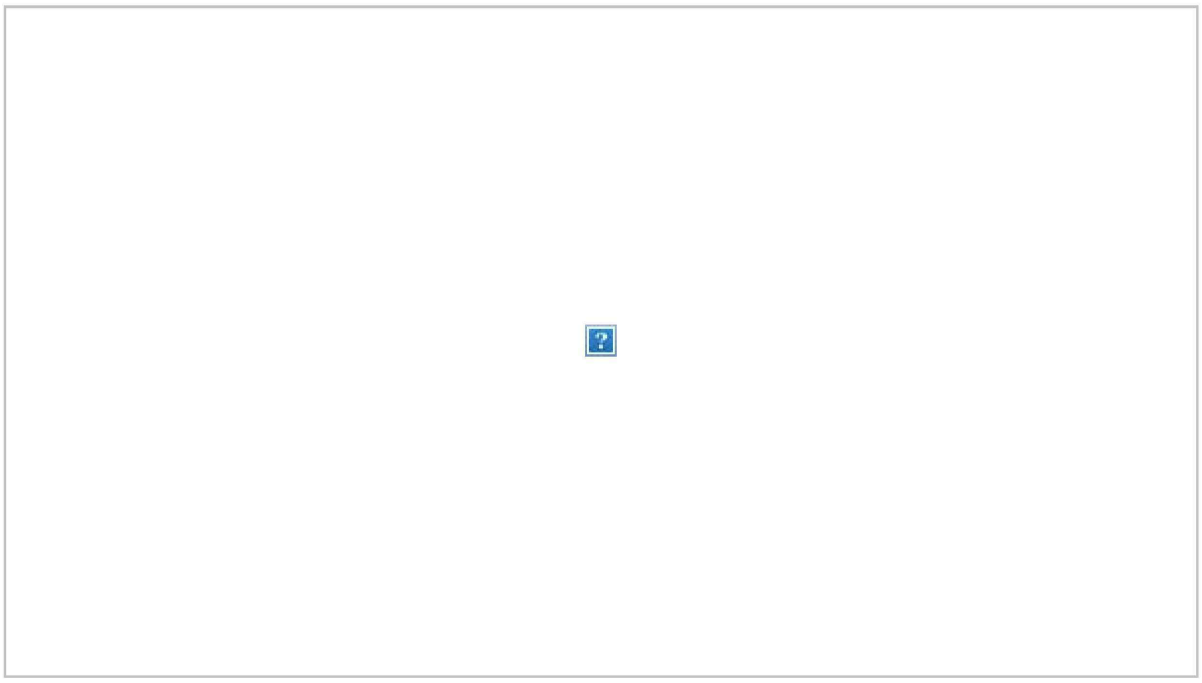

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Veterans Day 2020

Today, November 11, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we honor America's veterans for their service and sacrifice to the country.

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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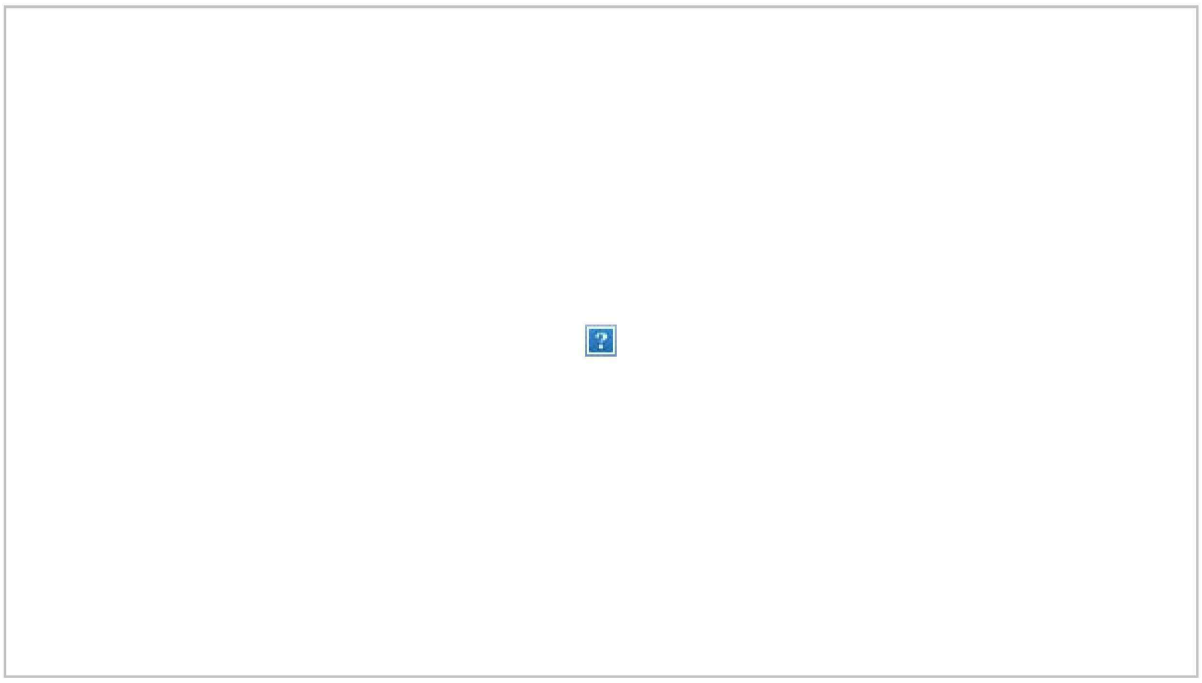
Department of Defense: On #VeteransDay, join us in saluting the men and women who have given selflessly and sacrificed in service to our country. We thank you. Learn more about Veterans Day: https://go.usa.gov/x7R85

Watch: Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty



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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
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act Funding
- 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

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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.

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- **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 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

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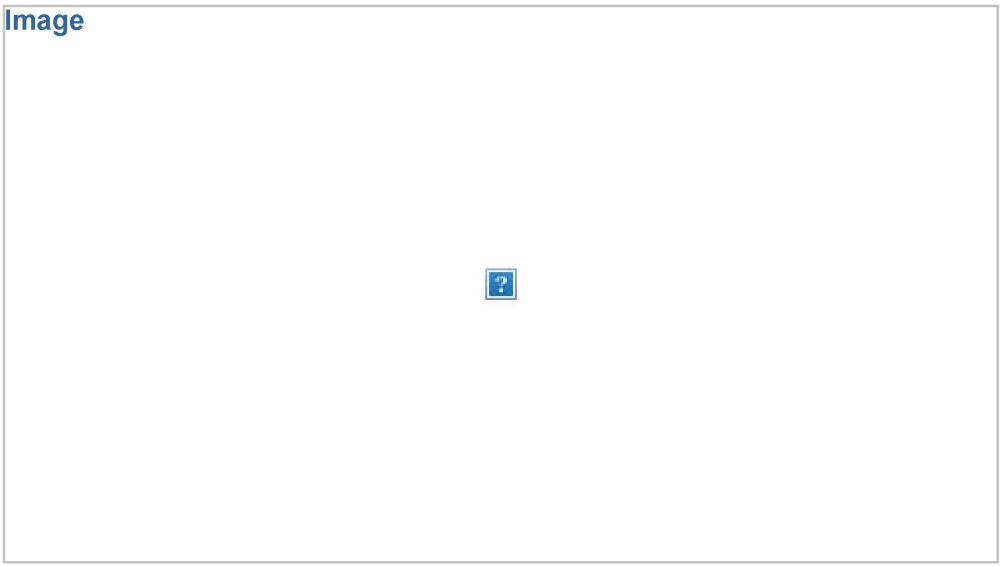
most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

☐ **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**



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*

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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 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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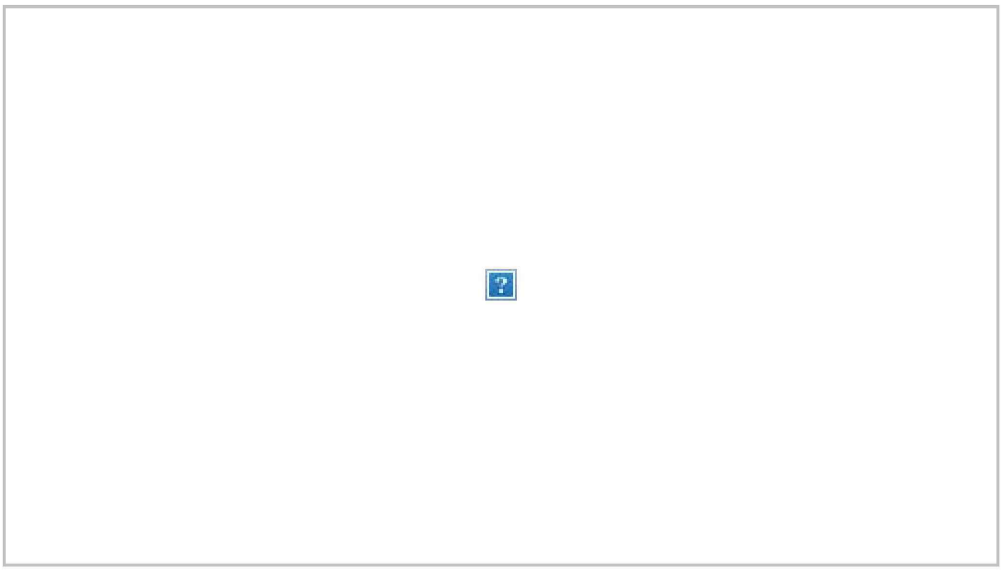

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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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.

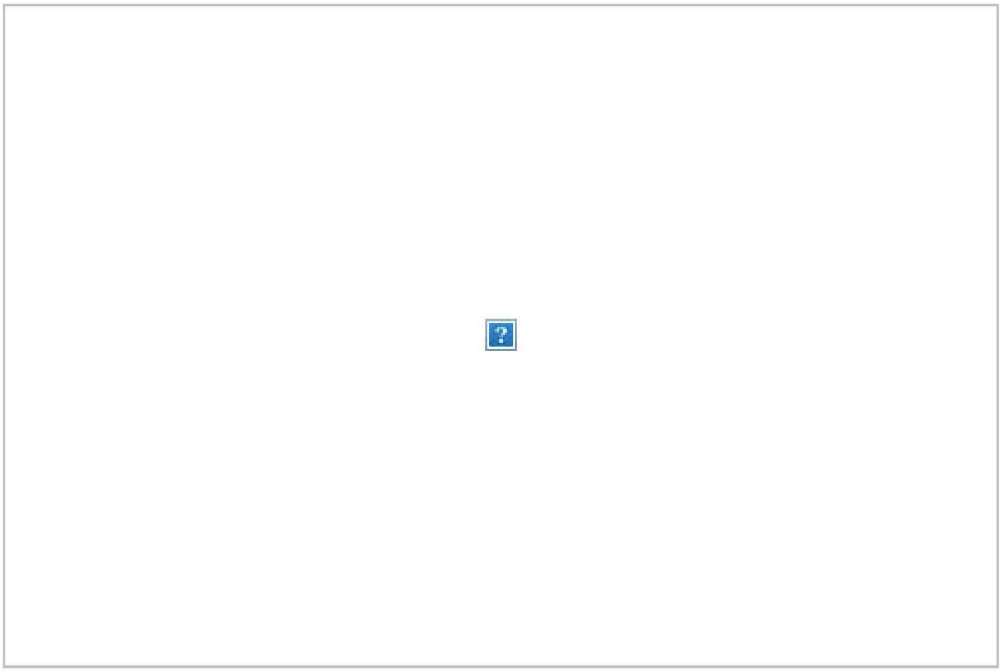
Read More: [Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines]

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



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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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.

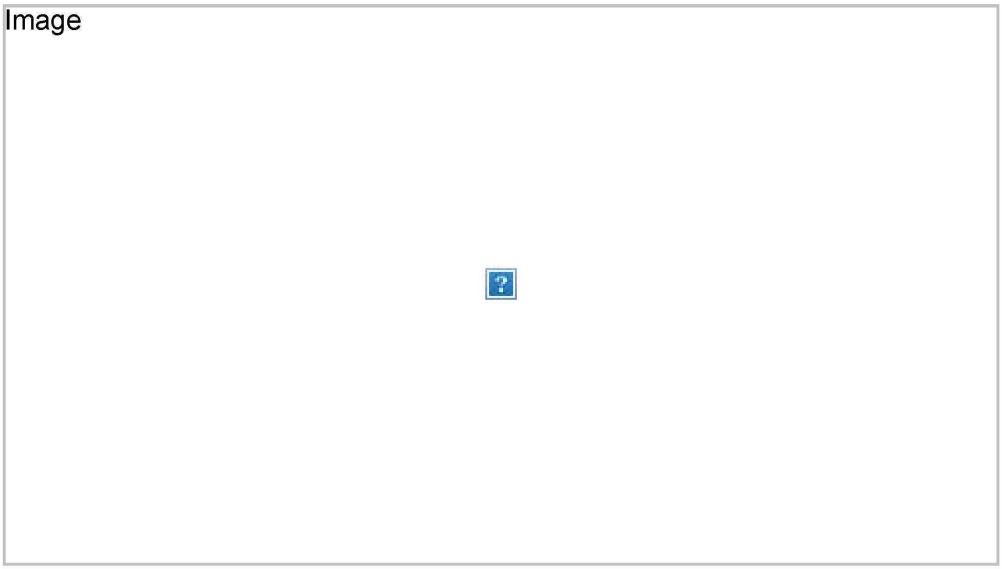
Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed 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**

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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 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch

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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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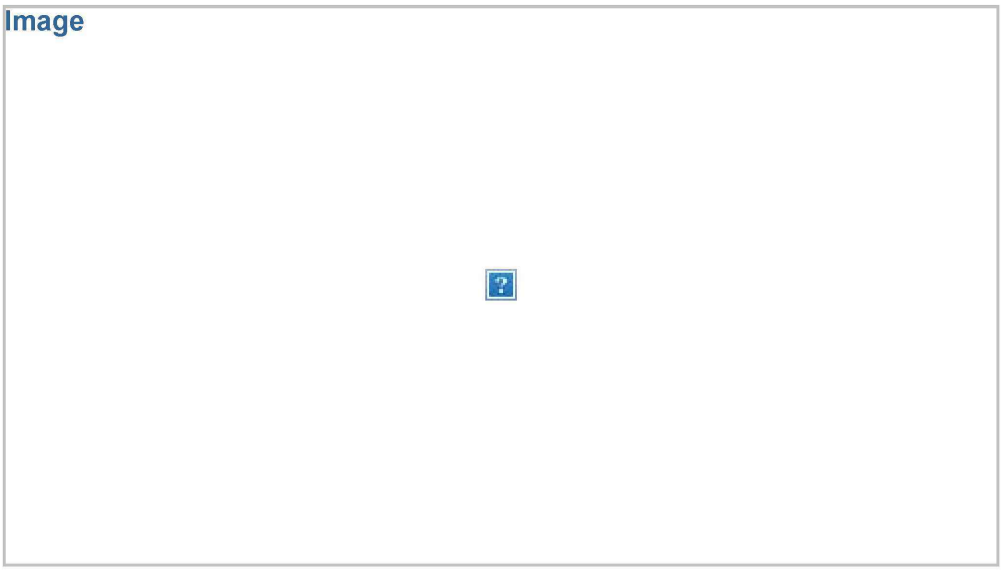

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To learn more about W-GDP's pillars, goals, and the annual report, click **here**.

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

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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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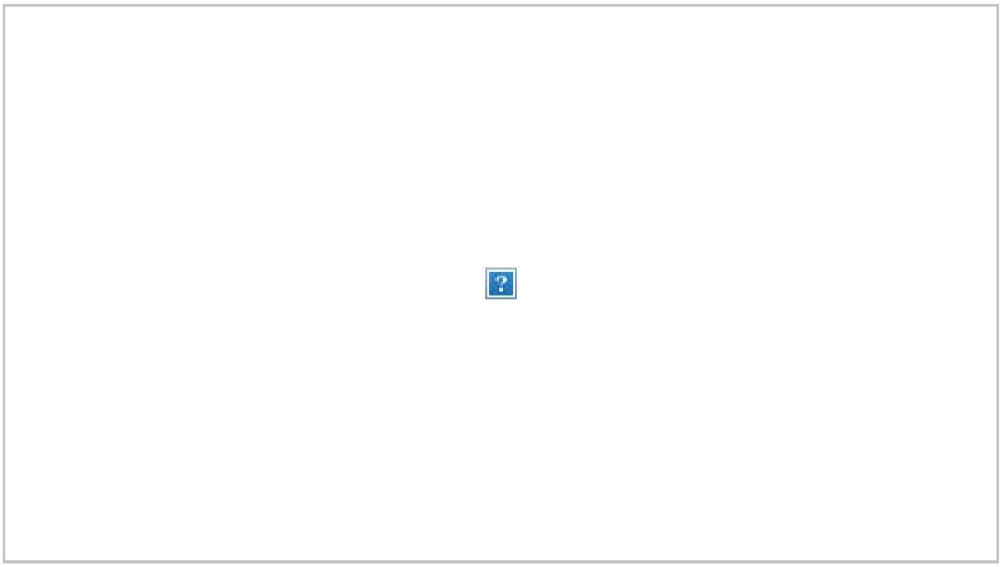

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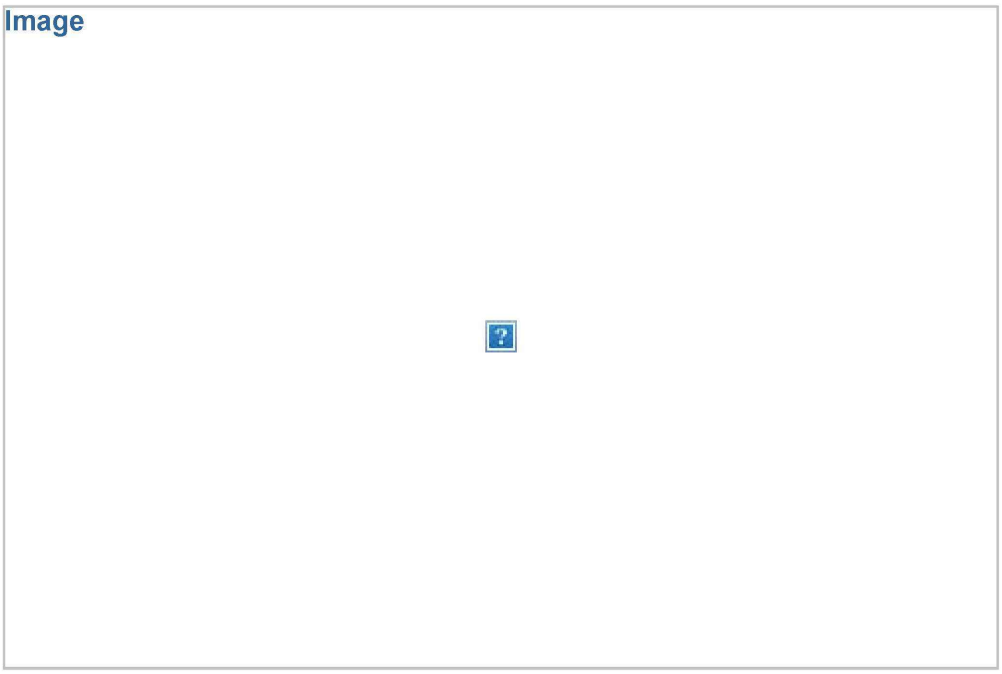

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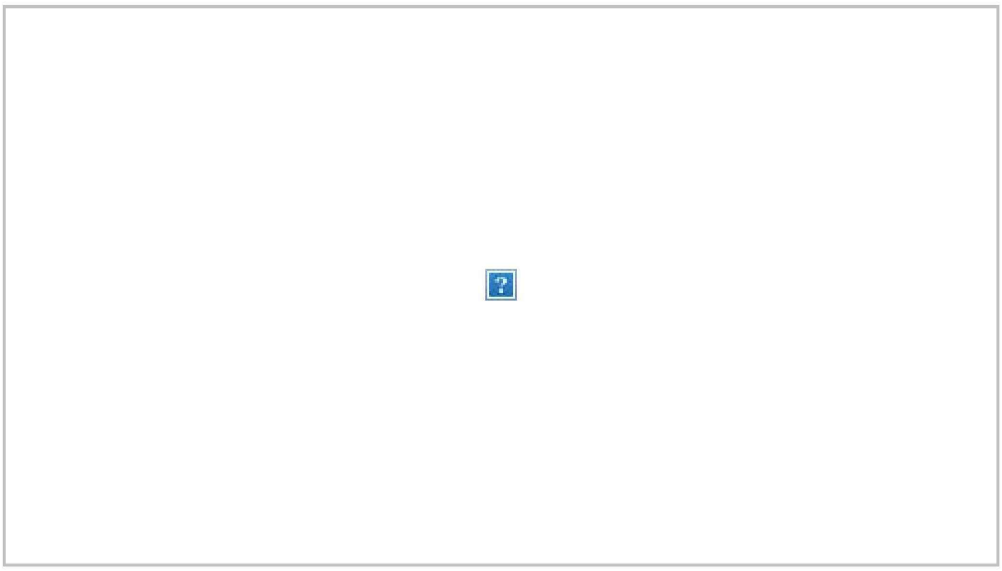

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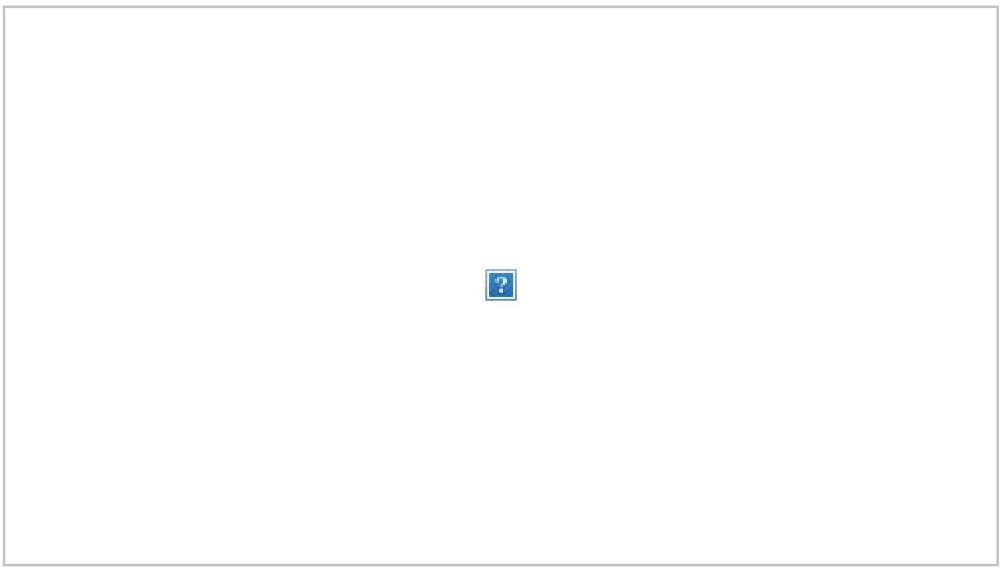

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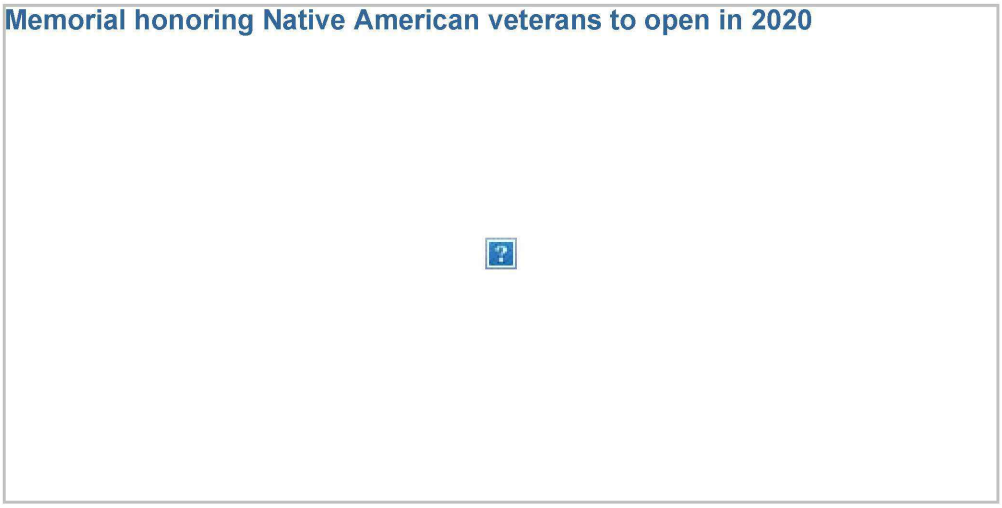

The $15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San 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.

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 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

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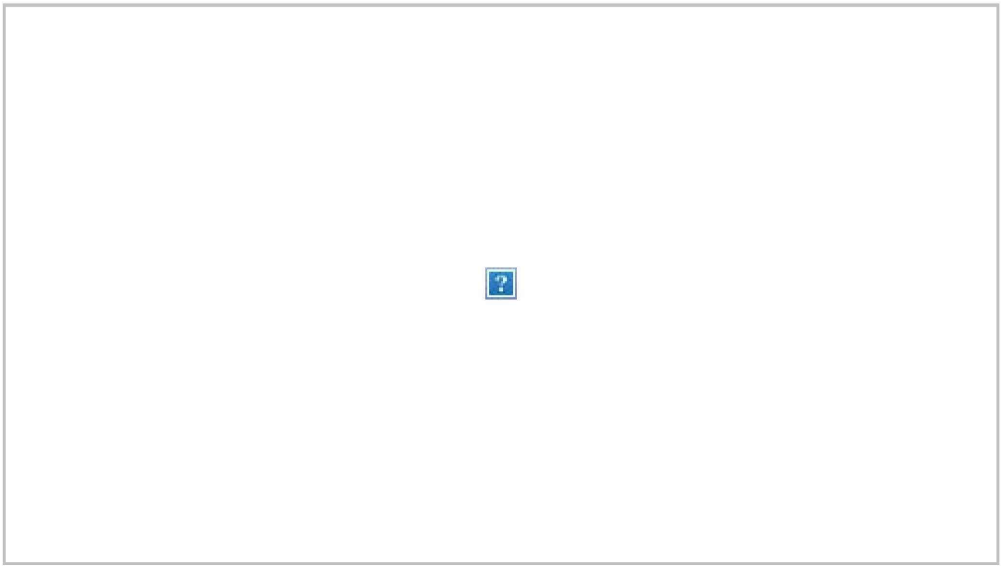
help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and 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 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**

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☐ **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**.

