
Subject: Public Records Requests -- Part 1
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 8:42:01 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Justin Riches
To: AO Records
CC: Jim Drake, Ashley McIver
Attachments: Evers_part1_12-17-20_re.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Mr. Evers,

Pursuant to your public records requests, please find attached a partial release of responsive records. These records include responsive emails for part 1 of your request for the following members: Representatives Barto, Biasiucci, Cook, Finchem, Roberts and Townsend. Our office will contact you as more responsive records become available.

Best regards,

Justin Riches

Public Records Counsel

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December 9, 2020

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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Representative:

Pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. §§ 39-121 et seq., American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office promptly produce the following records:

1. All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) between (a) the Representative, their Administrative Assistant, or anyone serving as Chief of Staff to the Representative, and (b) any of the external parties listed below Item 2.
2. All text message chains/conversations or message chains/conversations on messaging applications similar in form to text messages (such as Signal, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Twitter DMs, etc.) between (a) the Representative or their Administrative Assistant, and (b) any of the external parties listed immediately below.



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External Parties:

- a. Anyone communicating from an email address ending in @donaldtrump.com, @donaldjtrump.com, @trumpvictory.com, or @trumporg.com
 - b. Jenna Ellis, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @falkirkcenter.com or @thomasmore.org
 - c. Kelli Ward, Pam Kirby, Ray Ihly, Cyndi Love, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @azgop.com or @azgop.org
 - d. Ronna McDaniel, Drew Serton, Brian Seitchik, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @gop.com, @rnchq.com, or @rdpstrategies.com
 - e. Rudolph Giuliani, or anyone communicating on his behalf (such as Jo Ann Zafonte, Christianne Allen, Beau Wagner, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @giulianisecurity.com, giulianipartners.com, gdcillc.com)
 - f. Joseph diGenova, Victoria Toensing, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @digenovatoensing.com
 - g. Sidney Powell, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @federalappeals.com
 - h. Anyone communicating from an email address ending in who.eop.gov
 - i. Anyone communicating from an email address ending in mail.house.gov or senate.gov
 - j. Representative Paul Gosar, Thomas Van Flein, Leslie Foti, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @drpaulgosar.com
 - k. Representative Andy Biggs, Kate LaBorde, Caroline Brennan, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @biggsforcongress.com
 - l. Colonel Phil Waldron
 - m. Anna Orth
 - n. Judith Burns
3. All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) sent by the Representative, their Administrative Assistant, or anyone serving as Chief of Staff to the Representative containing any of the following key terms:

Key Terms:

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| a. Audit | k. Sharpies |
| b. Fraud | l. Irregularity |
| c. Fraudulent | m. Irregularities |
| d. "Fact-Finding" | n. "Damaged Ballots" |
| e. "Fact Finding" | o. "Ballot Damage" |
| f. "Jenna Ellis" | p. "Duplicate Ballots" |
| g. "Trump campaign" | q. Integrity |
| h. Giuliani | r. Harvesting |
| i. Ward | s. Electoral |
| j. Sharpie | t. Elector |

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| u. Electors | dd. Anomaly |
| v. Delegate | ee. Anomalies |
| w. Delegates | ff. "Special session" |
| x. Dump | gg. 16-2-212 |
| y. Dumps | hh. 12/14/20 |
| z. Statistical | ii. 12/14 |
| aa. Dominion | jj. "December 14" |
| bb. Steal | kk. "Dec. 14" |
| cc. Stolen | |

4. All text message chains/conversations or message chains/conversations on messaging applications similar in form to text messages (such as Signal, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Twitter DMs, etc.) sent or received by the Representative or their Administrative Assistant containing any of the following key terms:

Key Terms:

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| a. Trump | g. Electoral |
| b. Ellis | h. Elector |
| c. Giuliani | i. Electors |
| d. Ward | j. Delegate |
| e. Audit | k. Delegates |
| f. Fraud | |

Please note that American Oversight does not seek, and that this request specifically excludes, the initial mailing of news clips or other mass-distribution emails. However, subsequent communications forwarding such emails are responsive to this request. In other words, for example, if the Representative received a mass-distribution news clip email from one of the listed external parties, that initial email would not be responsive to this request. However, if said custodian forwarded that email to another individual with their own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be produced.