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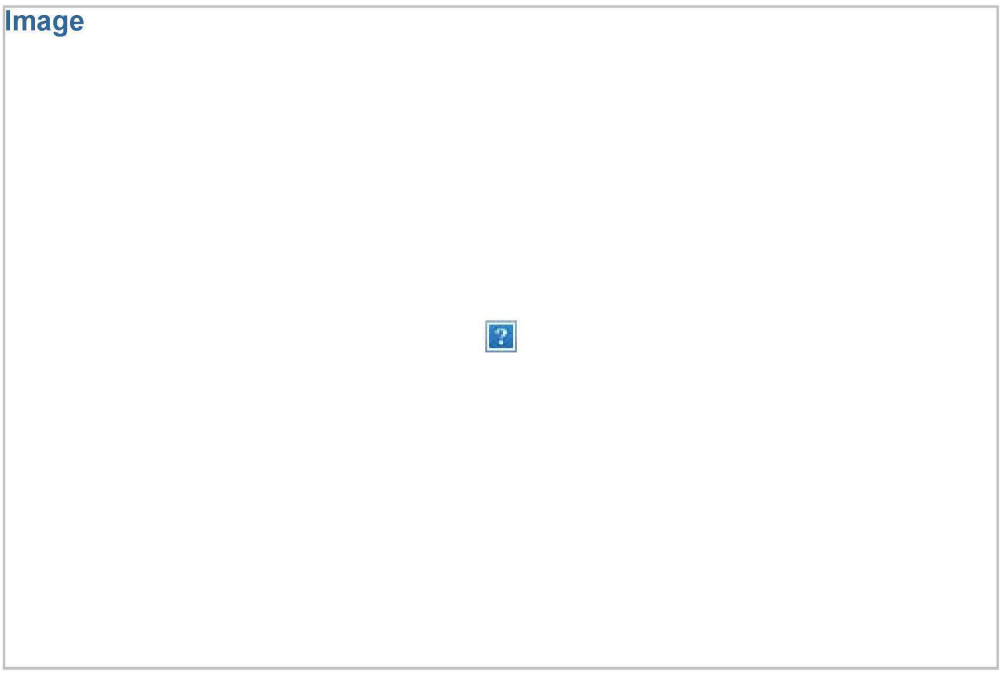

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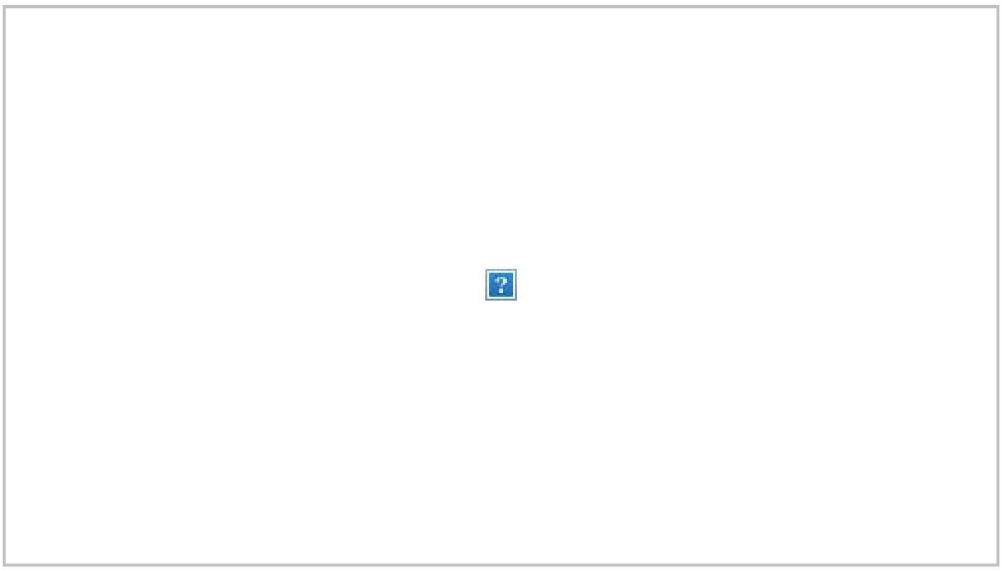

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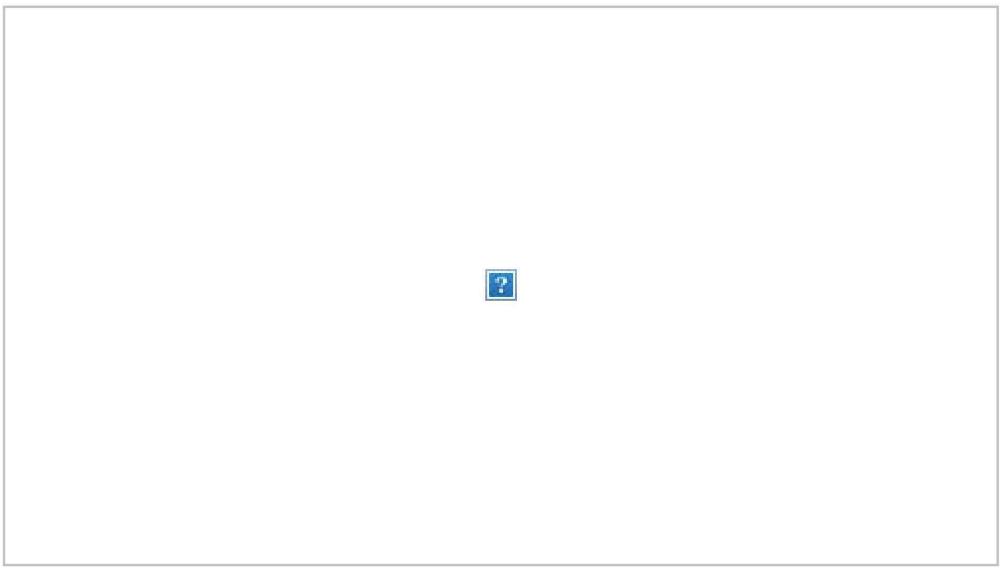

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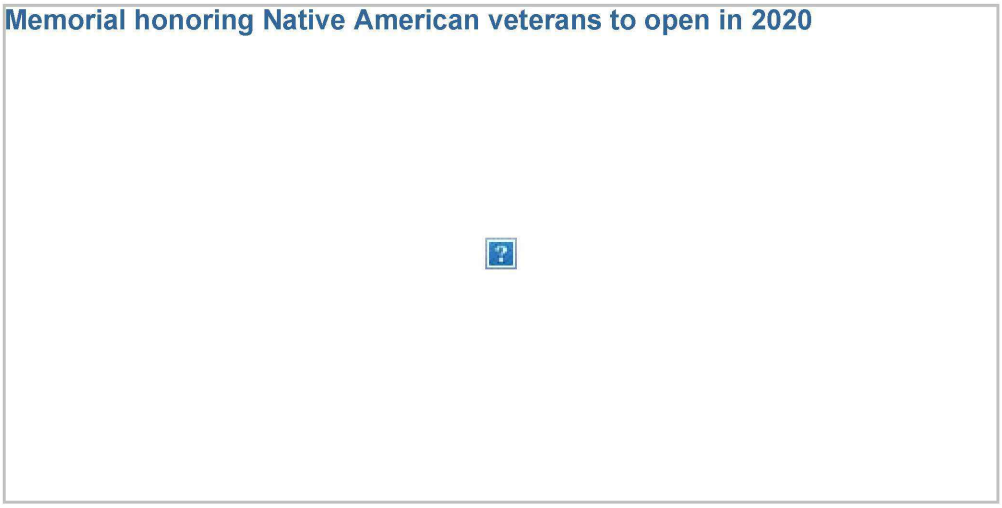

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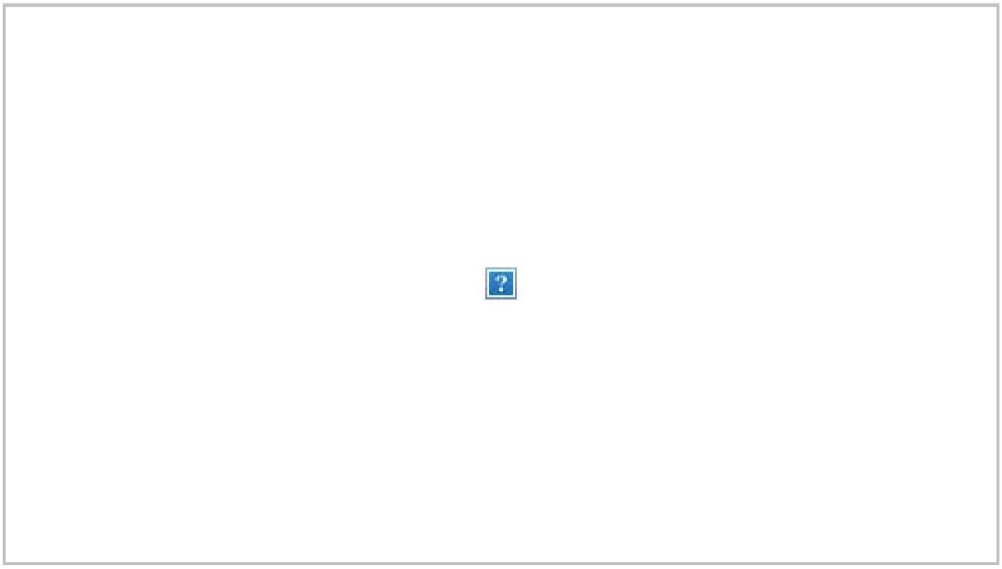

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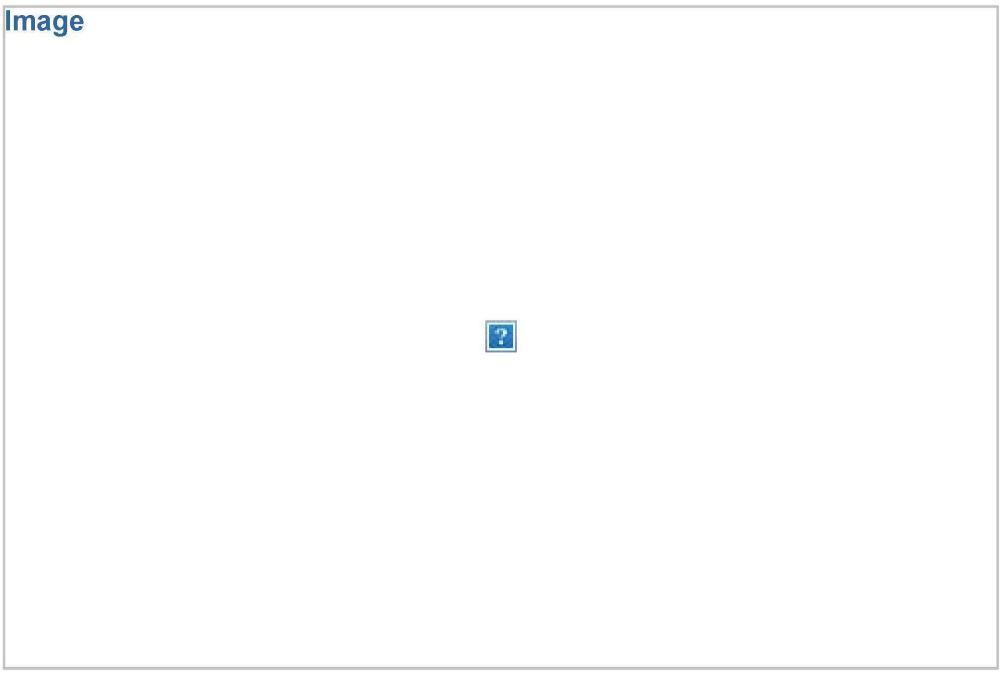

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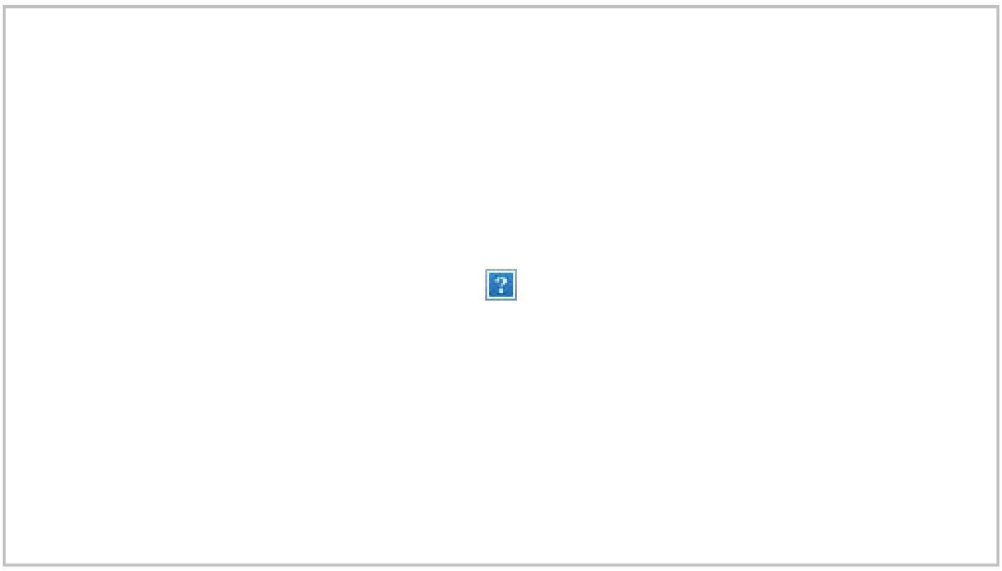

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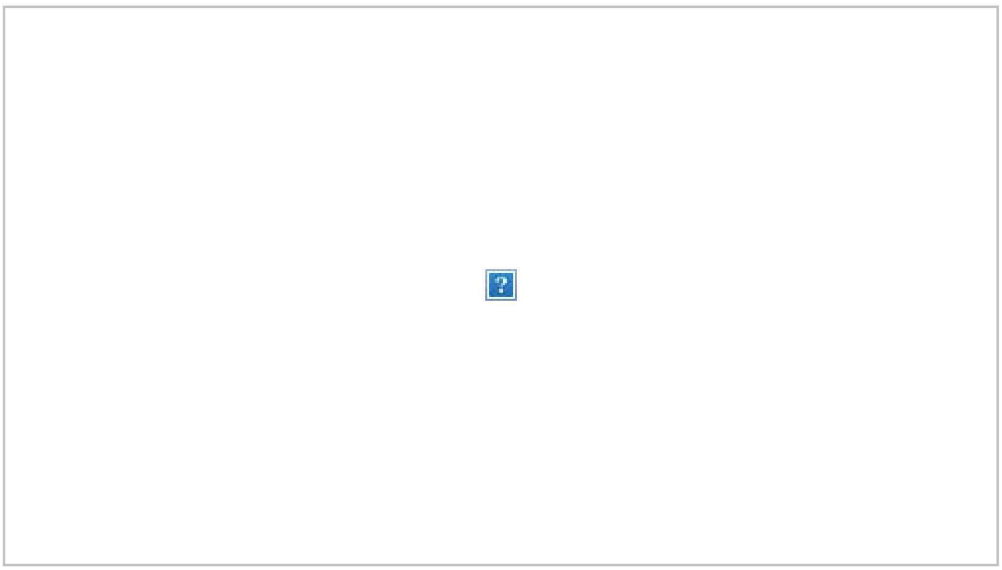

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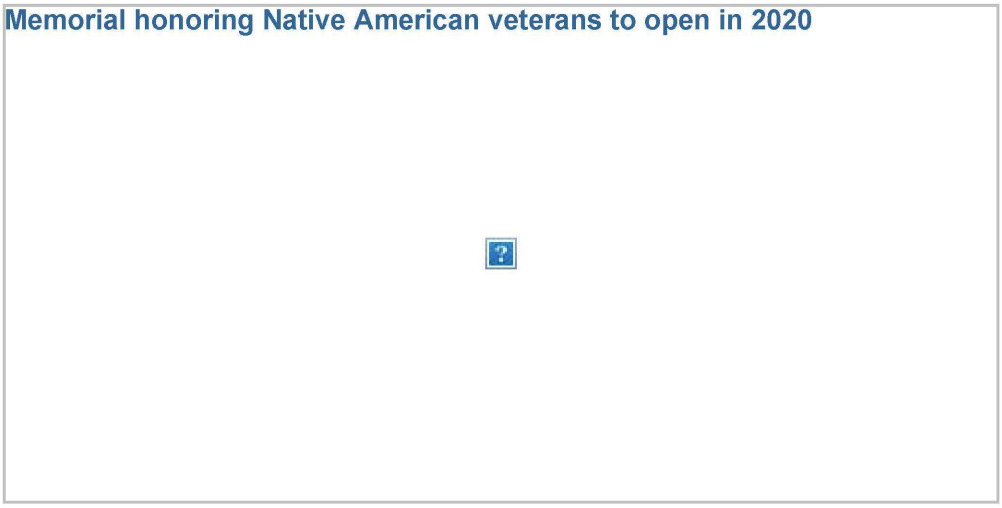

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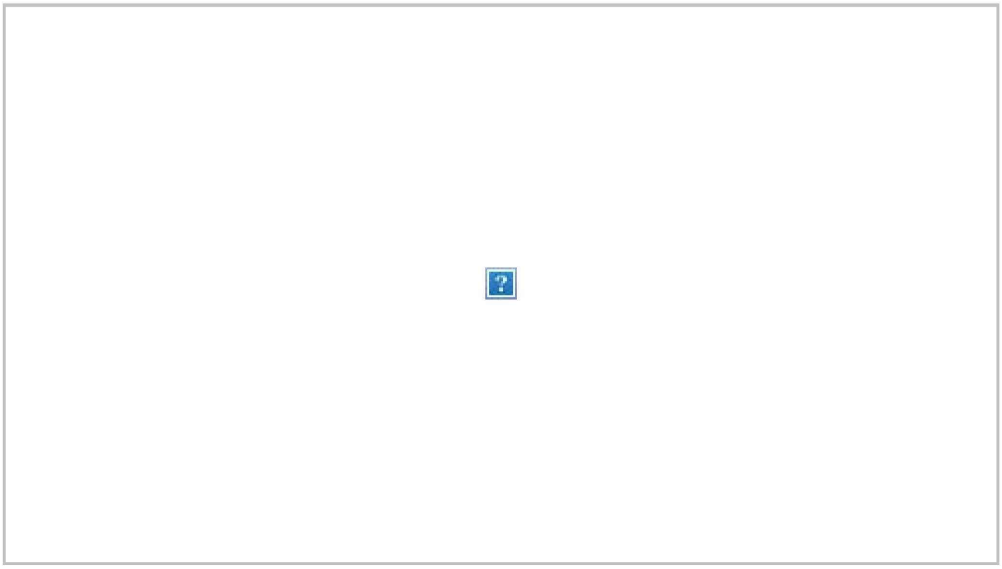

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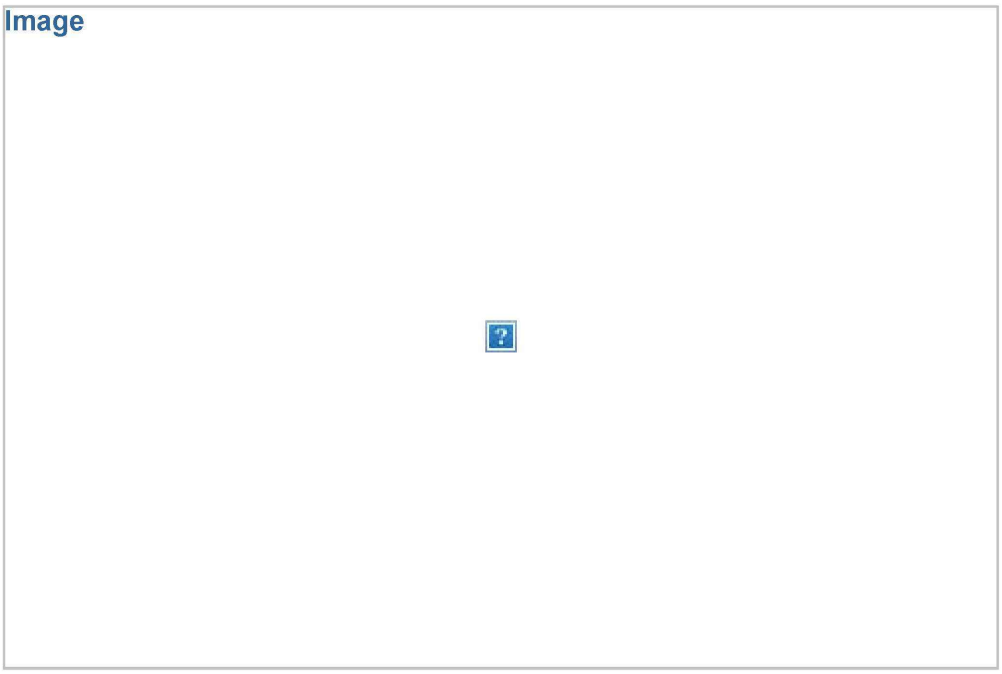

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Read More: FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19

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, 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

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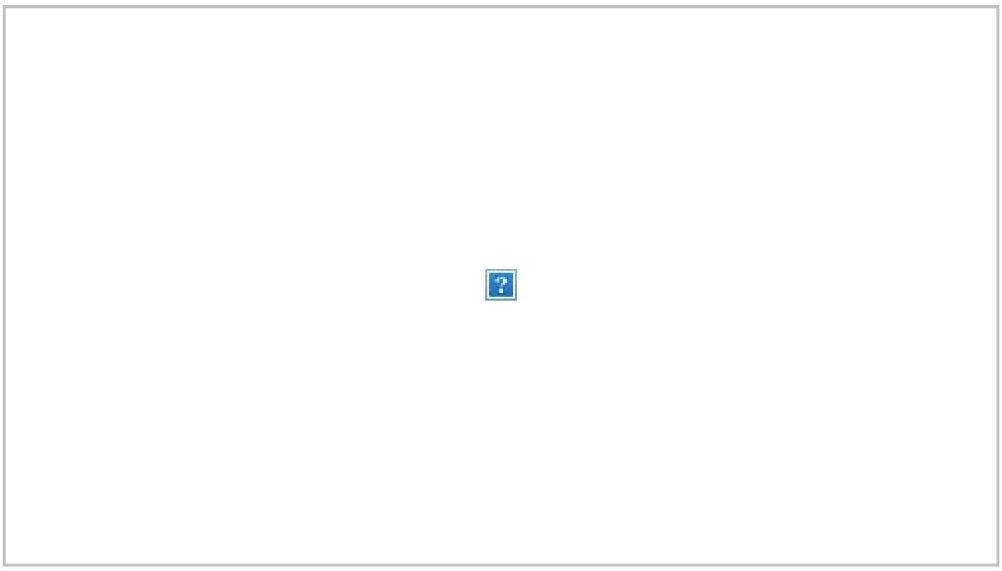
Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,014 COVID-19 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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.



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

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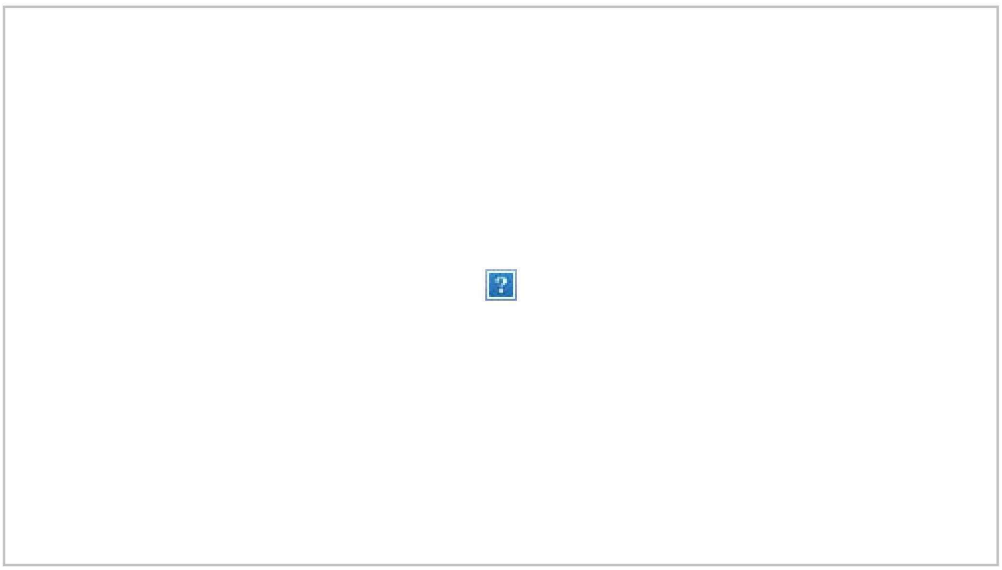
forever indebted to them beyond measure.

Read More: [Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020]

The White House: [On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them.]

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 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]

Native American Heritage Month 2020

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

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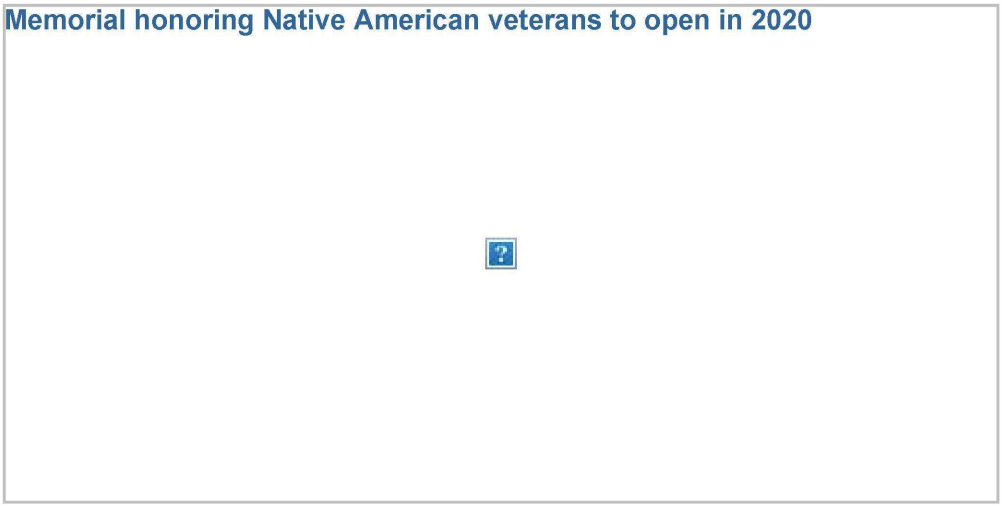
more than 120 submissions.



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 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

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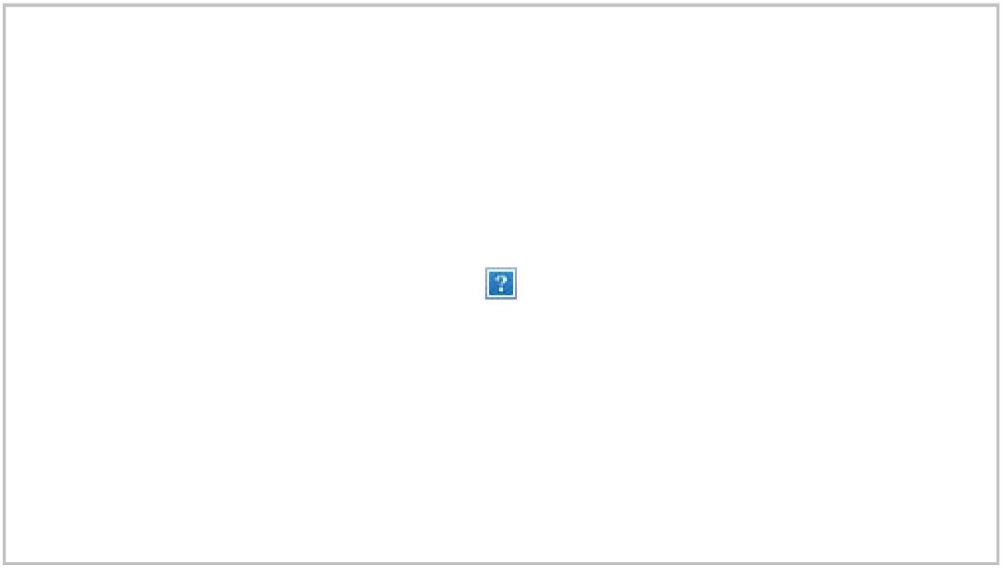
help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and 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 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**

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☐ **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**

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**

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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Report: Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies

☐ **COPS Office (DOJ):** NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release 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

On Thursday, November 12, President 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. Below you will find additional information including the Executive Order and National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien's statement.

"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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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 6, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 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: 40th COVID-19 Governors-Only Call
- Economic Update - October Jobs Numbers; The Recovery Continues
- President's Advisory 1776 Commission
- USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act
- Administration Awards $458 Million to Fight Violent Crime
- Indian Affairs Update
- Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

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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Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar 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 on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found **here**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries **here**.

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the **Provider Relief Fund** closed today, November 6. More **here**. The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- 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*

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- 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.**

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

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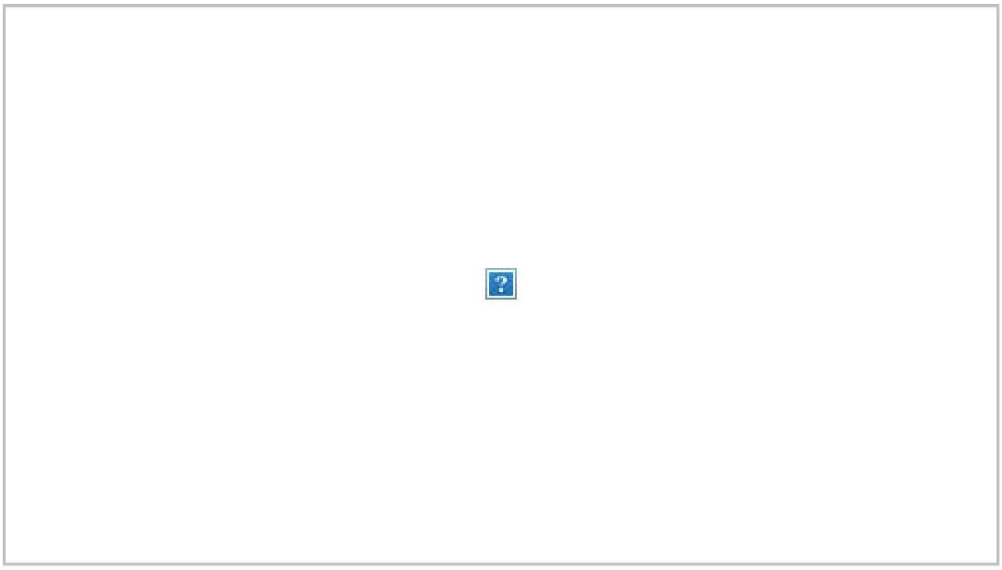
likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October



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 October #jobsreport

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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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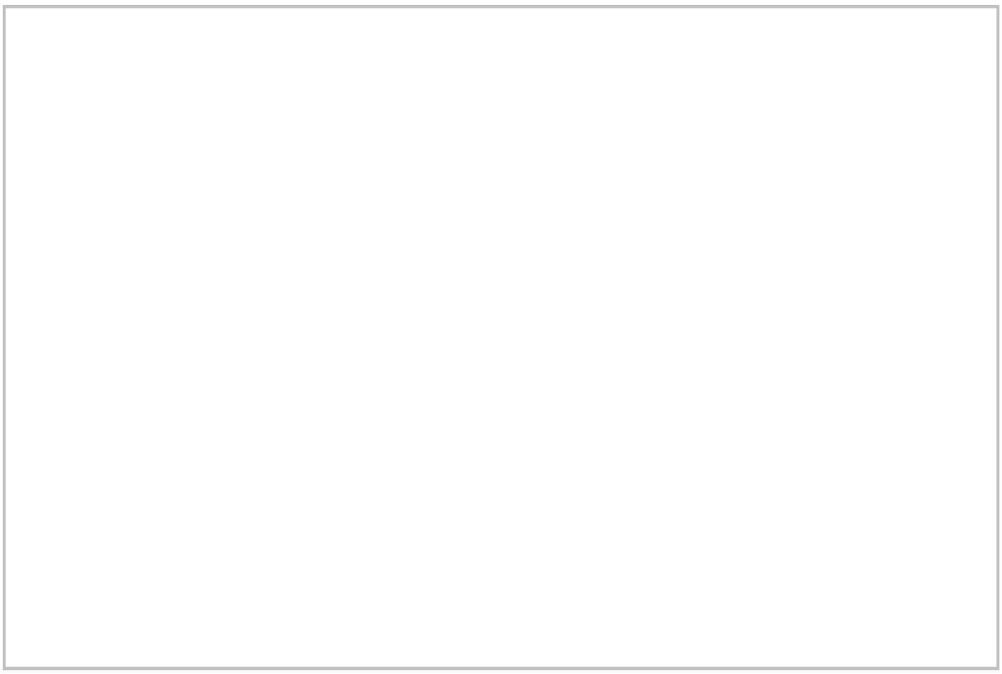

President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event 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 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

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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.

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**

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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.

DOJ Office of Justice Programs: **OJP announces 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.**

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 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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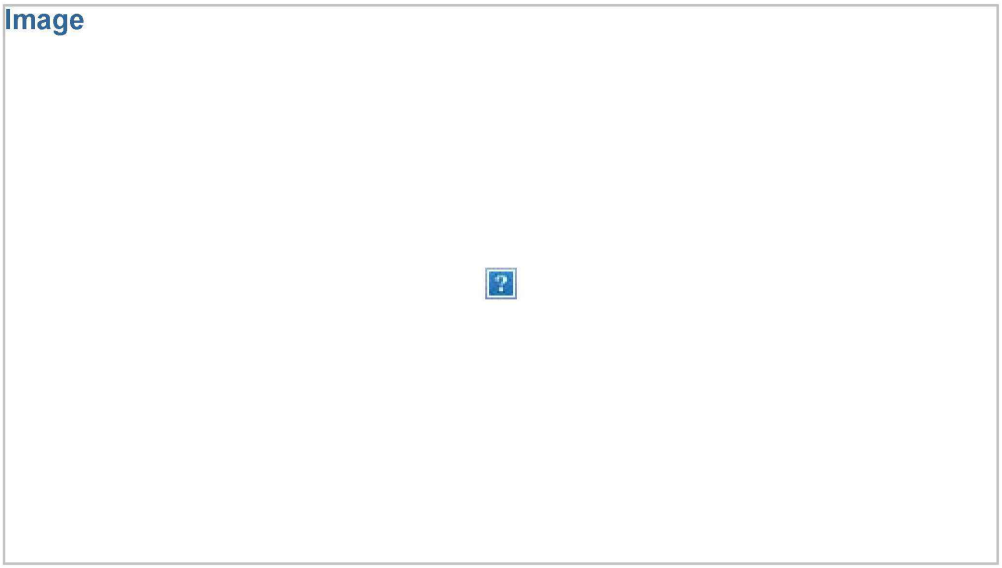
For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy **website**.

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live **here**.



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**

On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as **National Native American Heritage Month**.

The Trump Administration also **announced** on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the **repatriation** of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are **scheduled** for Wednesday, December 2,

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2020.

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, 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

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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

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agenda **here**.

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

Read More: **Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year**

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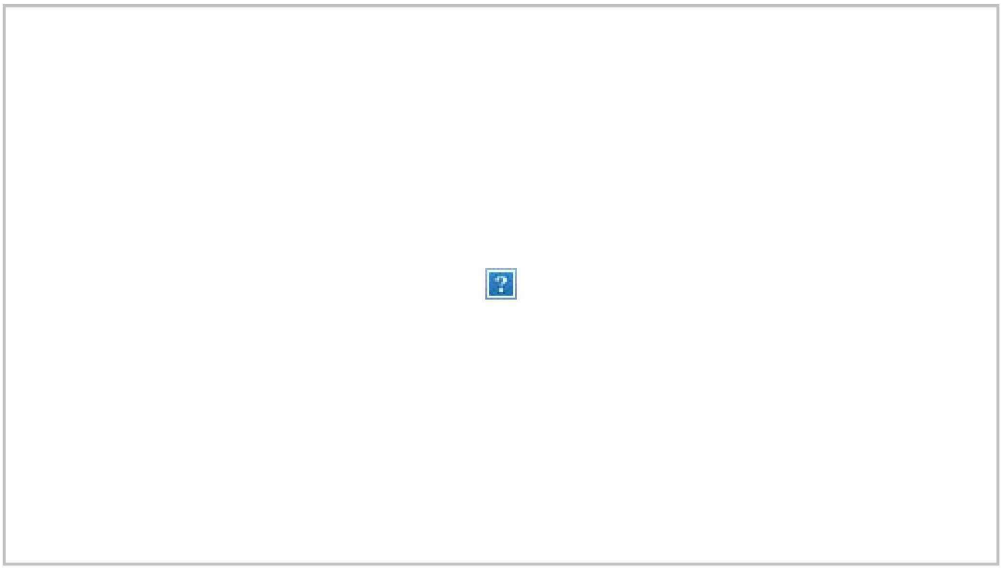

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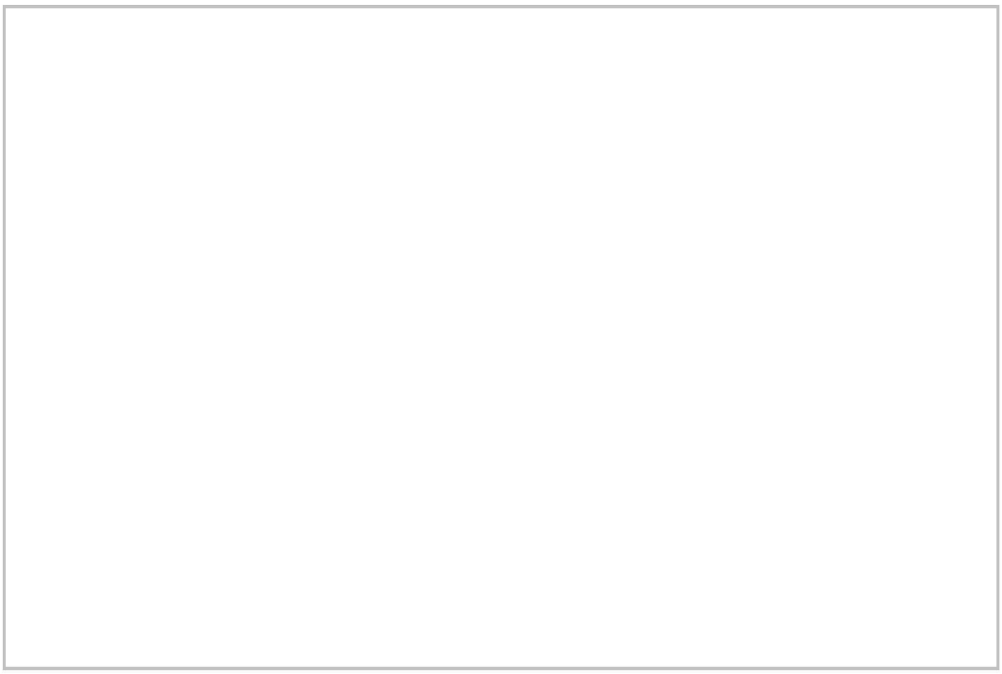

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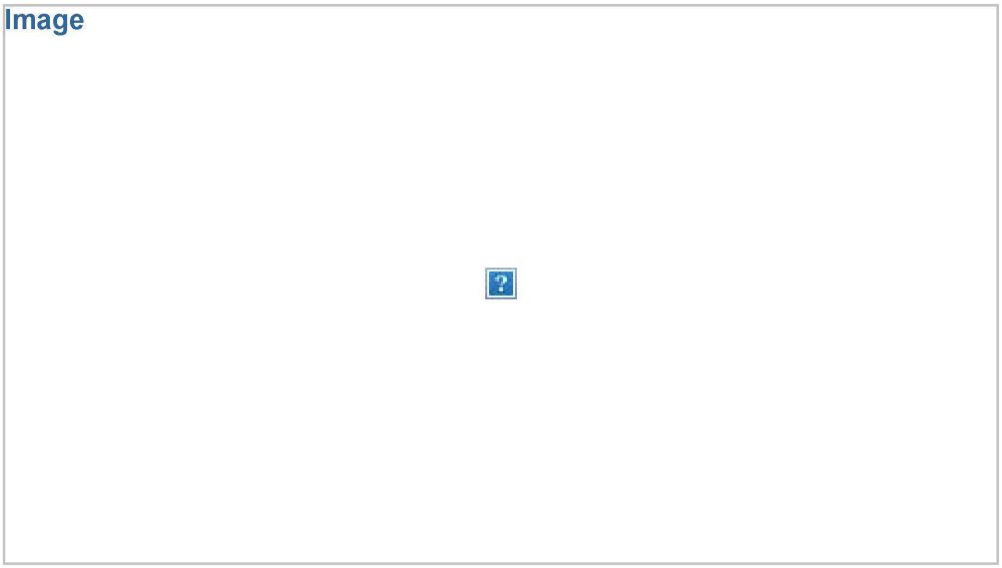

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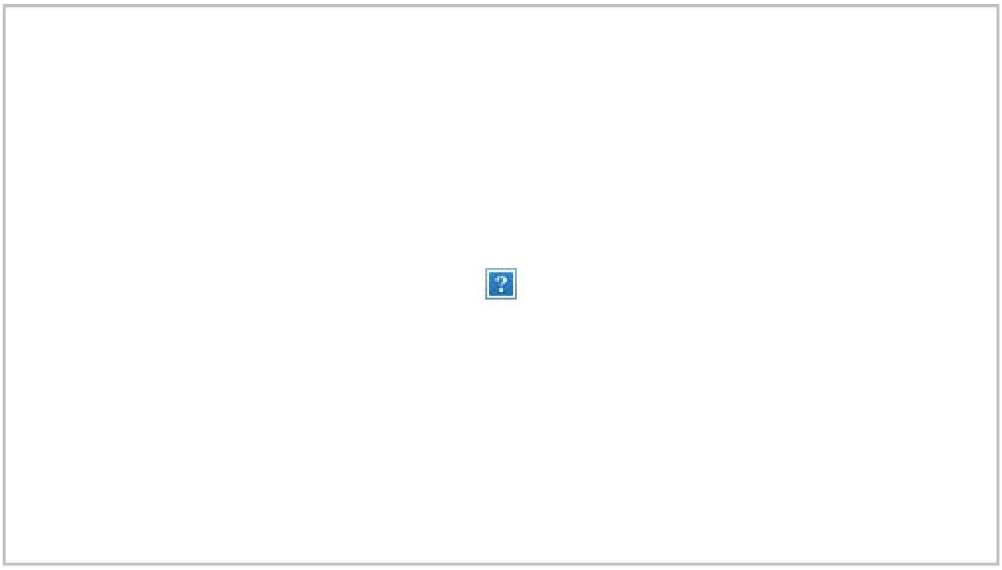

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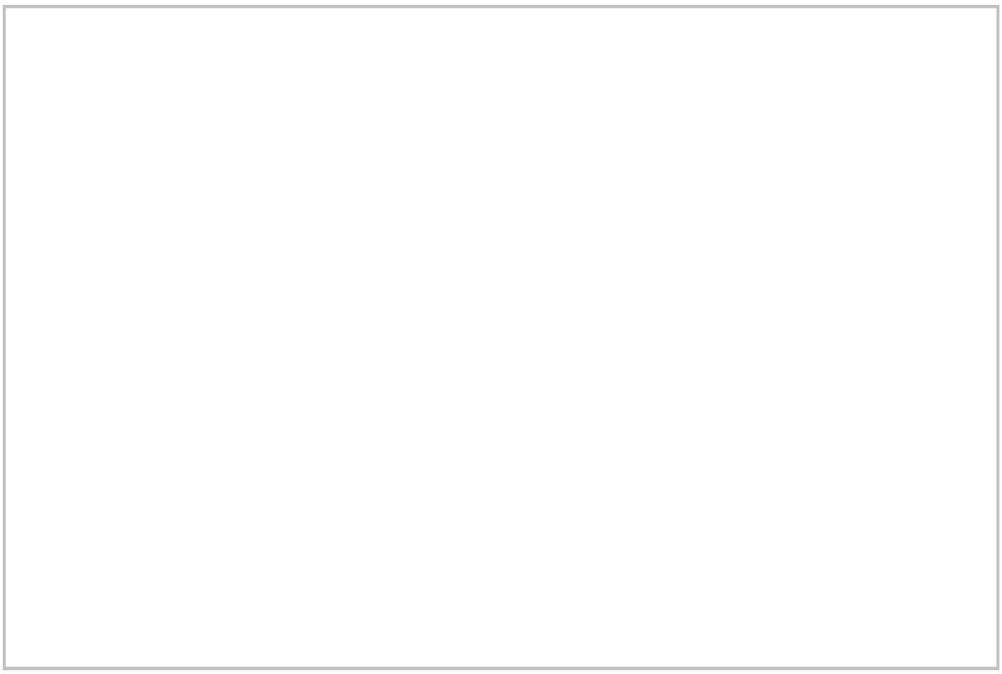

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The Office of Indian Energy has been helping alleviate the financial burden of Native communities since 2010 by investing more than $85 million in more than 180 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. They provide technical 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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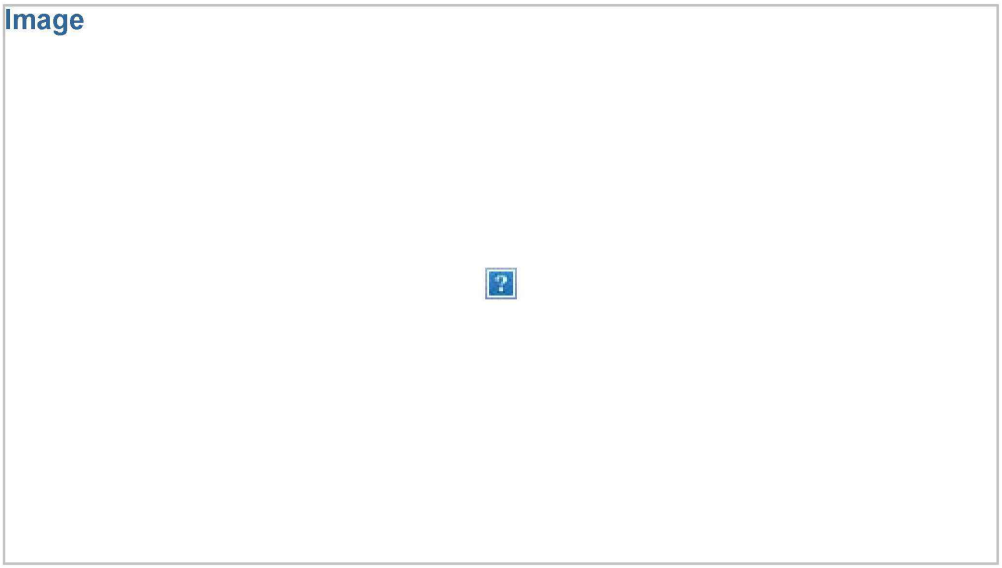
For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy **website**.

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live **here**.



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**

On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as **National Native American Heritage Month**.

The Trump Administration also **announced** on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the **repatriation** of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are **scheduled** for Wednesday, December 2,

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2020.

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, 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

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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

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agenda **here**.

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

Read More: **Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year**

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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
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act Funding
- 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

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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.

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- **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 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

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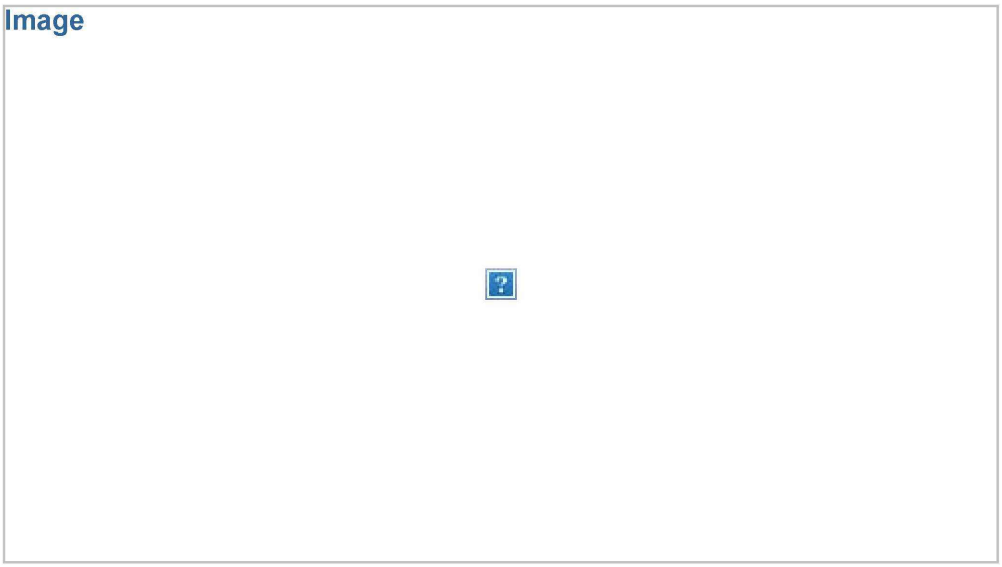
most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

☐ **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**



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*

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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 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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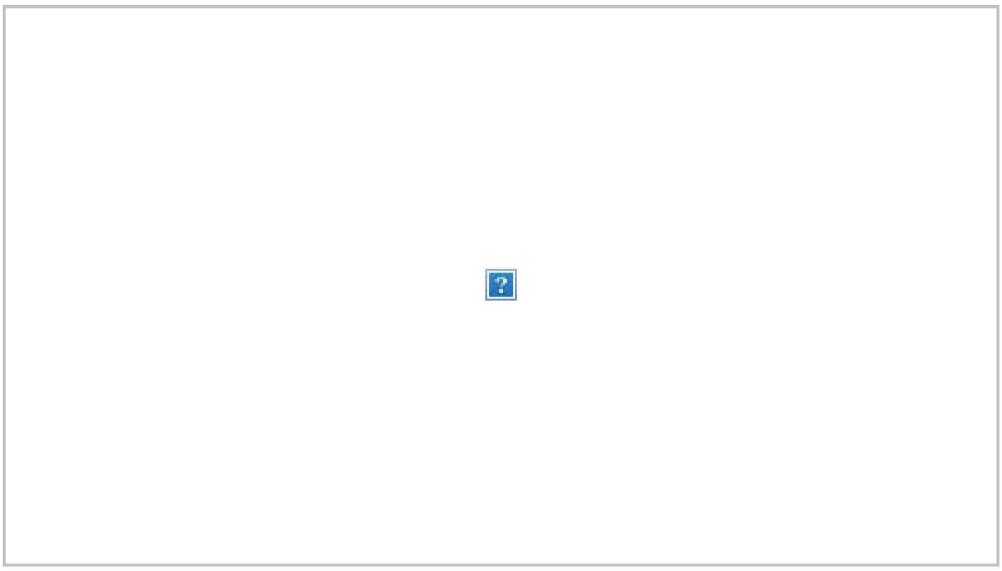

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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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.