For ease of reference, American Oversight has included email addresses where possible for the external parties listed. To be clear, however, American Oversight's request is not limited to email communications. Text messages or other messages similar in form to text messages between the listed parties are responsive to items 2 and 4 of this request.

Please provide all responsive records from November 16, 2020, through the date the search is conducted.

Statement of Noncommercial Purpose

This request is made for noncommercial purposes. On November 30, 2020, Republican members of Arizona's legislature participated in an unofficial "fact-finding hearing" with

members of President Donald Trump's campaign legal team regarding the 2020 election.¹ According to news coverage of the event, "[t]he goal of the Trump team's effort seems to be to persuade Arizona's Legislature to intercede with the state's election results," an action which may not be allowed under state law.² American Oversight seeks the records requested to inform the public of Arizona legislators' communications with members of President Trump's campaign legal team and other individuals outside the Arizona government who have vested interests in the outcome of challenges to the state's election administration policies and practices. Voting rights and related litigation are of significant public interest both in Arizona and nationwide.³ Records with the potential to shed light on this matter would contribute significantly to the public understanding of government operations.

Because American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, this request is not in American Oversight's financial interest and is not made for a commercial purpose. American Oversight's mission is to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.⁴

Because this request is made for noncommercial purposes, American Oversight requests that any fees charged in connection with processing this request be limited to copying

¹ *Trump's Legal Team to Hold Public Hearing with Arizona Republicans on Election Integrity*, Fox 10 Phoenix (Nov. 29, 2020), <https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/trumps-legal-team-to-hold-public-hearing-with-arizona-lawmakers-on-election-integrity>.

² Ryan Randazzo & Maria Polletta, *Arizona GOP Lawmakers Hold Meeting on Election Outcome with Trump Lawyer Rudy Giuliani*, Ariz. Republic (updated Nov. 30, 2020 7:02 PM MT), <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/11/30/republican-lawmakers-arizona-hold-meeting-rudy-giuliani/6468171002/>.

³ See, e.g., *Arizona Election Updates: Trump Team Suing County over Voting Asks to Seal Evidence*, Ariz. Republic (updated Nov. 10, 2020, 5:06 PM MT), <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/11/10/arizona-election-live-updates-2020-presidential-election/6229930002/>.

⁴ American Oversight currently has approximately 15,600 page likes on Facebook and 106,100 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, FACEBOOK, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Nov. 10, 2020); American Oversight (@weareoversight), TWITTER, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Nov. 10, 2020).

and postage charges, if applicable.⁵ Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

In connection with its request for records, American Oversight provides the following guidance regarding the scope of the records sought and the search and processing of records:

- Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics.
- Our request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to our request, our request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email.
- Please search all relevant records or systems containing records regarding agency business. Do not exclude records regarding agency business contained in files, email accounts, or devices in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts or text messages.
- If any records are withheld in full or in part, pursuant to A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D)(2), please provide an index of records or categories of records that have been withheld and the reasons the records or categories of records have been withheld.
- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.
- Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

⁵ A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D)(1); *see also Hanania v. City of Tucson*, 128 Ariz. 135, 624 P.2d 332 (Ct. App. 1980). Furthermore, because this request is for noncommercial purposes, additional fees provided for under A.R.S. § 39-121.03(A) are not applicable and should not be assessed.

Conclusion

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact Christine Monahan at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 869-5244.