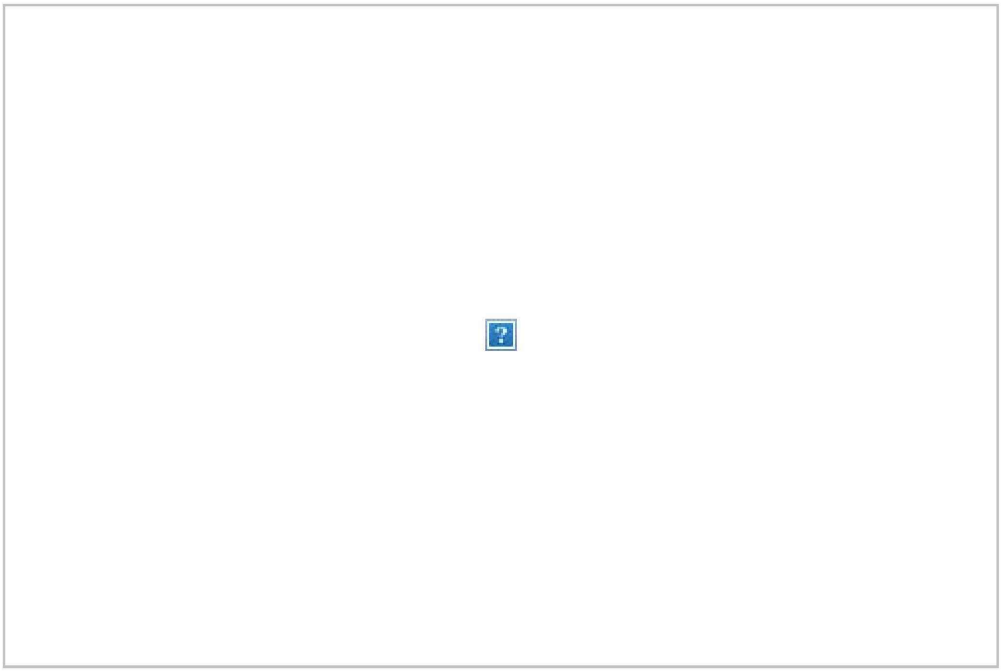
Read More: [Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines]

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



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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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.

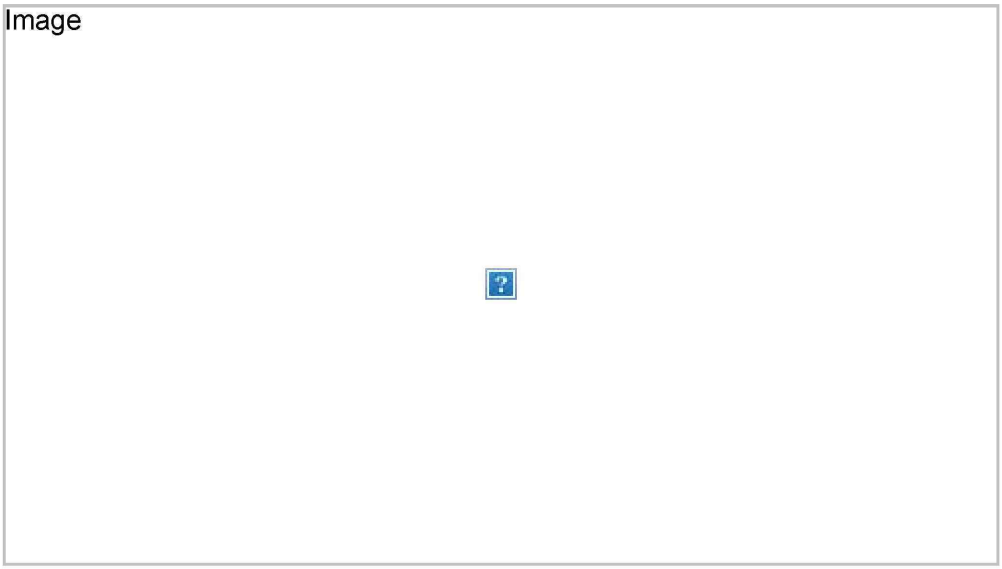
Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed 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**

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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 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch

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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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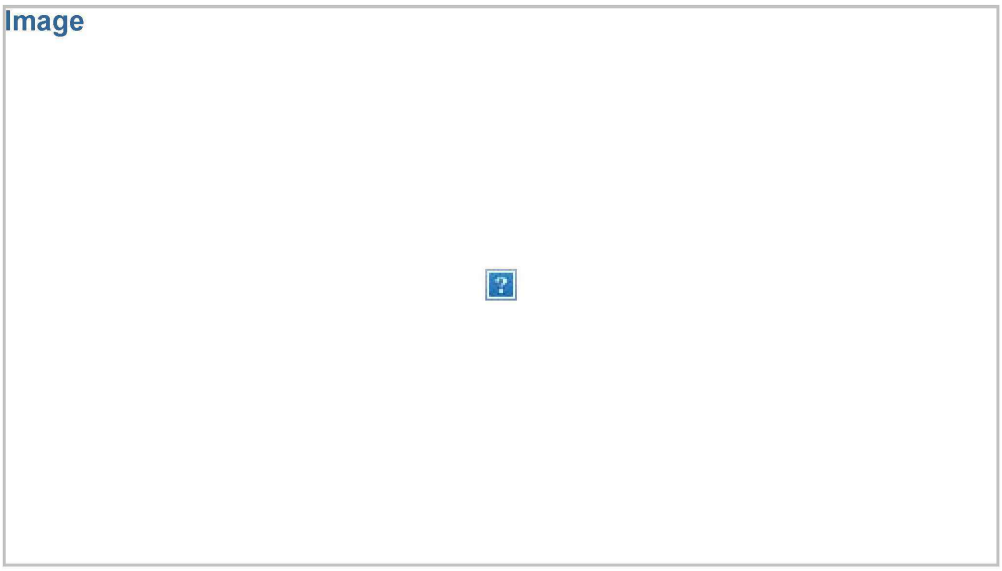

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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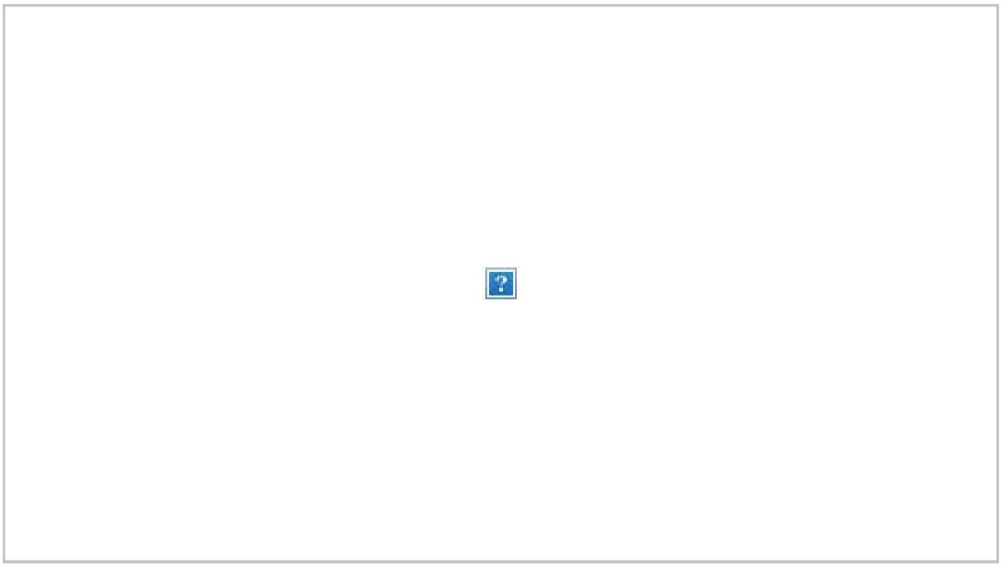
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week



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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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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, November 18, 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.

Please note that we have begun sharing call registration and other pertinent information through an email platform. See the below *IGA Weekly Recap* as an example. If you are not receiving our communications, please check your spam folder and make sure to add IGA.state@who.eop.gov to your approved email list.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

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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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Vaccine Announcement

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.

Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☐ **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.

☐ **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 Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the 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

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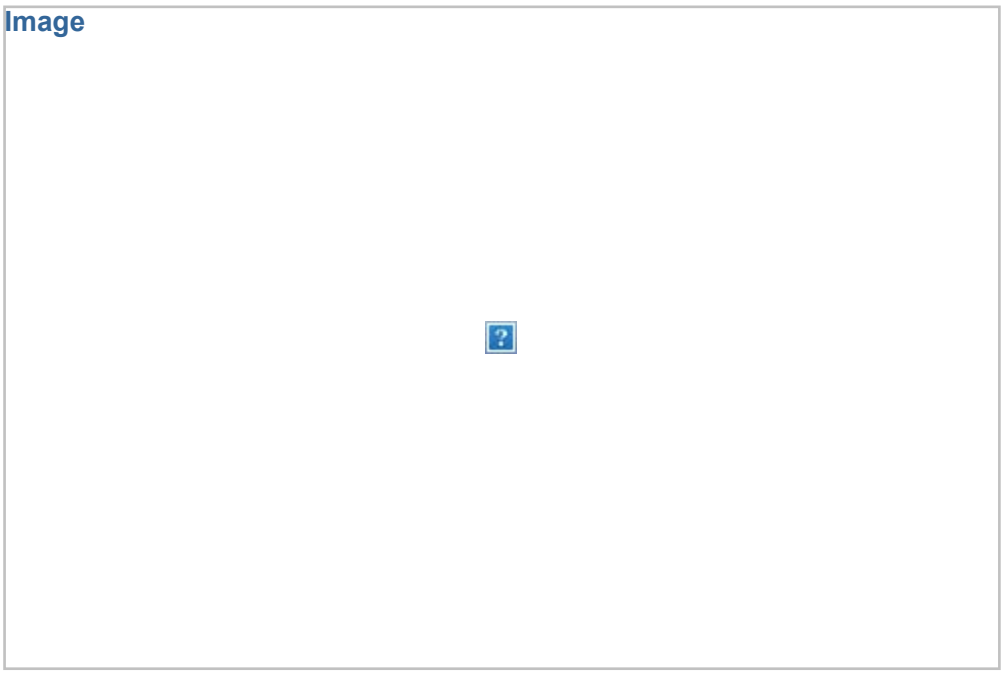

Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

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 **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

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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.

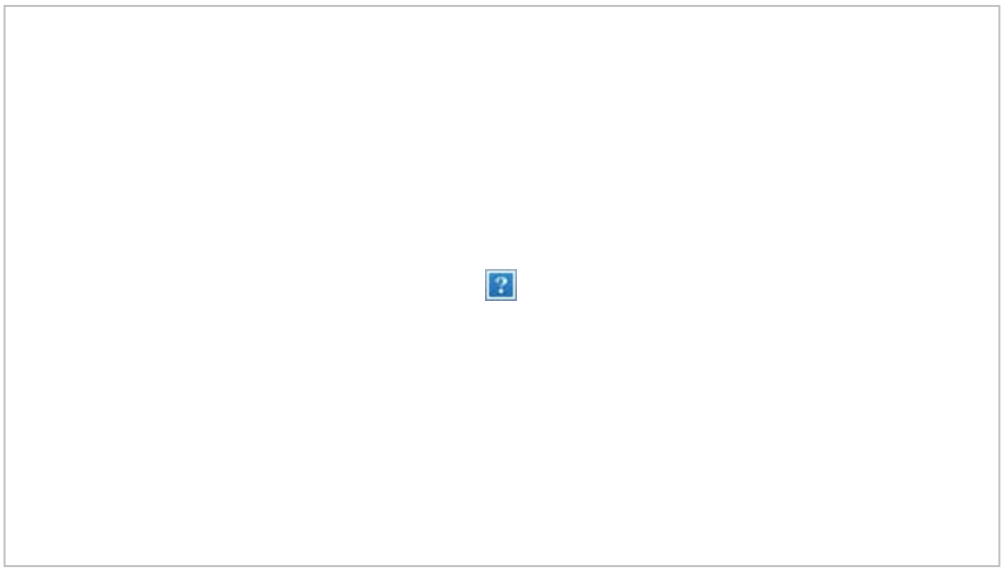
Read More: **FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19**

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, 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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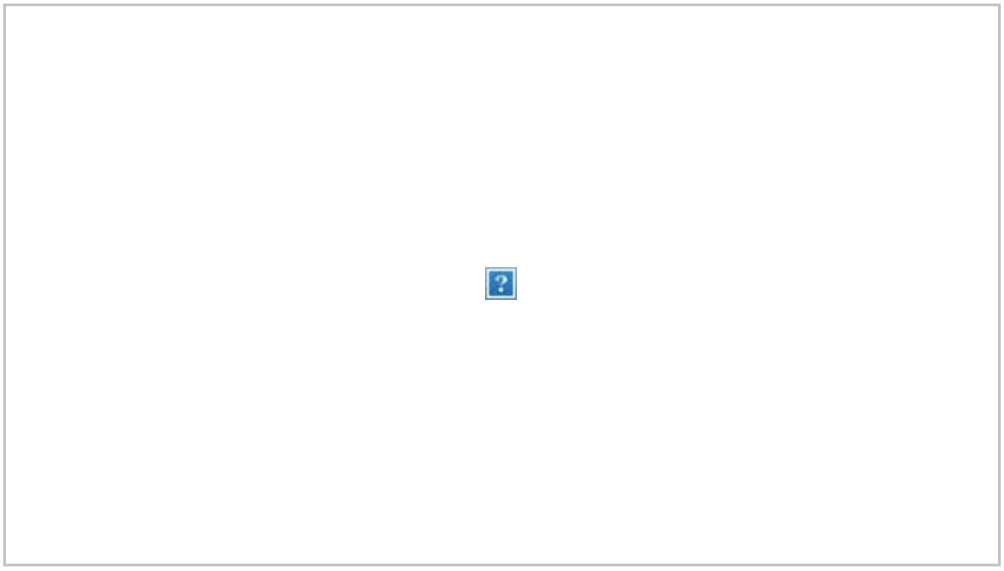

America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. 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**

The White House: **On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them.**

Watch: **Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty**

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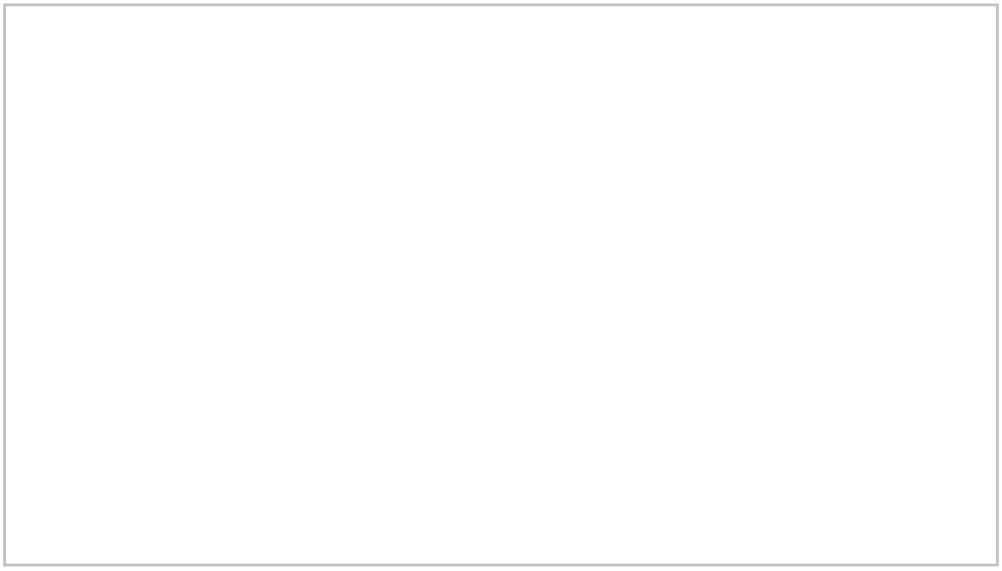

Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie: [How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans]

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 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]

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.

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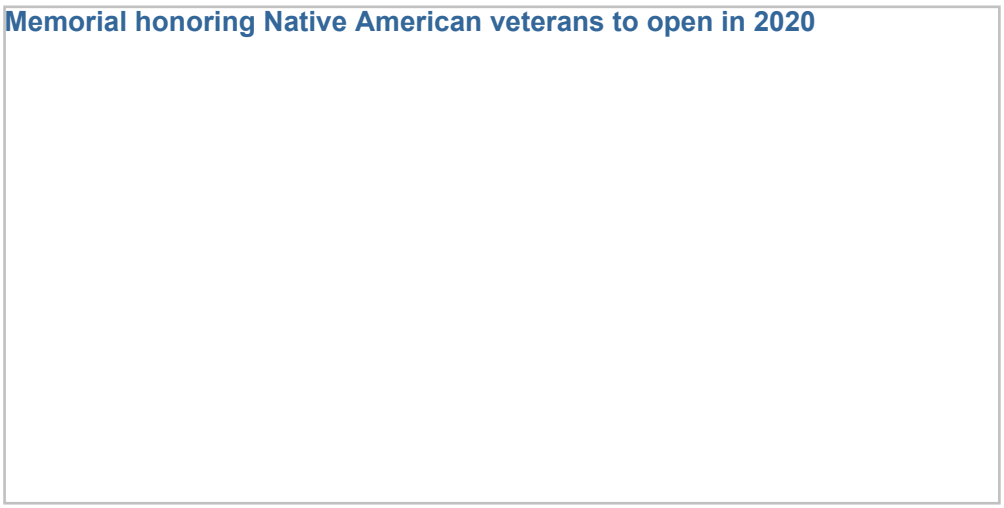
Memorial honoring Native American veterans to open in 2020



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

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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.

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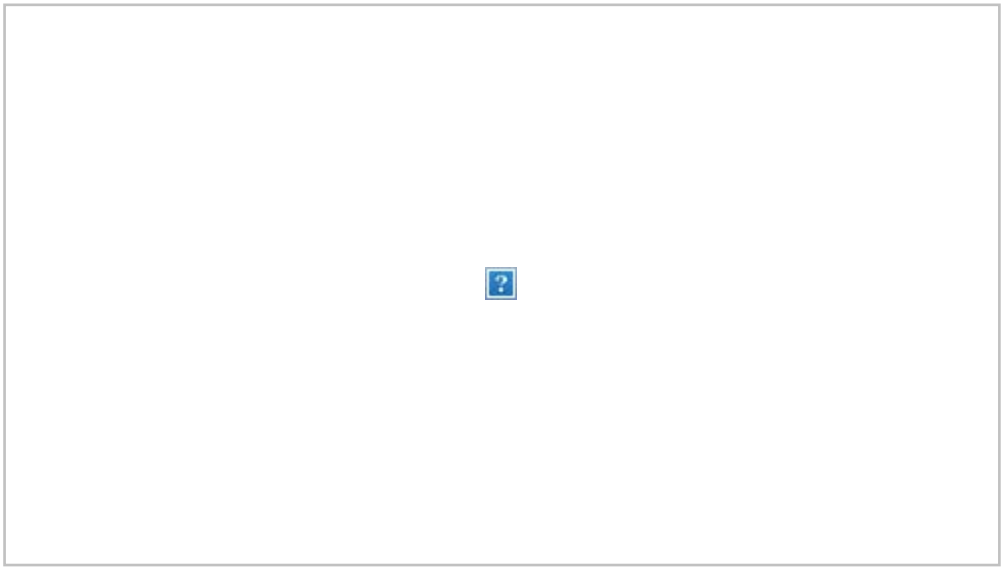

Watch: [You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!]

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 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**

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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**

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**

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.

Report: **Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies**

☐ **COPS Office (DOJ):** **NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies." #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing**

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."

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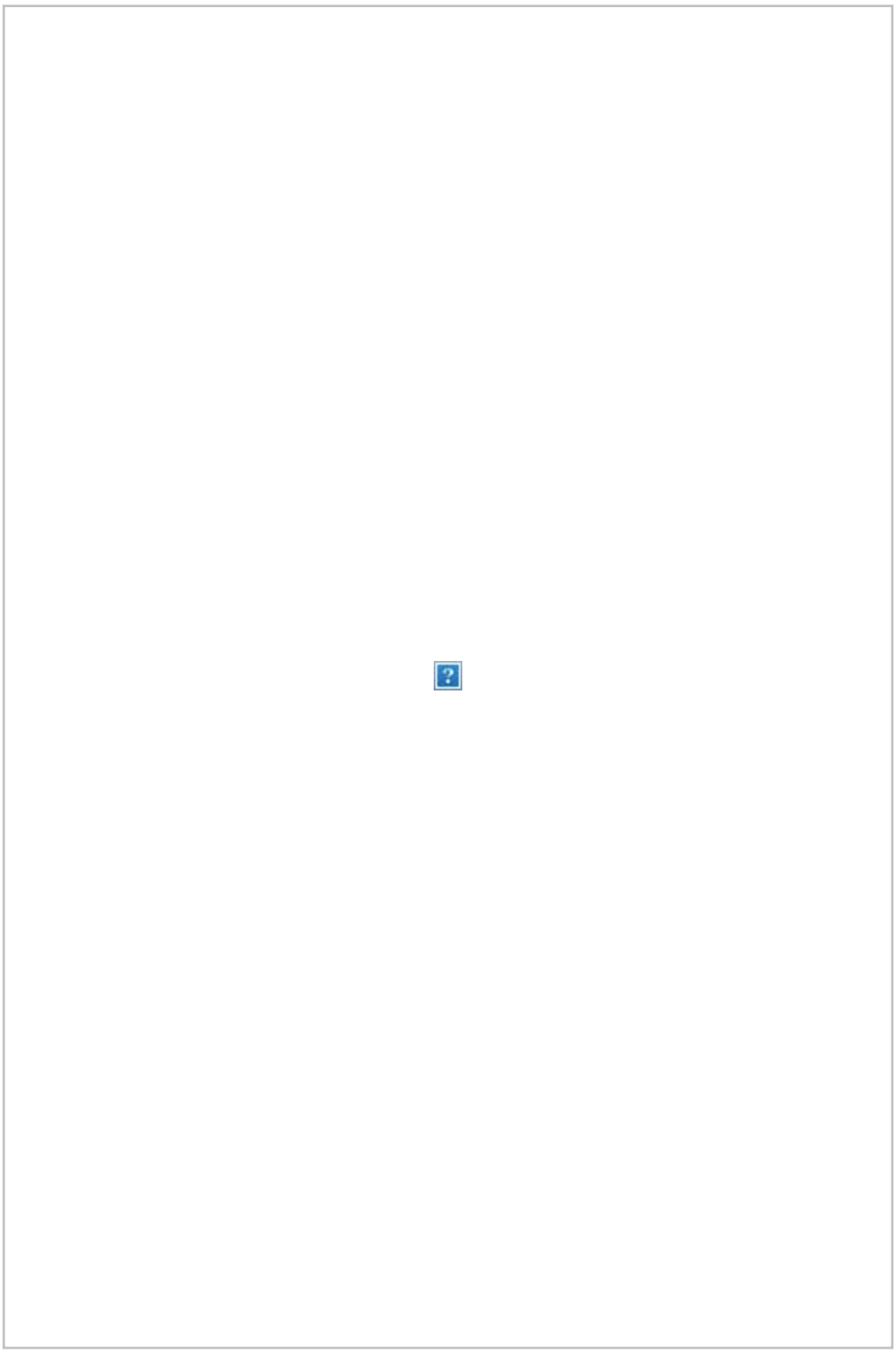

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Regional Observances: The Veterans Day National Committee also recognizes select Veterans Day observances throughout the country that represent fitting tributes to America's heroes serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances. You can find a list of those sites **here**.

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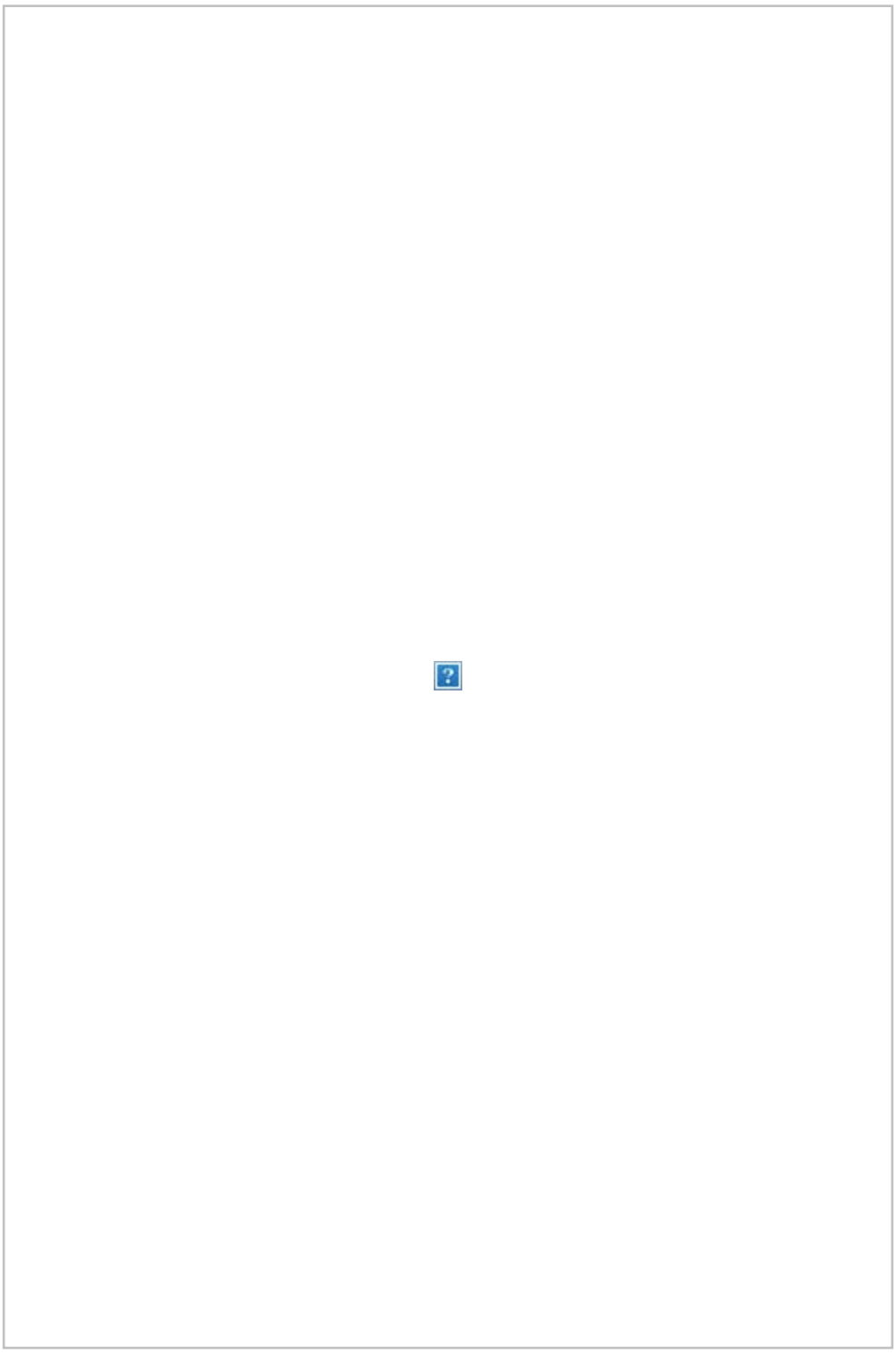

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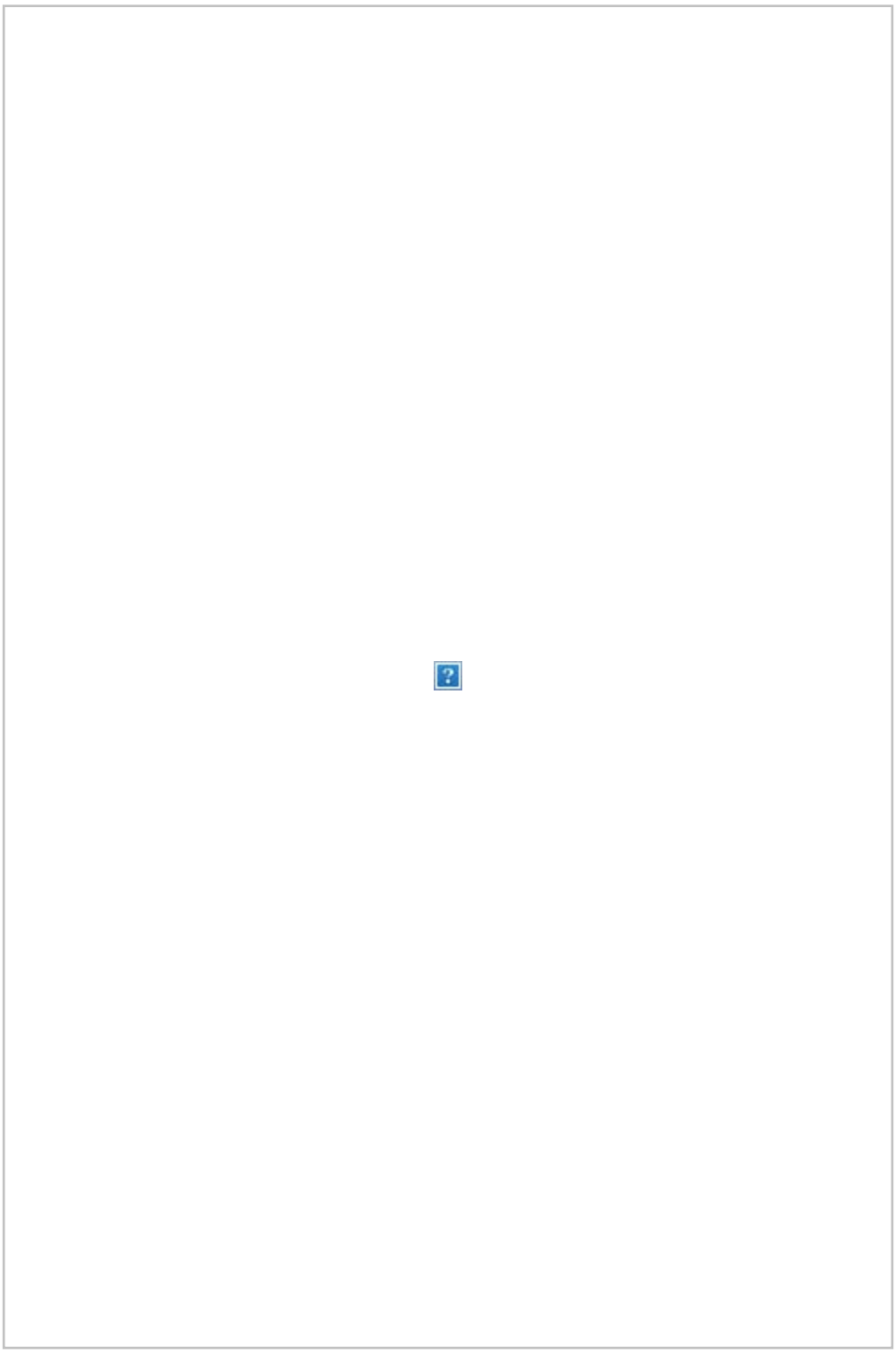

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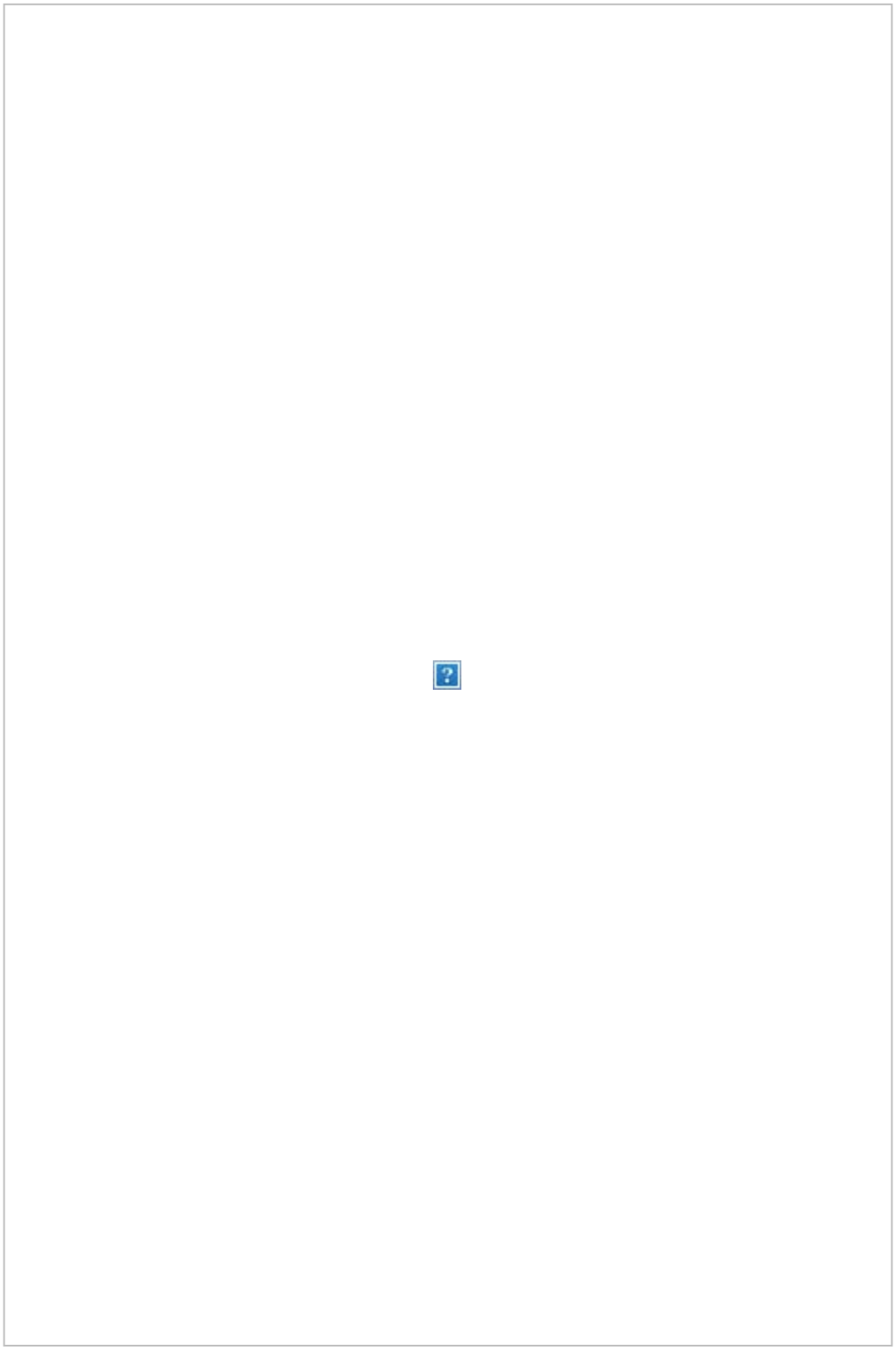

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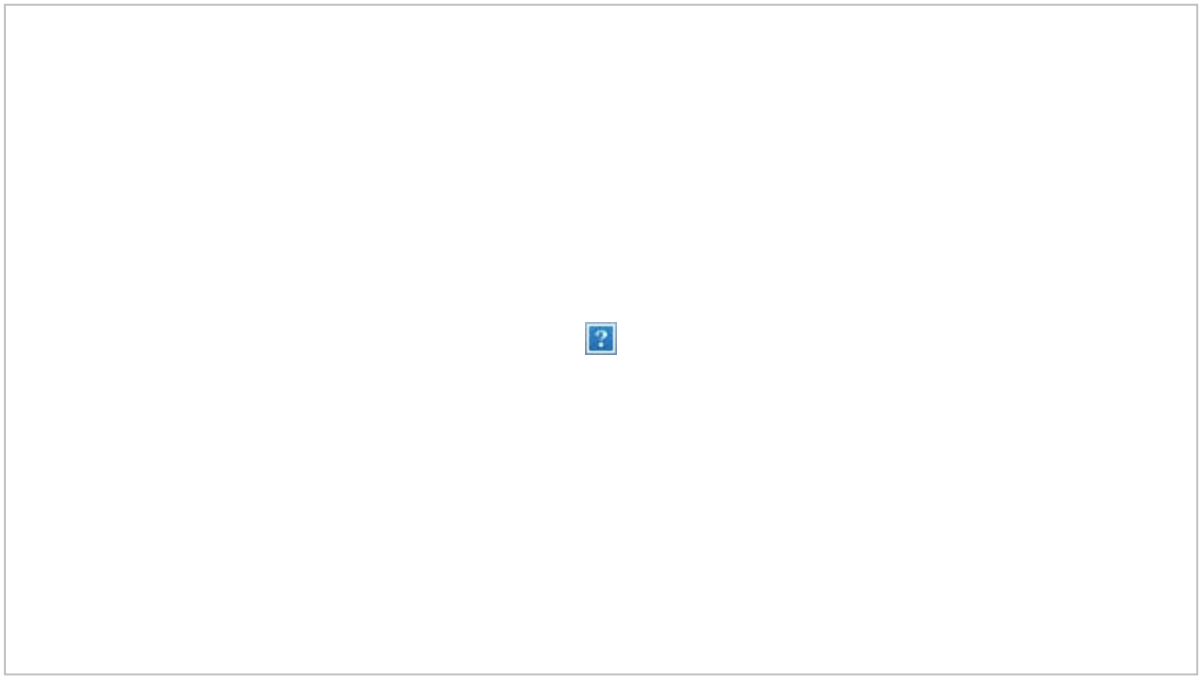

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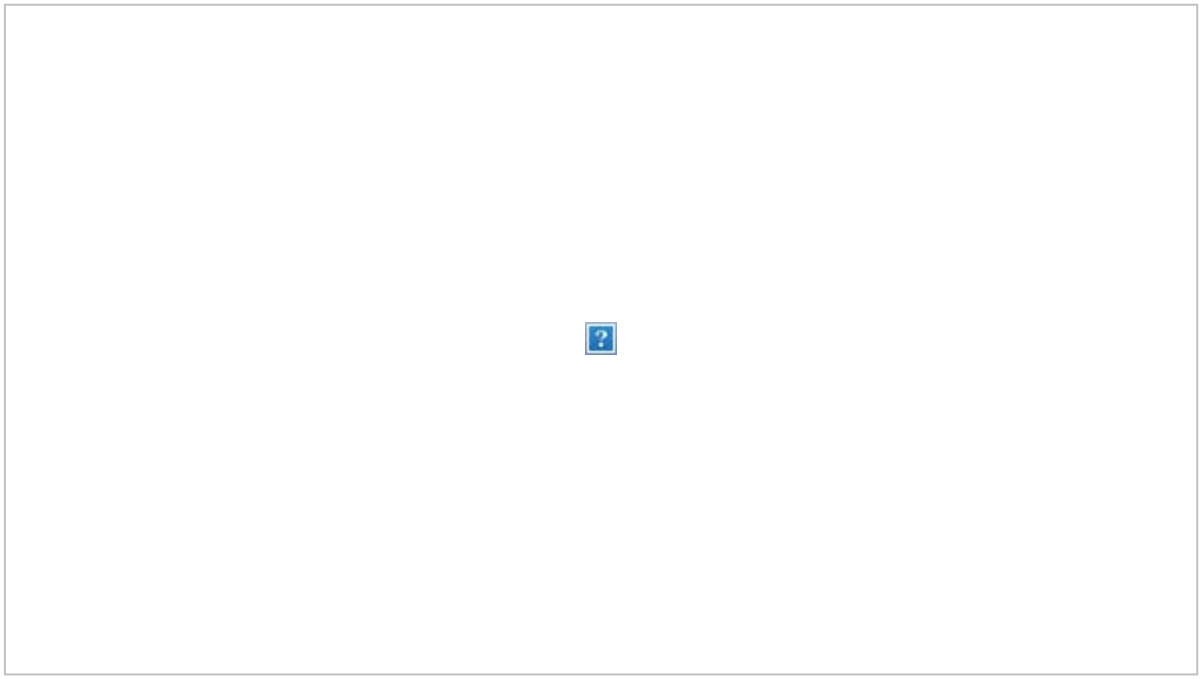

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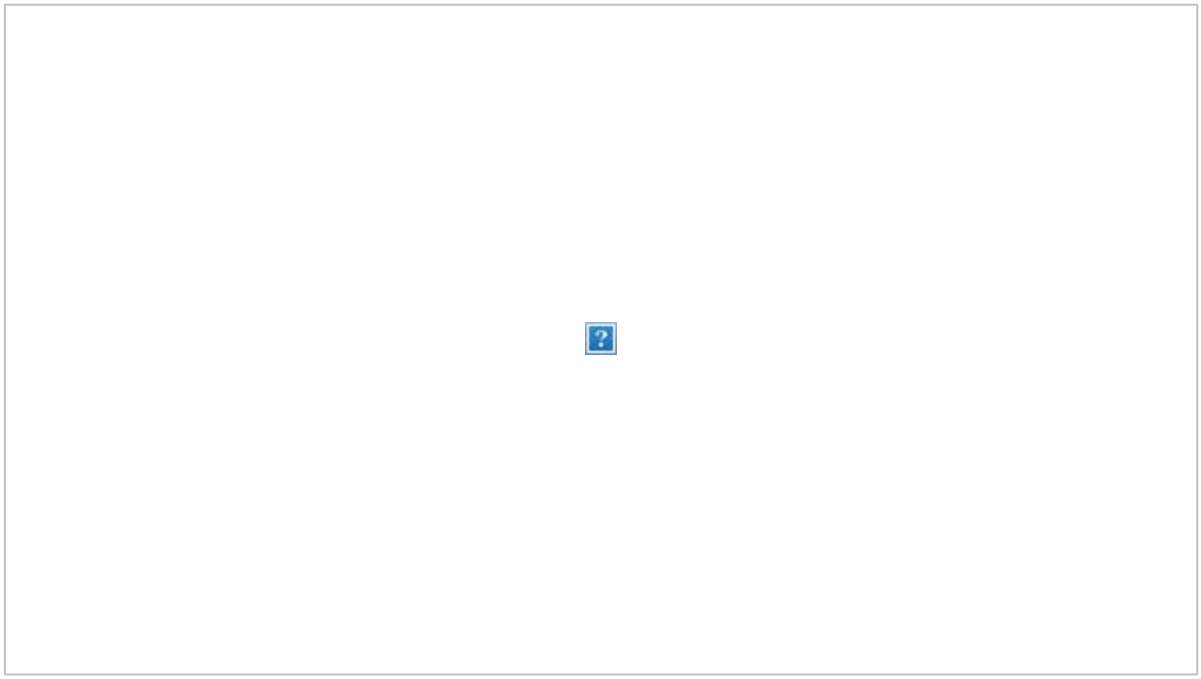

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for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 20, 2020

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
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- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
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- First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act Funding
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- Education Week 2020

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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.

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- **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 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!**

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Fact Sheet: **Explaining Operation Warp Speed**

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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*

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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 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.

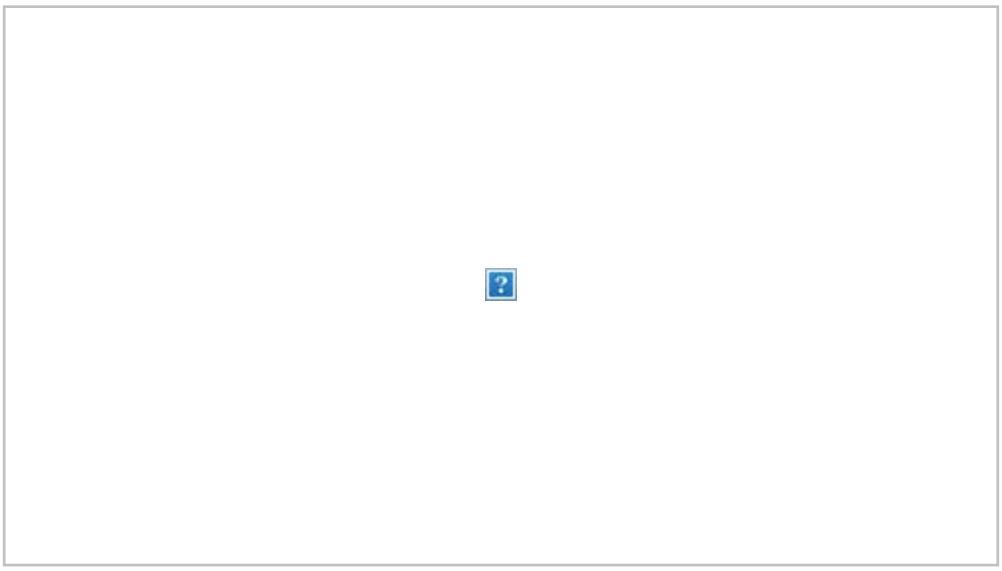
For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an **at- home test**. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

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**.



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

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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

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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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 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**

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Drug Prices

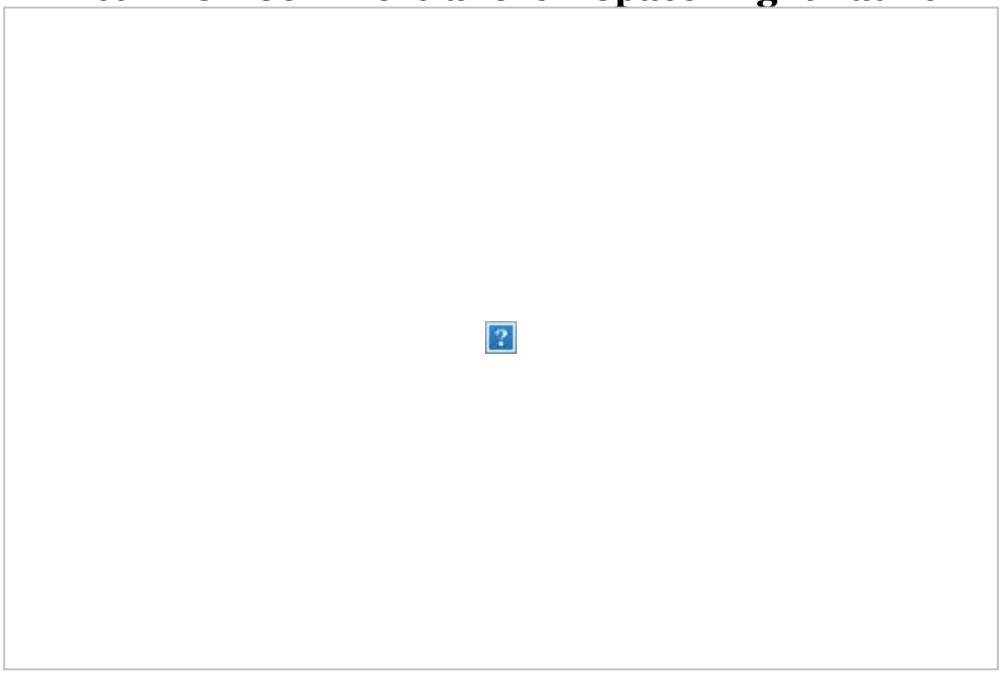
Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent Executive Orders 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch



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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.**

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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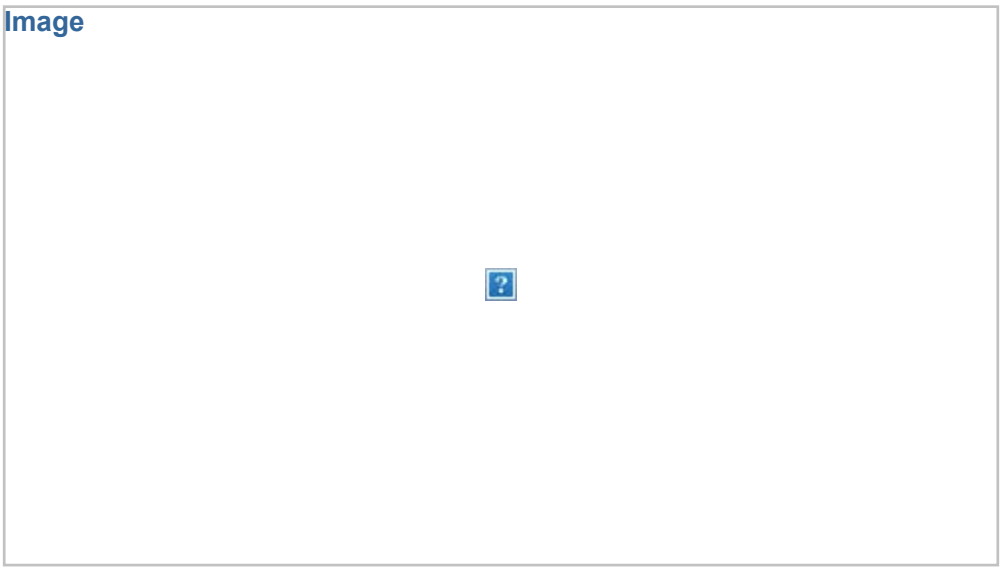

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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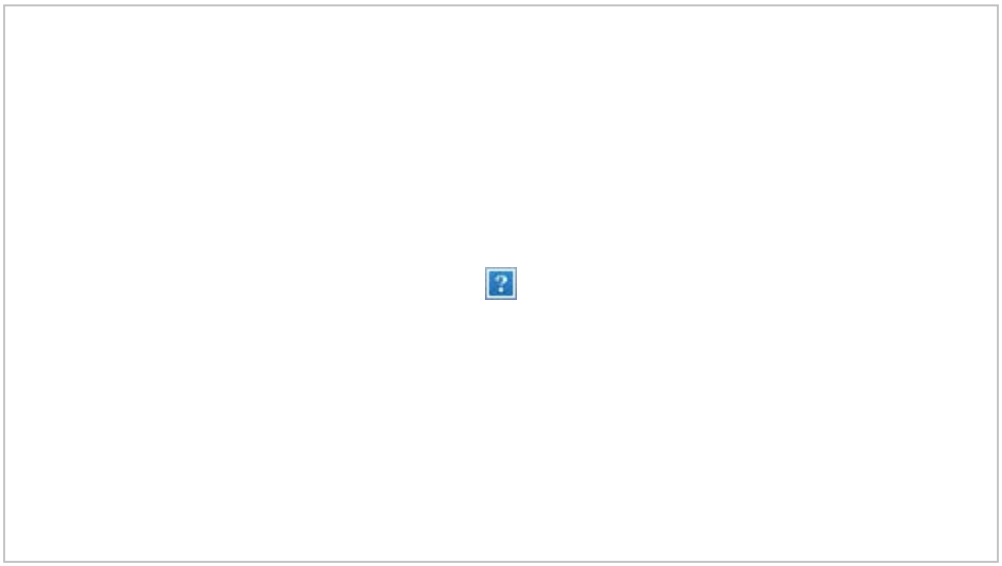
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: **Proclamation on American Education Week**