Sincerely,



Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

Justin Riches

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Justin Riches
Cc: Norm Moore
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Justin,

Thanks for reaching out and my apologies for my delay in responding. For item 1 of our request, we are willing to limit the search to the following domains/people:

1. @donaldtrump.com
2. @donaldjtrump.com
3. @trumpvictory.com
4. @trumporg.com
5. @falkirkcenter.com
6. @thomasmore.org
7. @gop.com
8. @rnchq.com
9. @rdpstrategies.com
10. @giulianisecurity.com
11. Giulianipartners.com
12. Gdcillc.com
13. @digenovatoensing.com
14. @federalappeals.com
15. Who.eop.gov
16. Mail.house.gov
17. Senate.gov
18. Drpaulgosar.com
19. @biggsforcongress.com
20. Rep. Paul Gosar*
21. Rep. Andy Biggs*

For item 3 of our request, we are willing to cut the number of key terms to just the following sixteen terms:

1. "Jenna Ellis"
2. "Trump Campaign"
3. Giuliani
4. Electoral
5. Electors
6. Elector
7. Dominion
8. Ward
9. Delegate
10. Delegates
11. 16-2-212
12. 12/14/20
13. 12/14
14. "December 14"
15. "Dec. 14"
16. Harvesting

*I realize our item 1 list goes over your 20 key term limit – we wouldn't object to searching for "Gosar" and "Biggs" as key terms as part of item 3 in lieu of including their names at the end of our list for item 1 if that makes it logistically easier for you all.

Happy to discuss further as needed.

Thanks,

Christine

From: Justin Riches <JRiches@azleg.gov>
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 2:31 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: Norm Moore <NMoore@azleg.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Ms. Monahan,

Acknowledging receipt of your public records request submitted to the Arizona House of Representatives (attached). With regard to your request, we will need some further information and clarification to help expedite processing. Our search system is designed to search, at most, 20 key words or subject matters. Your request includes 37 broad key terms as well as references to approximately 50 external parties to search within the scope of the request. Further, in my experience, searching key terms such as "audit", "fraud", "integrity", "electors" and "anomaly", among others in your request, produces an extremely large amount of general and irrelevant information that must be further processed and reviewed, which obviously takes a lot of time and resources. Please advise as to how we can narrow the scope of your request to help expedite processing but still help you find the public records you are seeking. If you have any questions or need to discuss further, please do not hesitate to email me or contact my office directly at the number provided below. Any questions regarding public records requests submitted to the Arizona Senate can be directed to Norm Moore, Senate Public Records Counsel (copied).

Thank you,
Justin Riches
Public Records Counsel
(602) 926-5507

Ashley McIver

From: Nancy Barto
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Melissa Taylor
Subject: Re: Ivermectin for COVID 19

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2020, at 3:58 PM, Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov> wrote:

FYI. An update.

Melissa Taylor
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From: Clark, Annie <Annie.Clark@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Ivermectin for COVID 19

I was given a copy of the letter here: https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/40-317_Comm.%20Homeland%20Security%20%20Gov.%20Affairs%2012-10-2020.pdf

They have not yet received a response.

I hope this helps the Senator with her efforts from the State Legislature.

Let me know if we can do more to help!

Best,

Annie

From: Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Clark, Annie <Annie.Clark@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Ivermectin for COVID 19

Thanks, appreciate that!

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From: Clark, Annie <Annie.Clark@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Ivermectin for COVID 19

Hi Melissa,

Just following up and letting you know that I'm waiting for more information from Chairman Johnson's office.
I'll keep you updated!

Annie

From: Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Clark, Annie <Annie.Clark@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Ivermectin for COVID 19

That would be very helpful. Senator Barto would be interested in signing onto any type of letter if that would be helpful. I'm still researching the issue, but if the Senator is doing something at the federal level she would consider that a positive thing.

Appreciate your help.

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From: Clark, Annie <Annie.Clark@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Ivermectin for COVID 19

Hi Melissa,

There isn't currently any positive movement within federal agencies on Ivermectin. The NIH and FDA have recommended not using Ivermectin against COVID-19 except within clinical trials. So far, I'm unaware of clinical trials testing Ivermectin against COVID-19. However, as Dr. Kory noted in his testimony, the NIH and FDA recommendations are from much earlier in the year. Perhaps they would be open to reversing their positions.