*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 IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 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 White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

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: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11. If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** **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
- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial
- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

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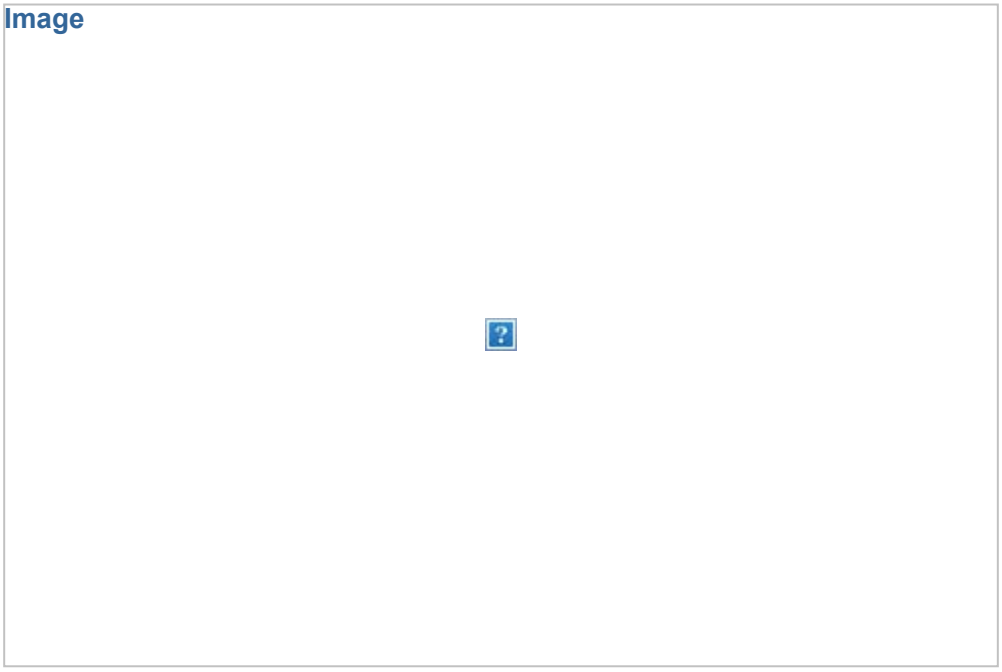

Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

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 **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

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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, 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

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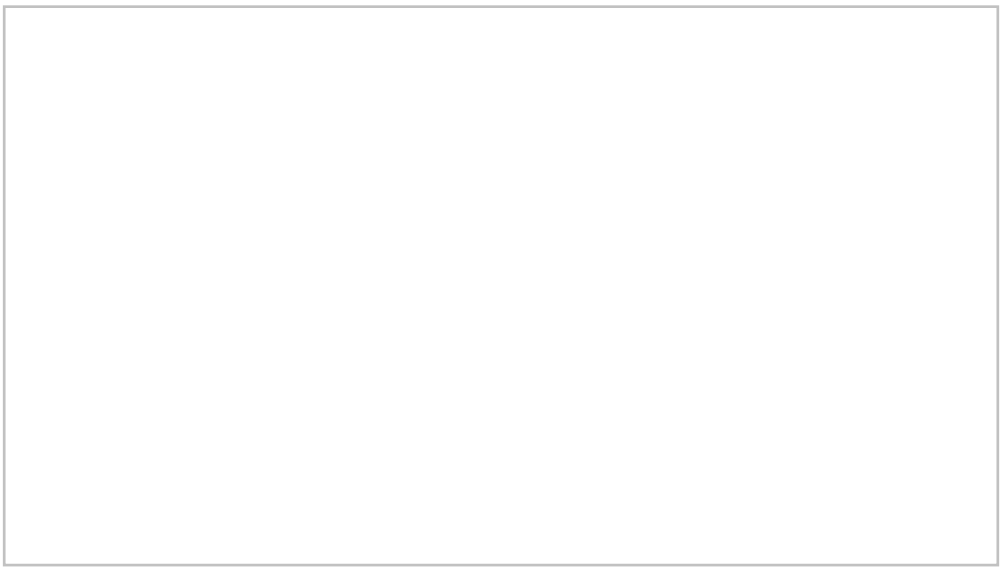

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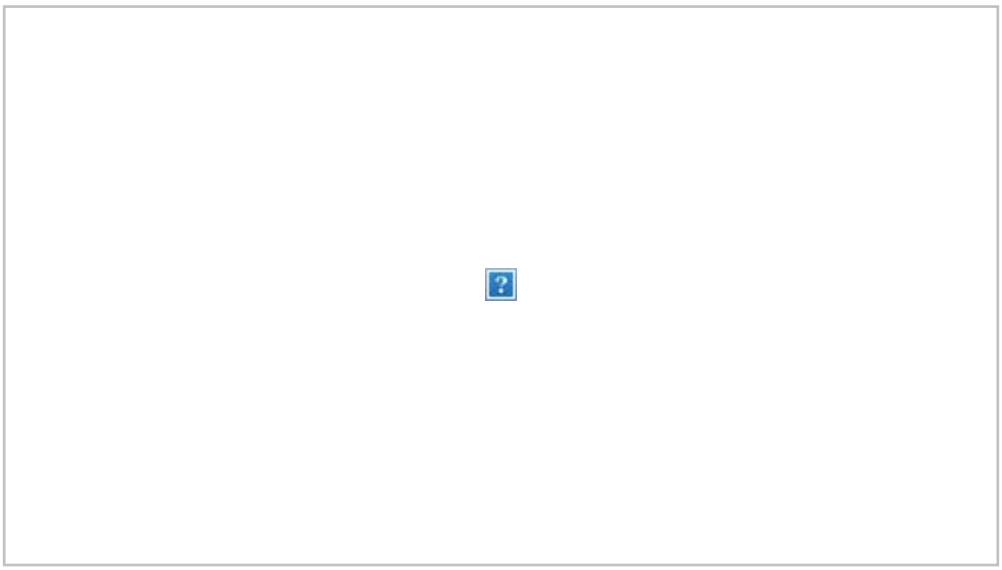

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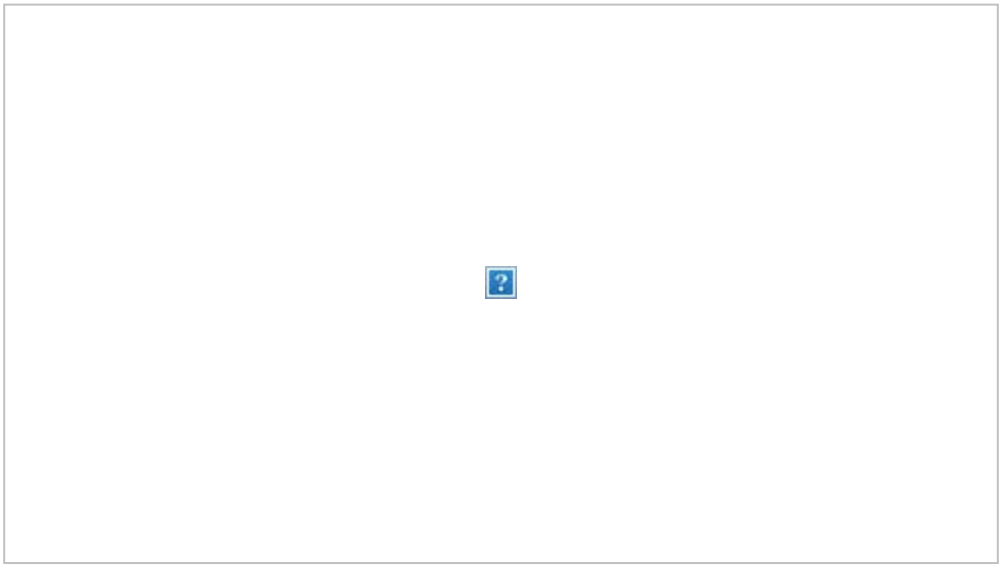

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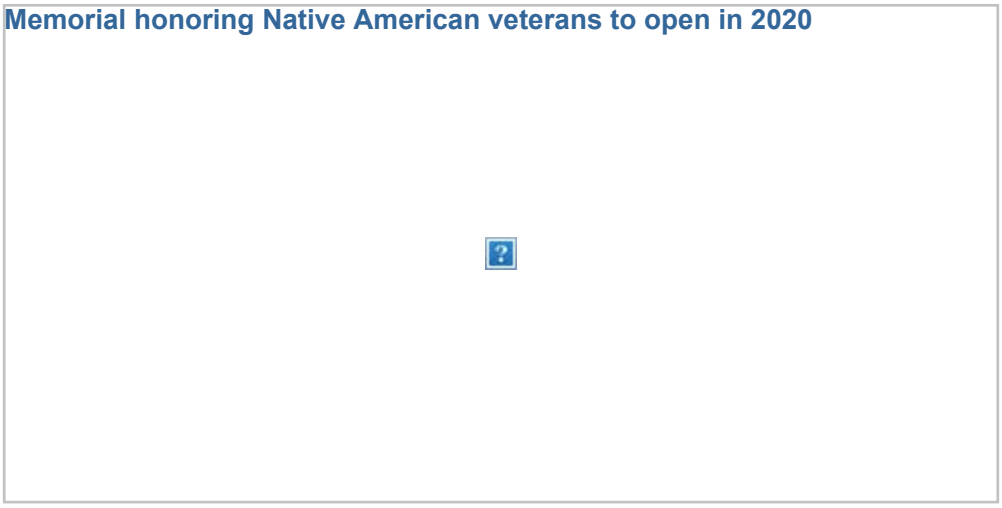

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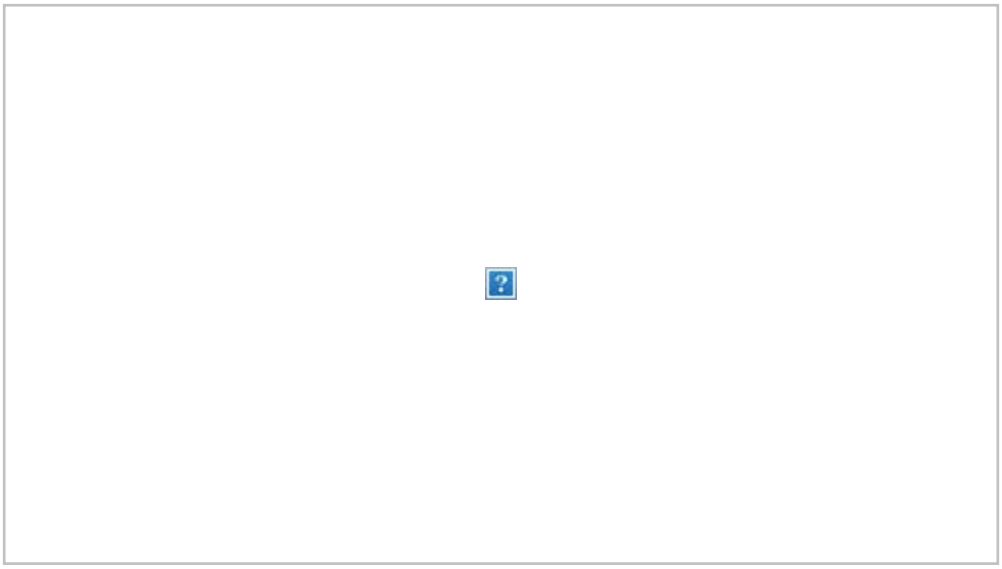

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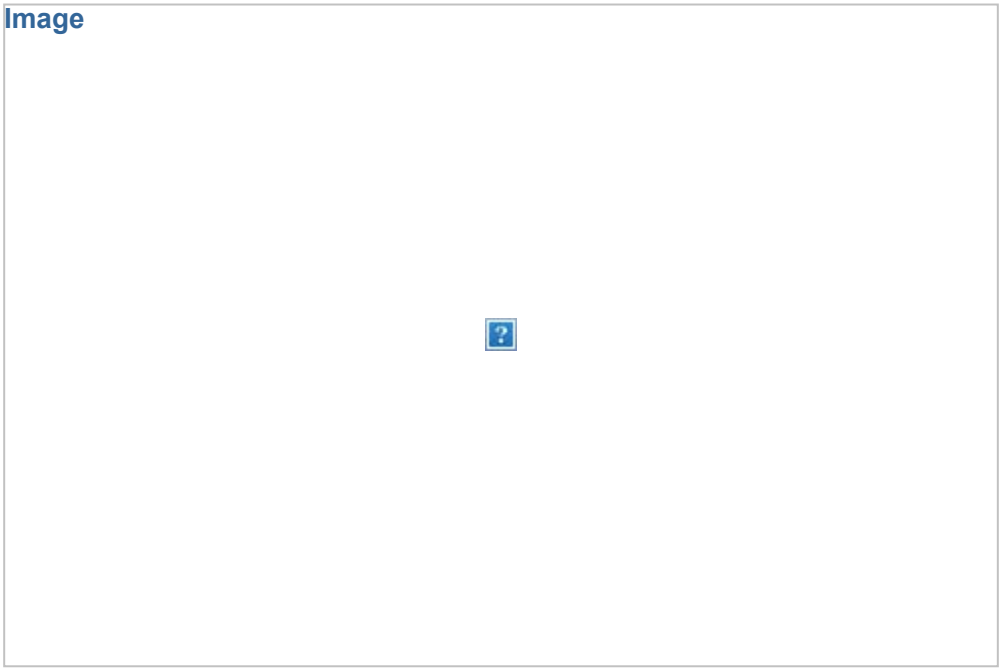

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Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed

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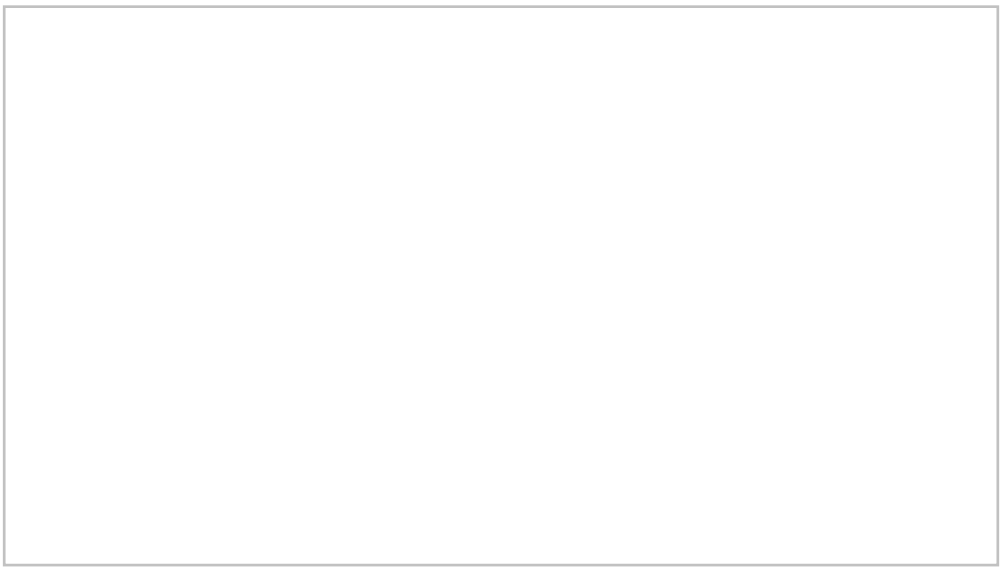

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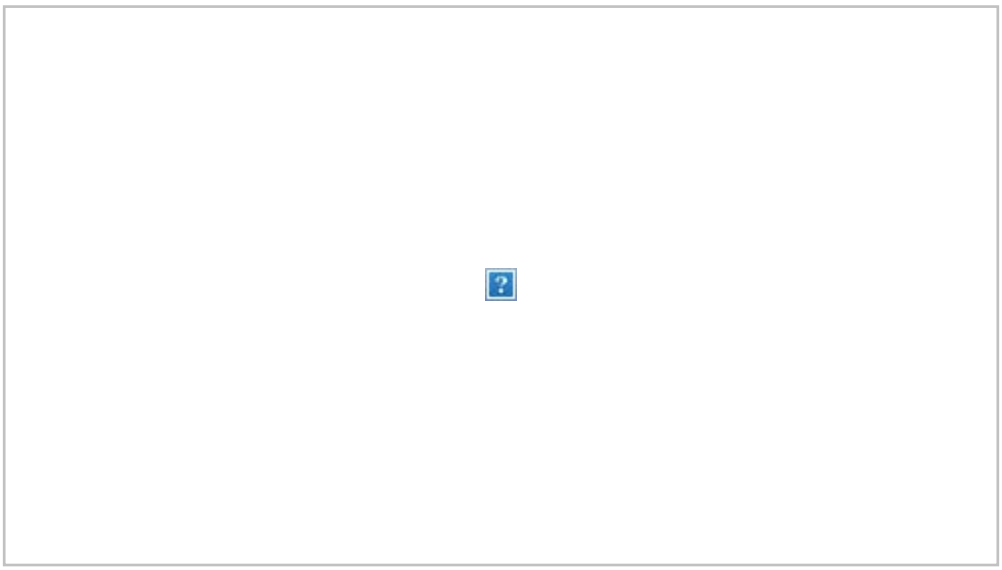

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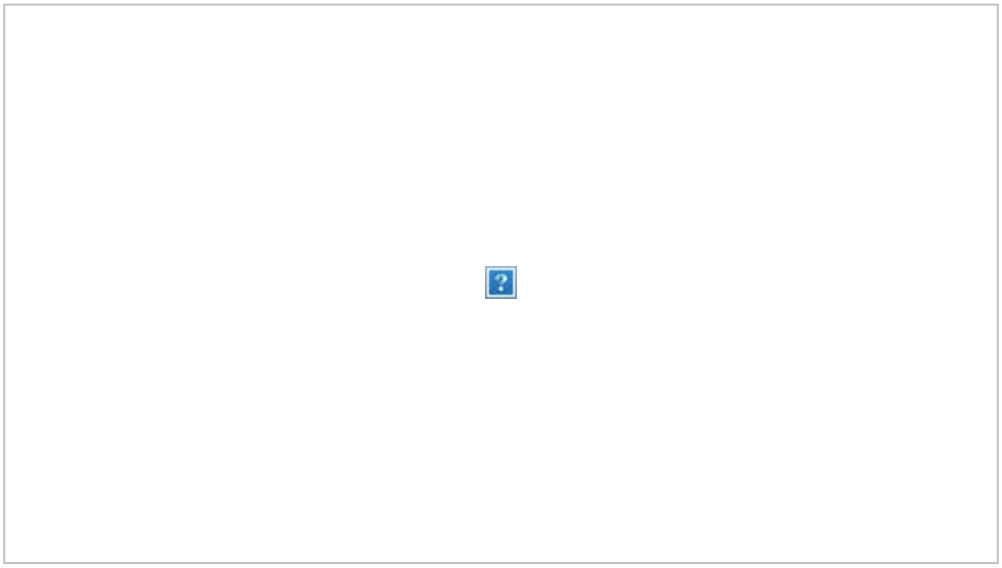

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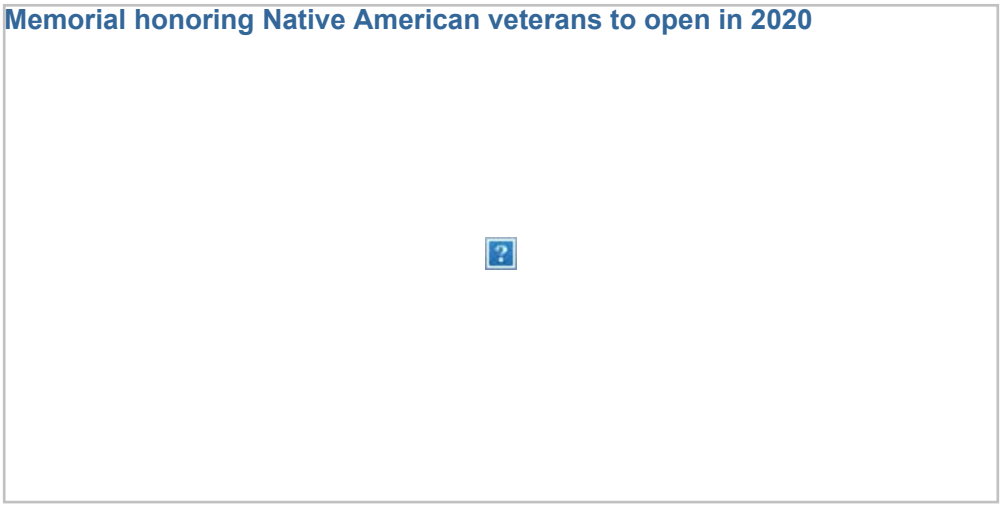

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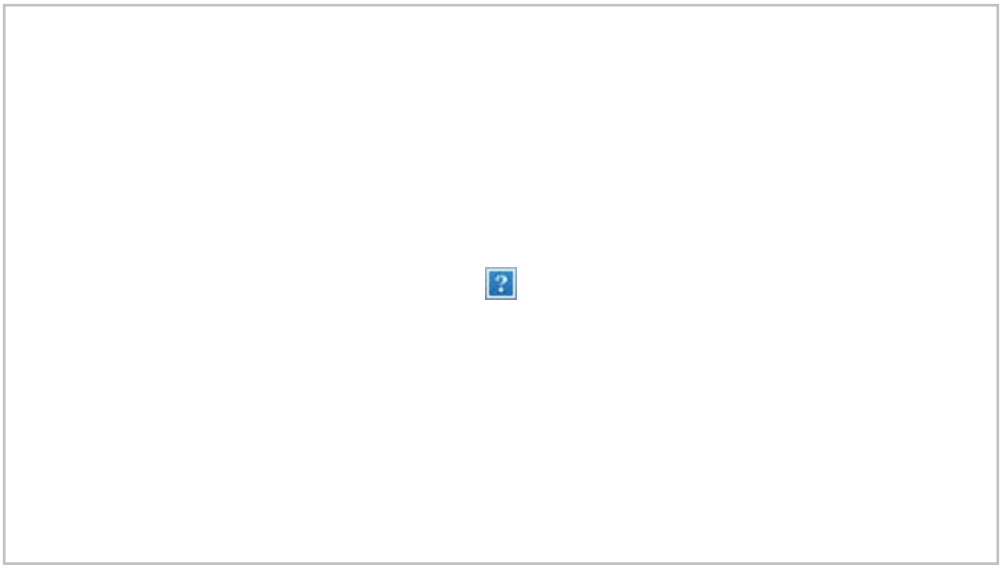

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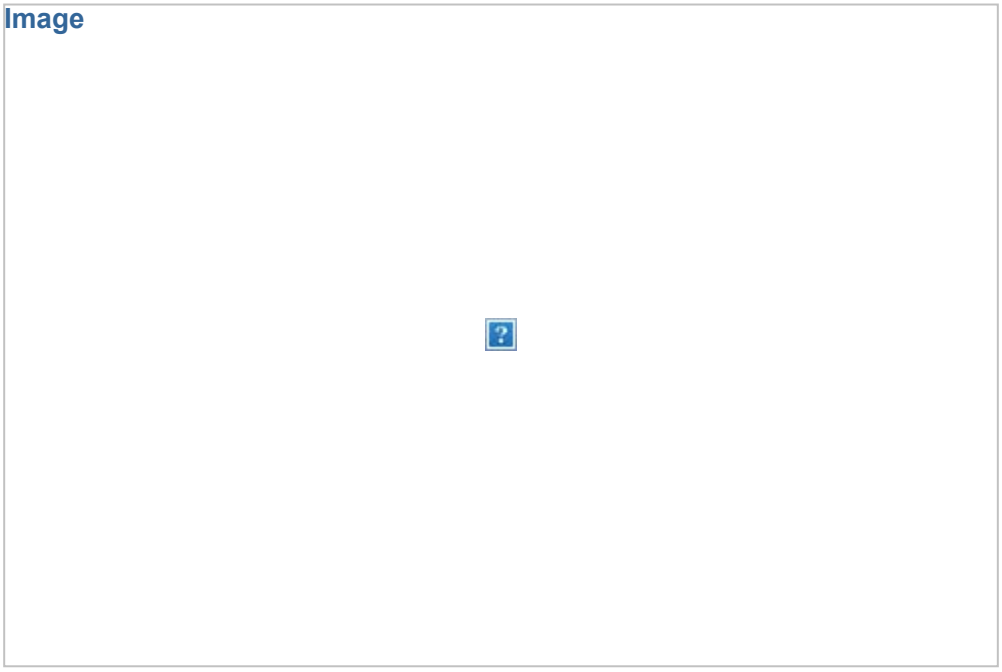

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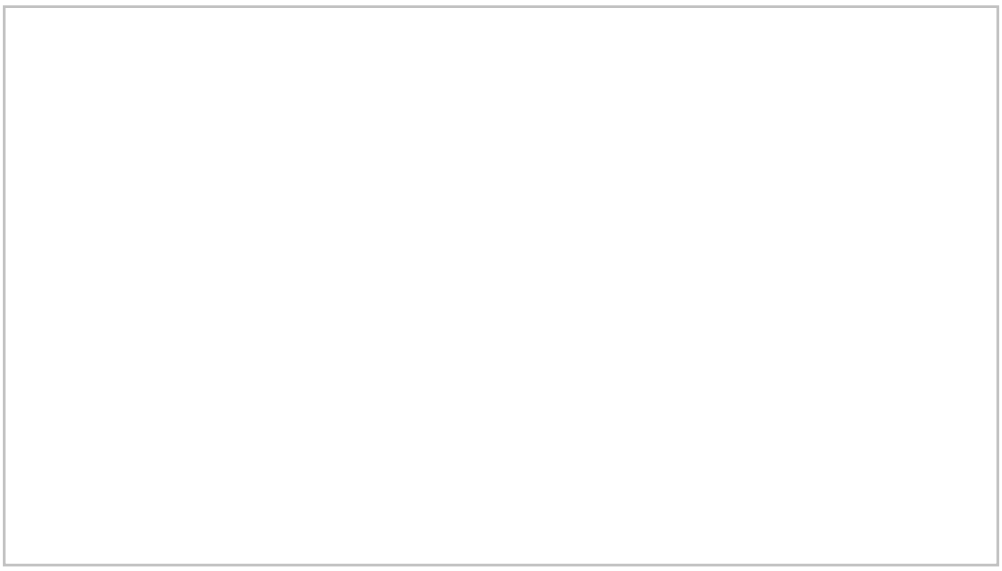

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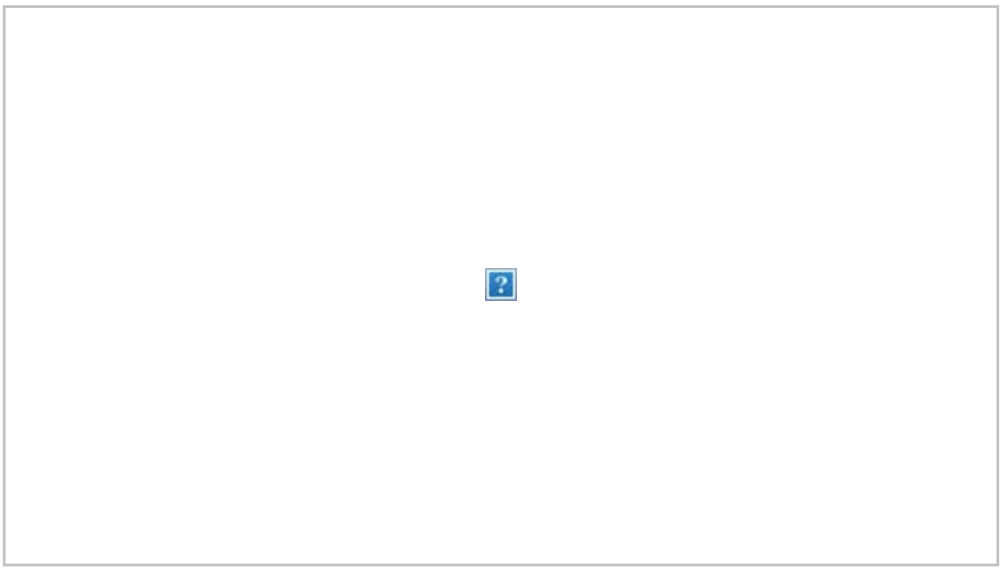

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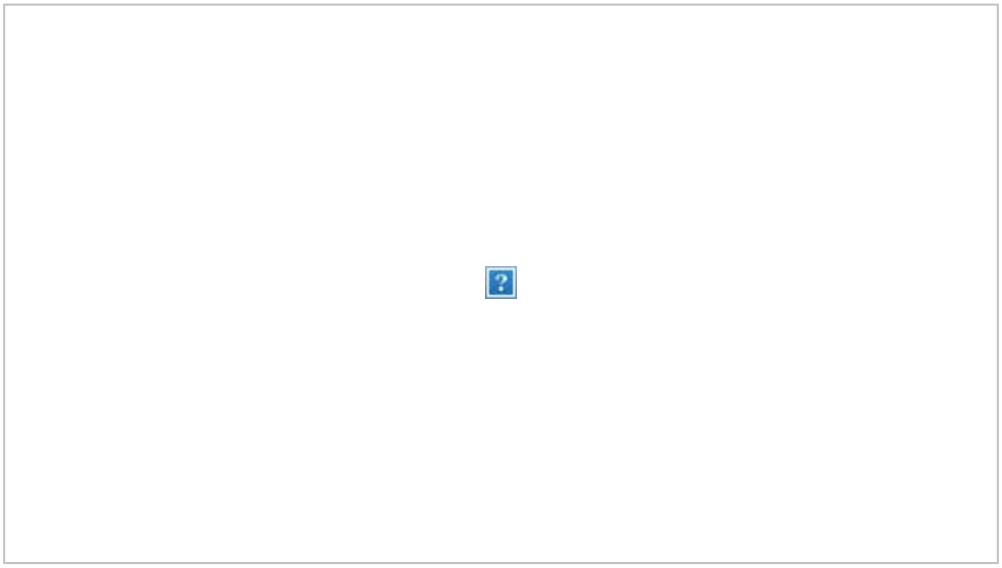

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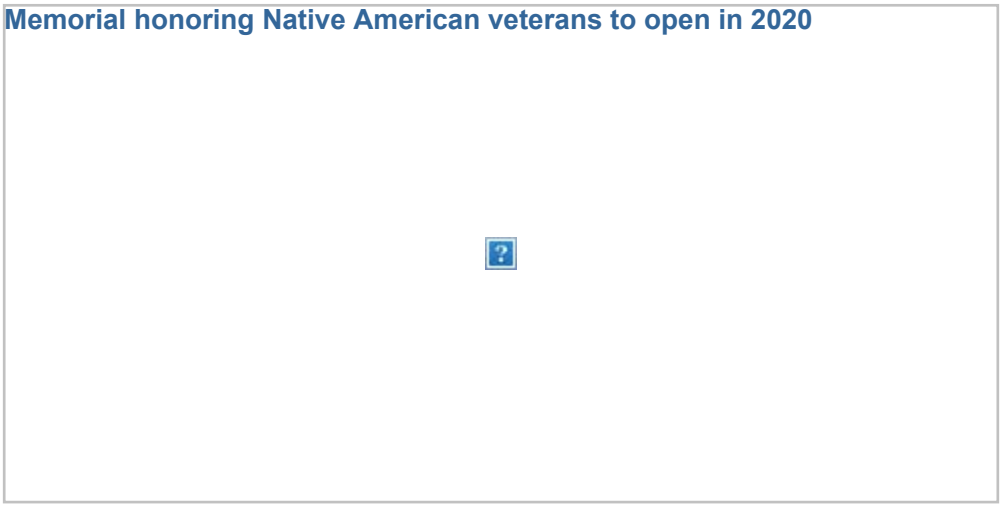

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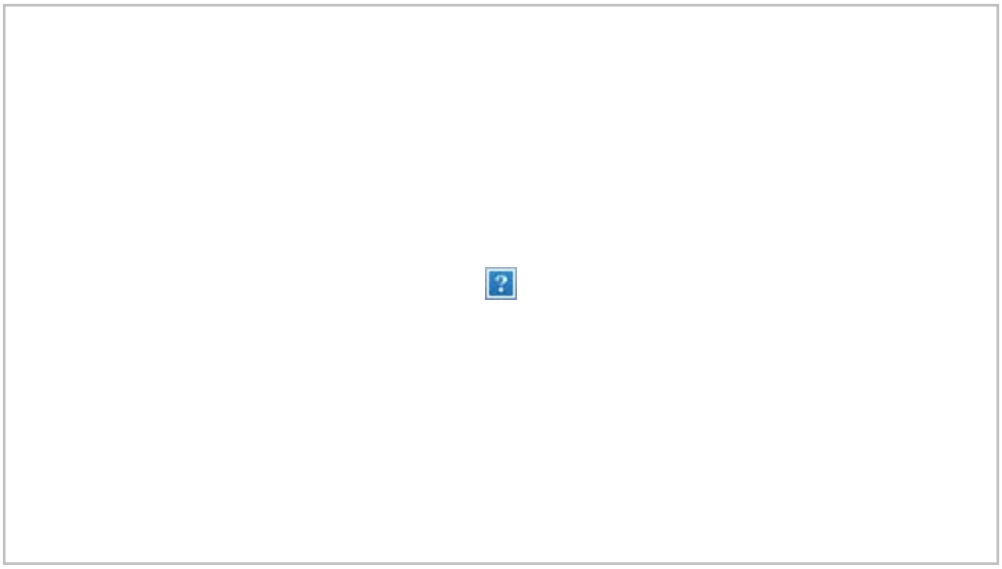

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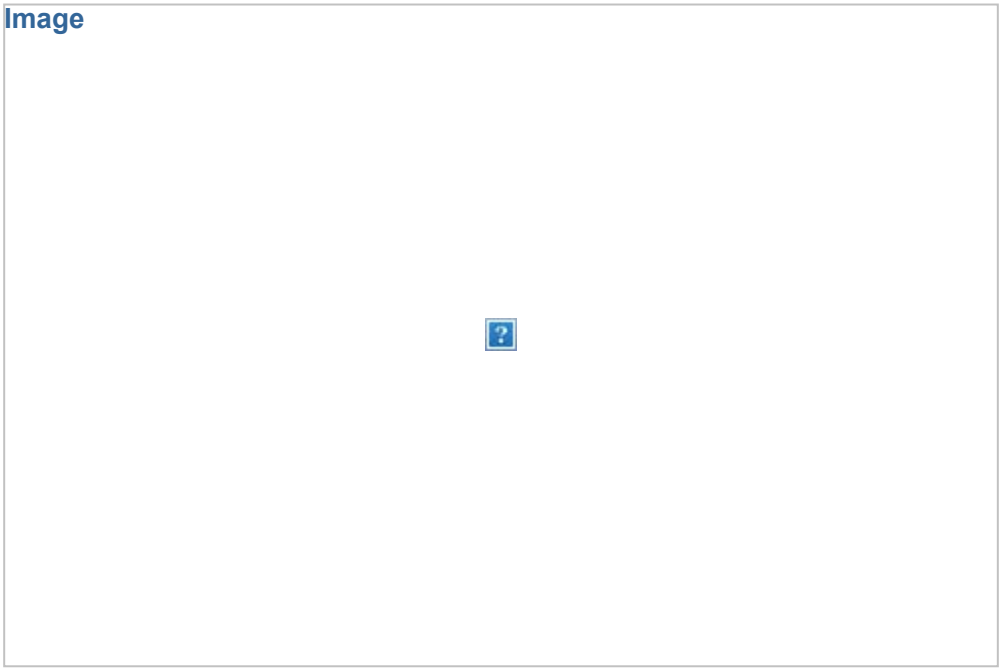

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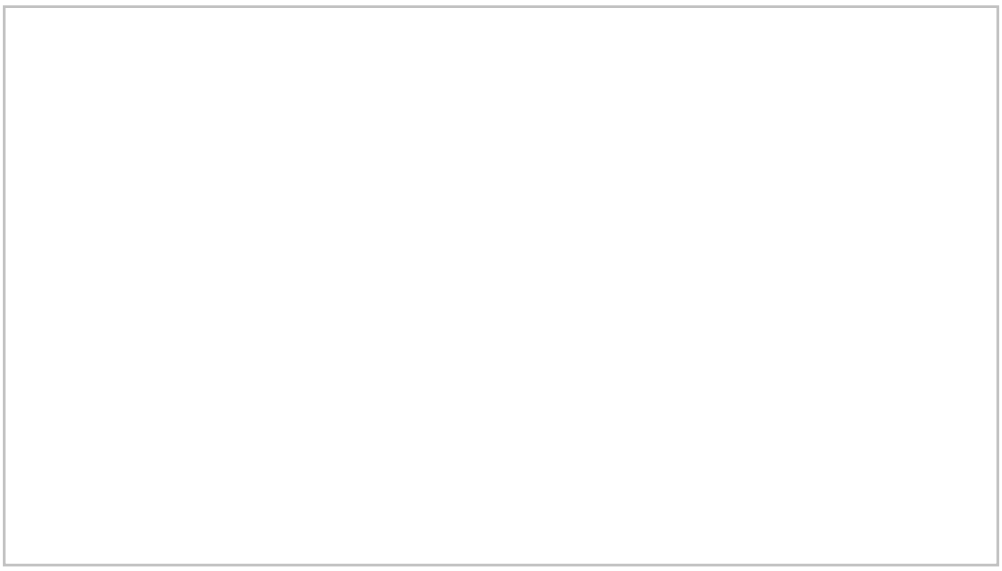

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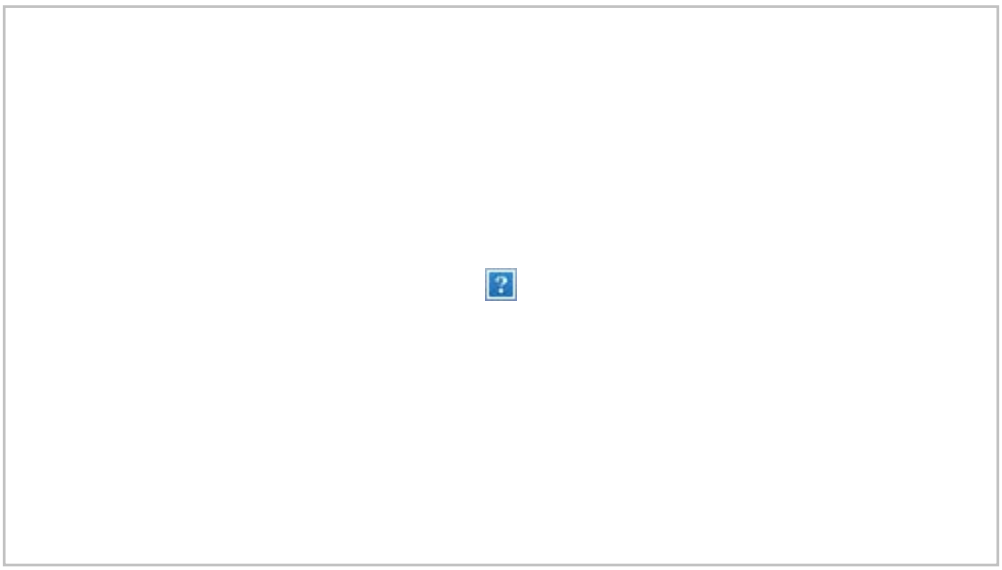

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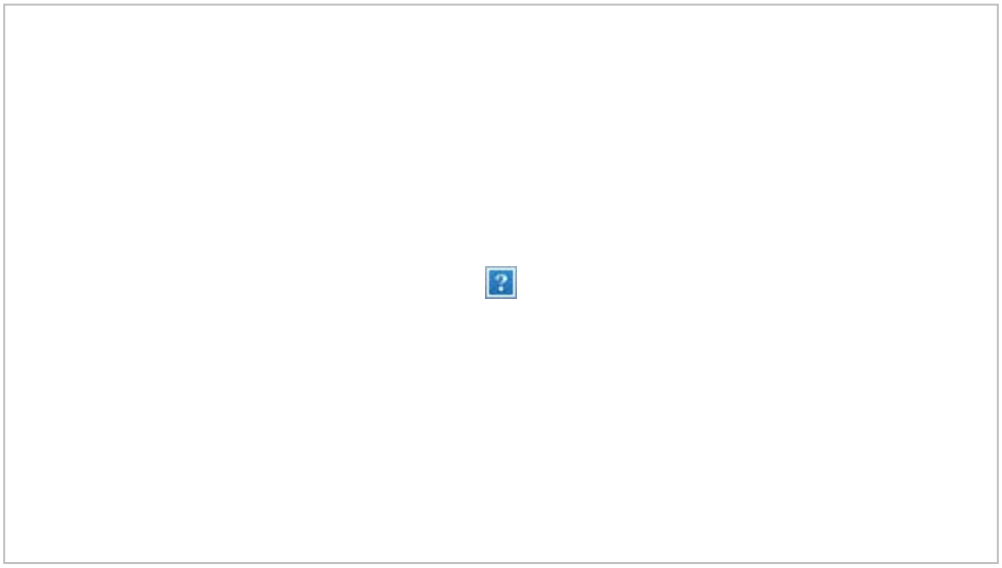

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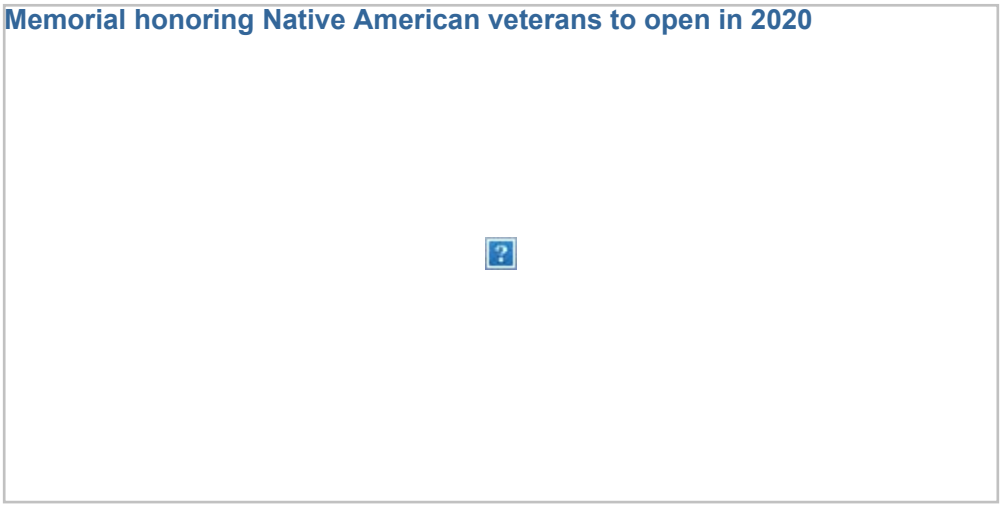

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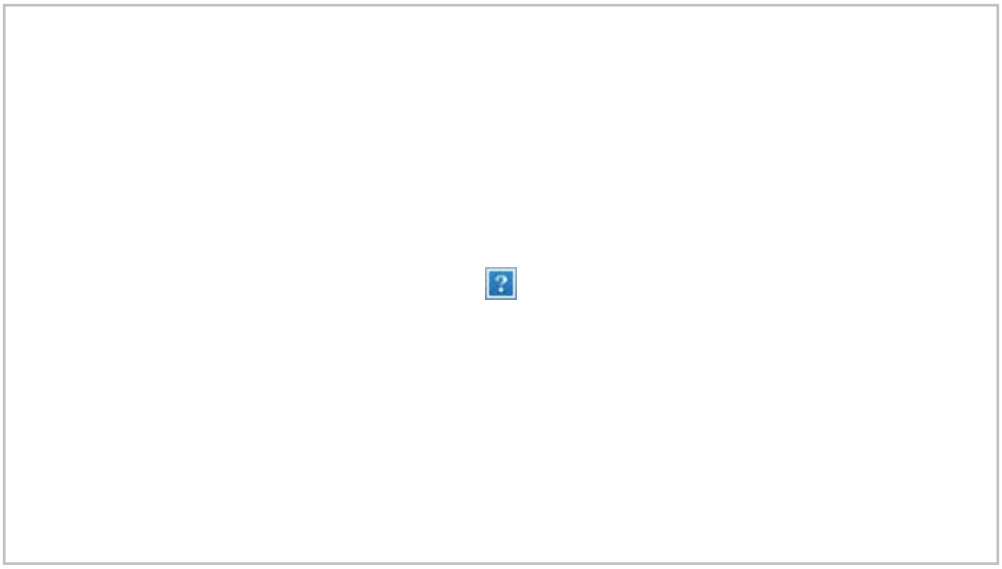

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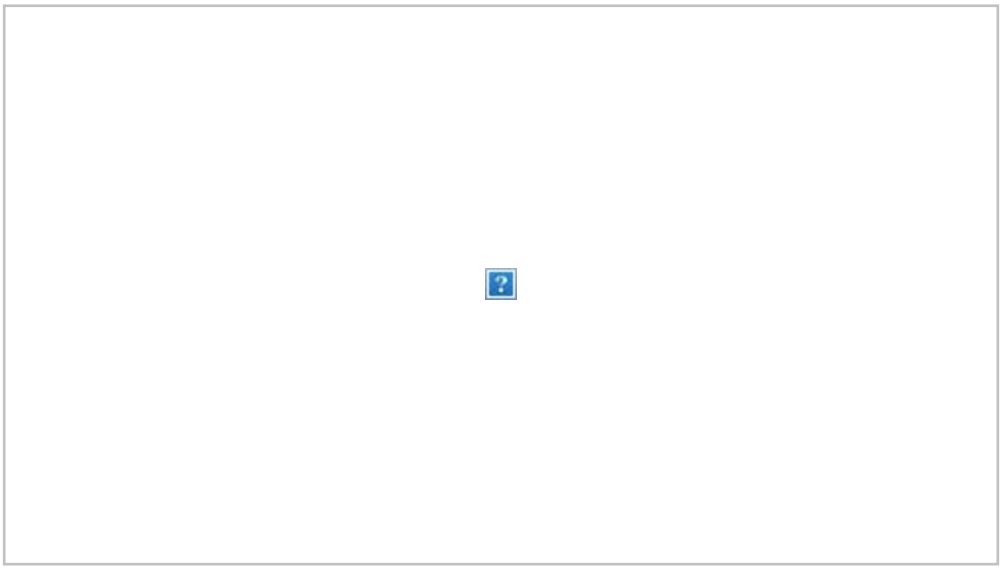

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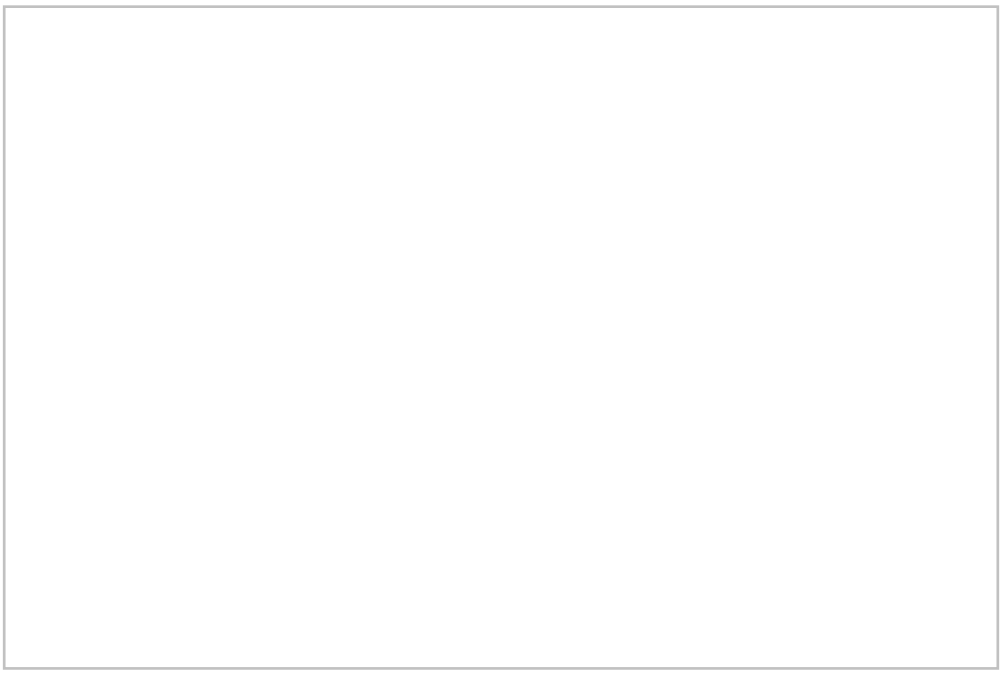

President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event 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**

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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 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

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curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

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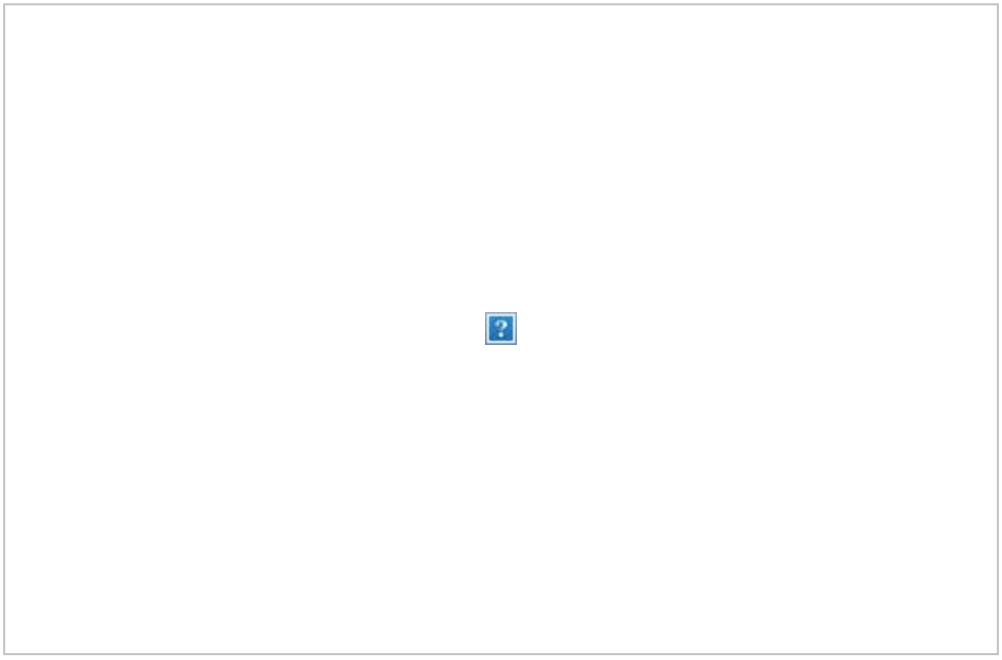
These projects will help the Forest Service reduce its $5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites, and other facilities on national forests and grasslands. Working with state and local governments 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.



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**

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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 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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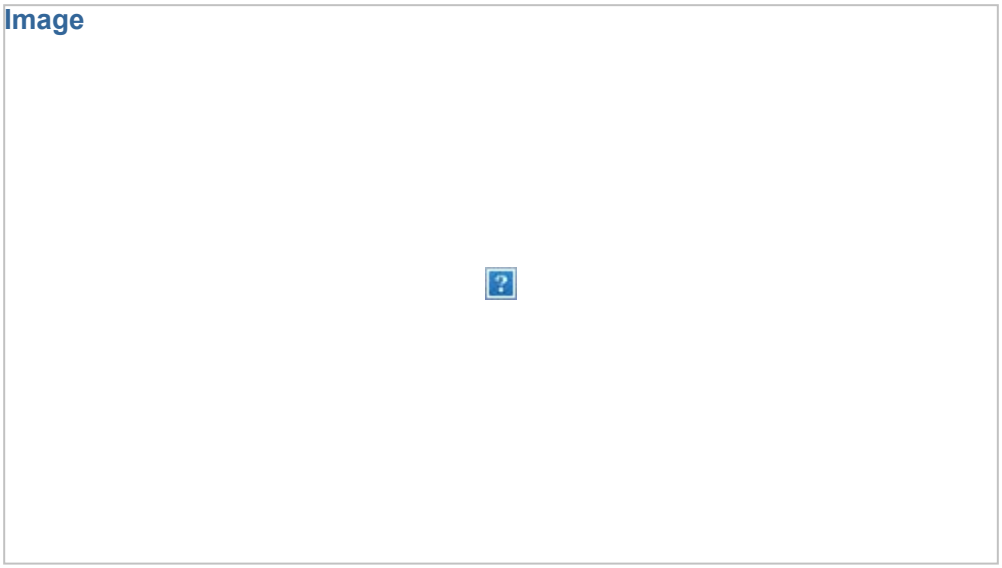
For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy **website**.

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live **here**.



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.**

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The Trump Administration also **announced** on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the **repatriation** of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are **scheduled** for Wednesday, December 2,

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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, 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

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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.**

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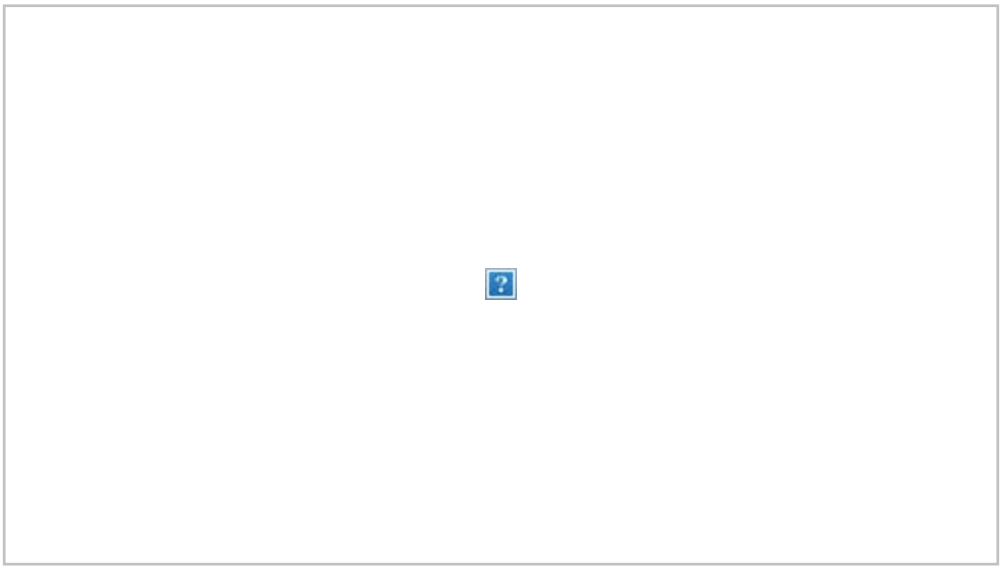

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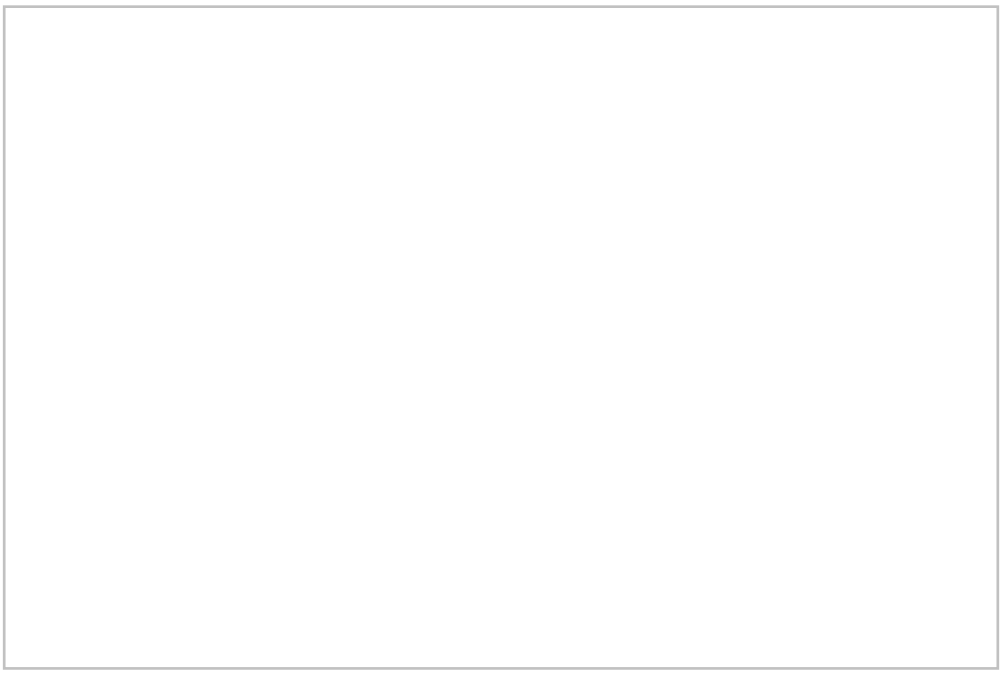

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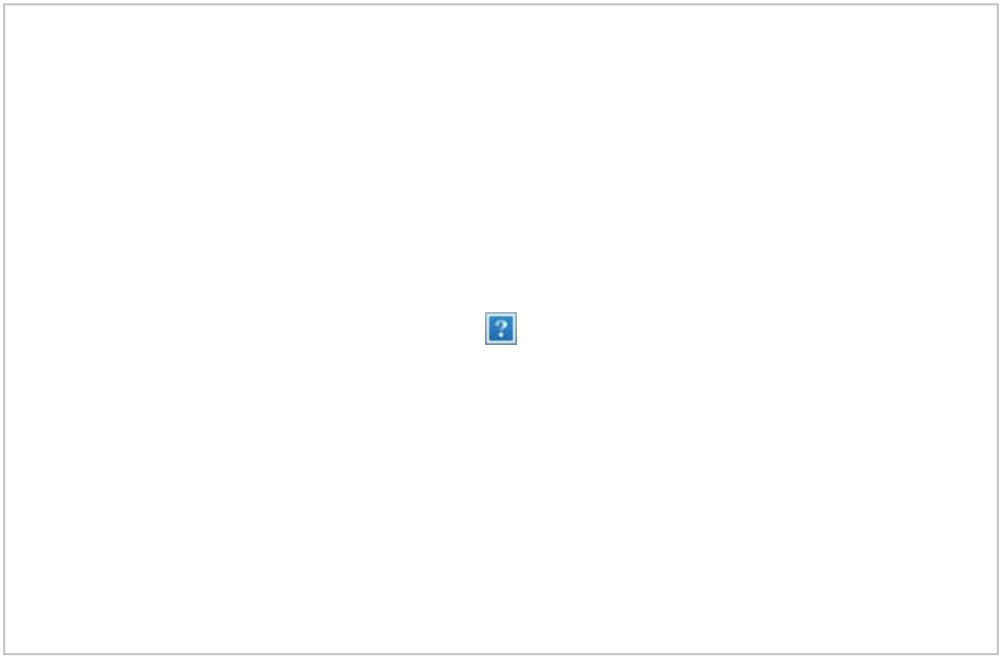

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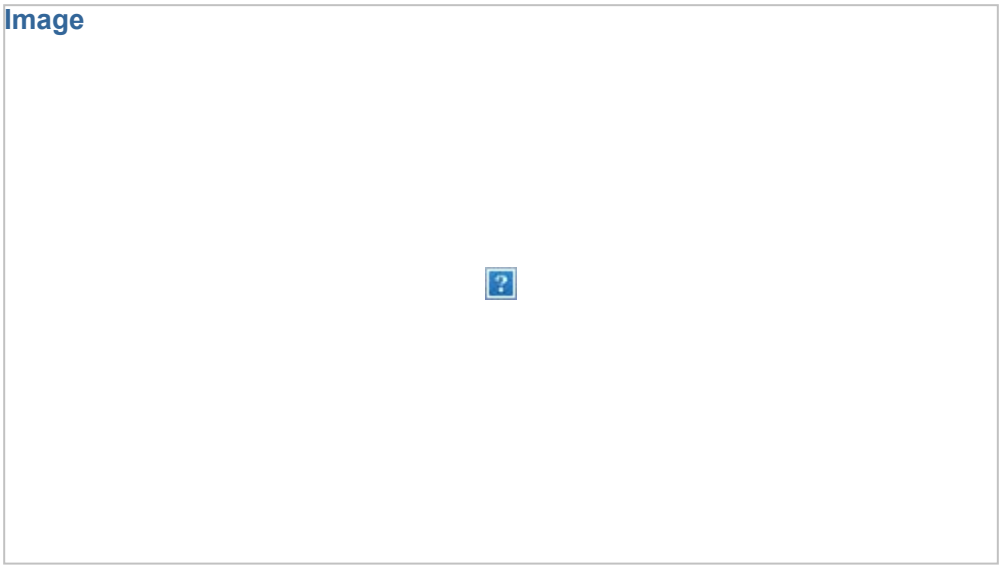

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Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar 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 on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found **here**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries **here**.

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the **Provider Relief Fund** closed today, November 6. More **here**. The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
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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.

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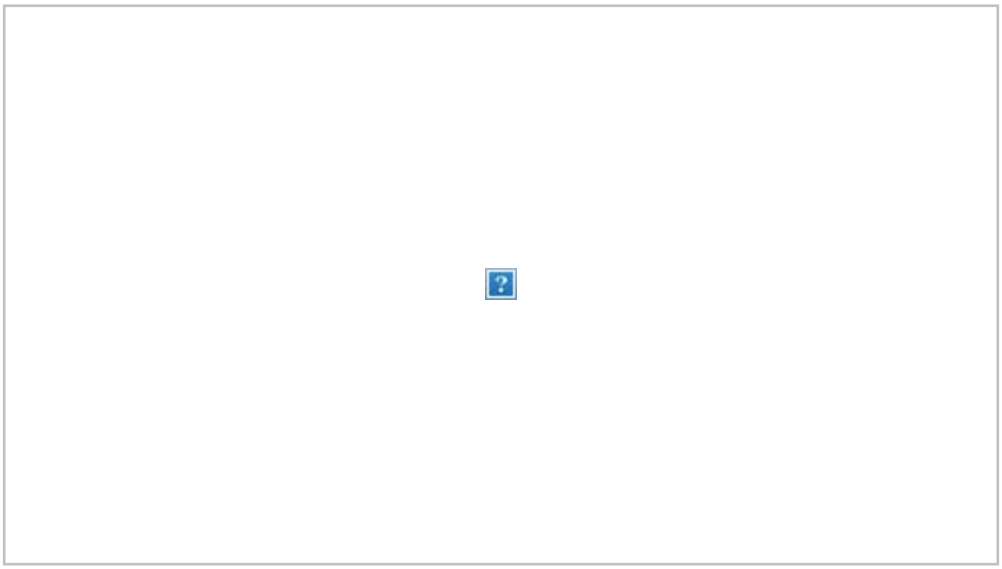

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Read More: **The Great American Recovery - Third Quarter GDP Blows Past Expectations**

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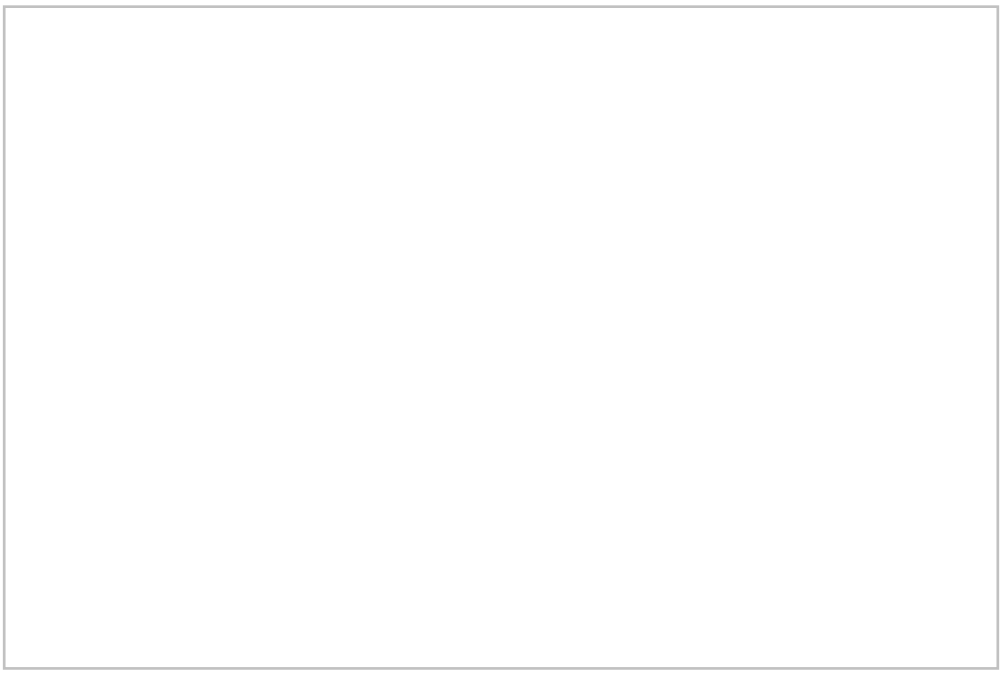

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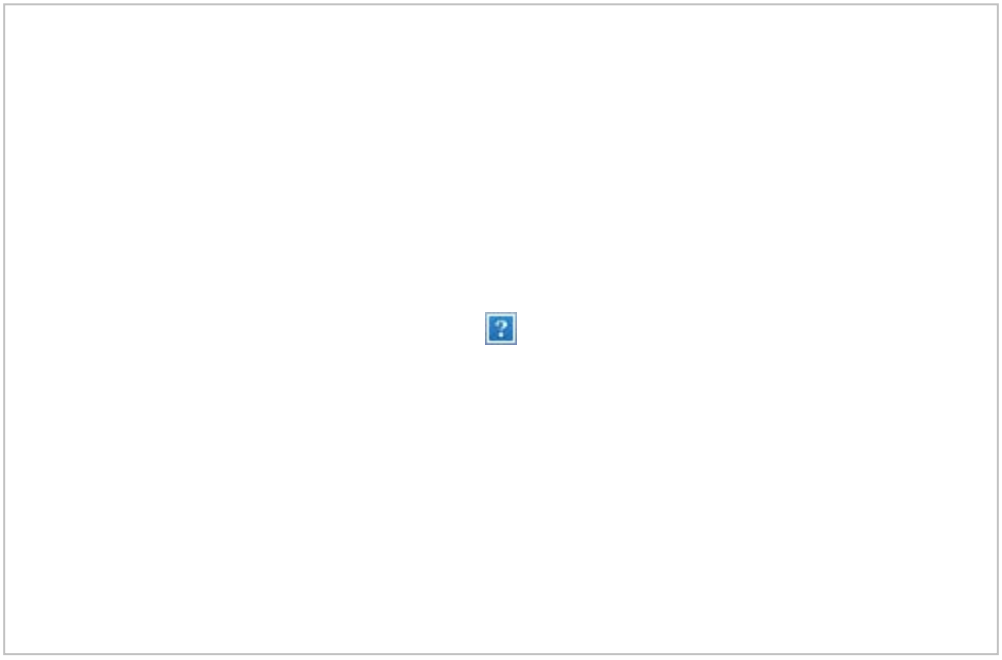

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COVID-19 Update

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.

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- **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 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

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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**

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*

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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 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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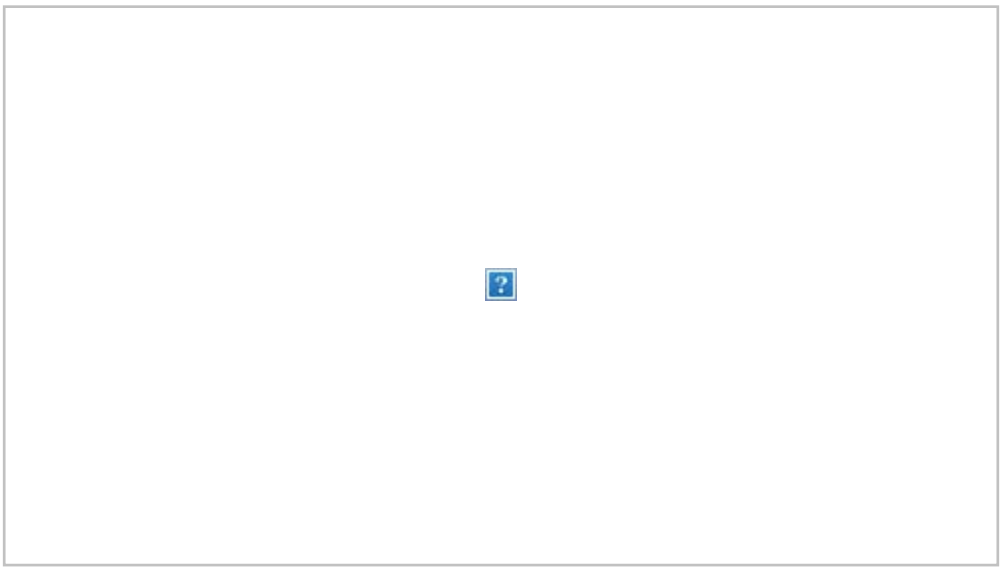

Marion Whicker *SES, Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*: Marion Whicker highlighted Operation Warp Speed's (OWS) efforts to deliver a safe and effective vaccine in record time to the American people and help us move past the pandemic. She noted that the whole-of-America 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

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.

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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), HHS*
- 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

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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 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**

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Drug Prices

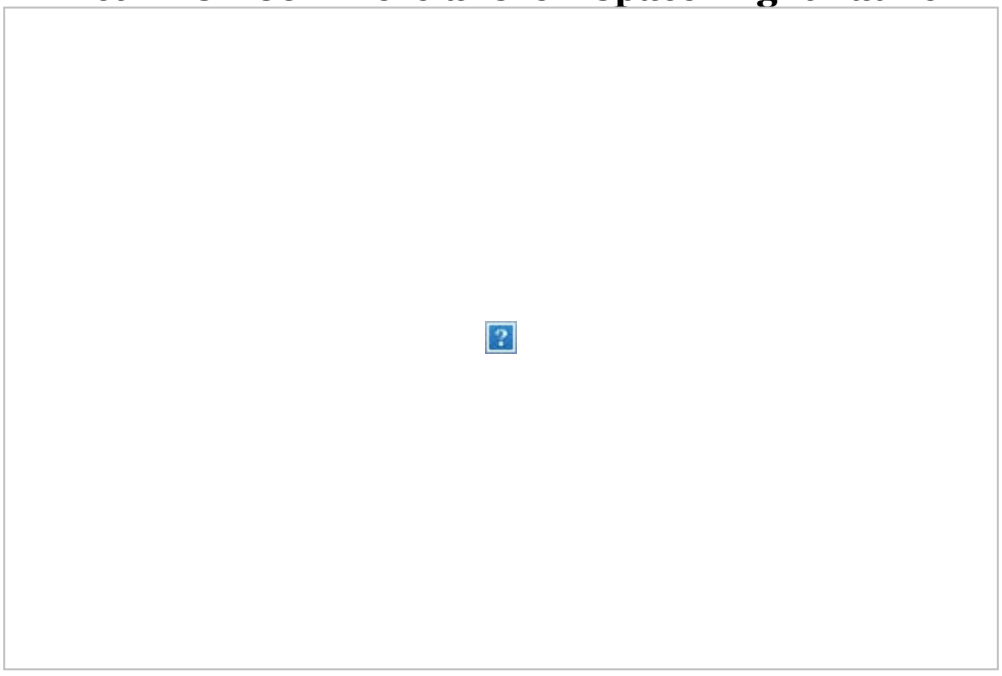
Starting in January, the model, known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model, will test an innovative way for Medicare to pay no more for high cost, physician-administered Medicare Part B drugs than the lowest price charged in other similar countries. Following the President's recent Executive Orders 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**

First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch



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

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American astronauts launched into space from American soil.

☐ **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.**

☐ **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

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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 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.

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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 January 1, 2021.

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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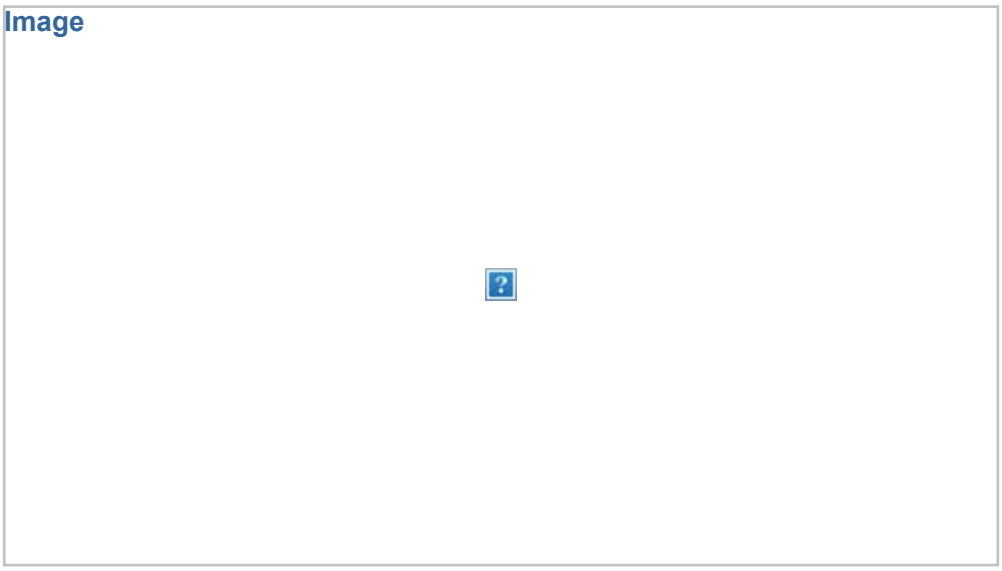

In February 2019, President Trump established the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative**. This initiative is the first whole-of-government effort to advance global women's economic empowerment.

Ivanka Trump: **In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #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**.

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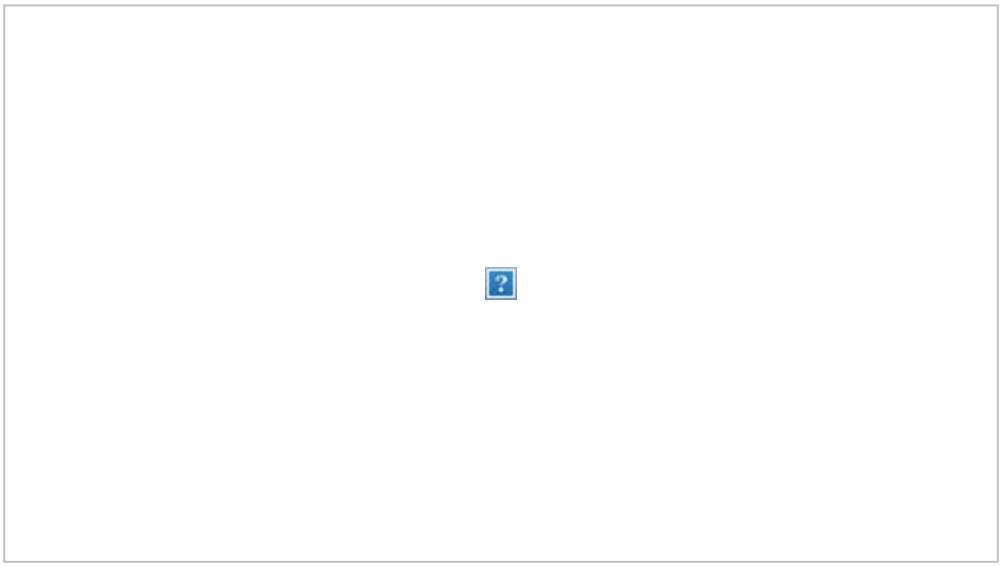
Education empowers students of all ages to reach their full potential and plays a fundamental role in developing a strong workforce and informed citizenry. Our Nation is currently enduring an unprecedented academic year, but our commitment to the safe reopening of schools and the expansion of school choice programs nationwide remains steadfast.

Read More: **Proclamation on American Education Week**



*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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