I am happy to reach out to Sen. Ron Johnson's office about the letter that they reportedly sent to NIH about Dr. Kory's findings. They will have more insight.
I will keep you updated with what I hear back.

Best,

Annie Clark | Senior Legislative Assistant
annie.clark@mail.house.gov | 202.225.4576

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From: Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Clark, Annie <Annie.Clark@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Ivermectin for COVID 19

Senator-Elect Barto is interested in knowing if there is any movement at the federal level via a task force or movement within the CDC, NIH, or the FDA to recommend Ivermectin for off-label use to treat COVID-19. I was wondering if you could point me in the right direction.

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From: Nancy Barto <NBarto@azleg.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Cherie Stone <cstone@azleg.gov>; Melissa Taylor <MTaylor@azleg.gov>
Cc: Emily Mercado <EMercado@azleg.gov>
Subject: Ivermectin for COVID 19

I just watched incredible testimony by Dr. Pierre Kory before the Senate recently on lifesaving effectiveness of Ivermectin. This seems phenomenal. Would Cherie be able to confirm if the CDC, FDA or NIH have a task force devoted to repurposed drug treatments for COVID 19?

Also, could you reach out on my behalf to AZDHS to see if they have any information about Ivermectin and if so, if they have encouraged the Feds to review the drug?

Based on what I'm learning, I'd like to talk about next steps today if possible - probably a formal resolution calling for an immediate review of the research data.

Ashley McIver

From: White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Leo Biasiucci
Subject: Reminder: White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call (12/16 @ 1 PM ET) 📞



Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#) (if you have already registered for the December 16 call you do not need to re-register)

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

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,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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** First COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized & Administered **

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

 [President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA!](#)

Congratulations WORLD!

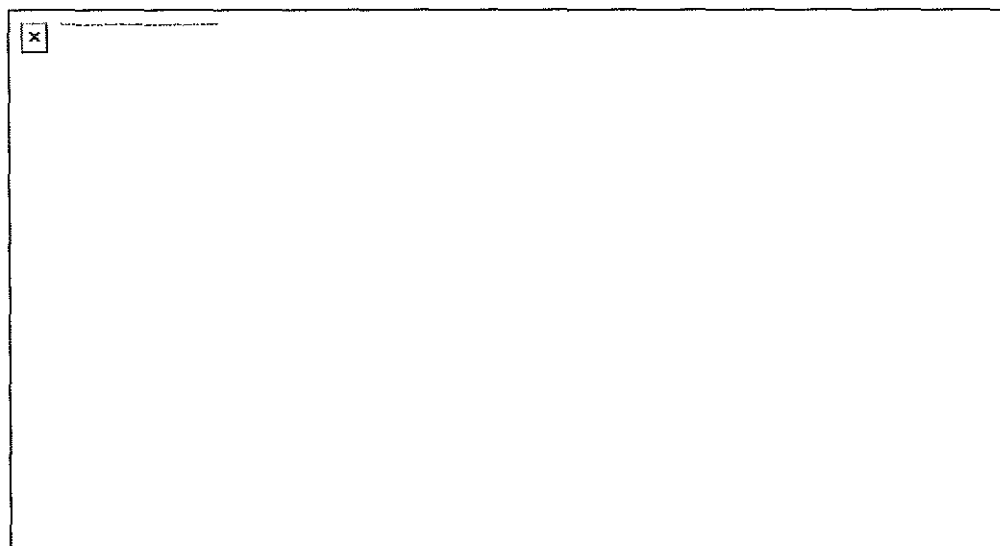
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

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

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

On Friday, December 11, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued the first emergency use authorization (EUA) to Pfizer for its COVID-19 vaccine. The EUA authorizes the distribution of Pfizer's vaccine across the United States to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. HHS Secretary Azar and Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller have issued statements on this next step, and they can be viewed here. Find a helpful Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.

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



Click here to watch President Trump's address.

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

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

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

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

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

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From: White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Leo Biasiucci
Subject: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine + National COVID-19 Call Invite 📞



Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

White House Weekly Recap

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

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

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And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to learn more and find a location near you.

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

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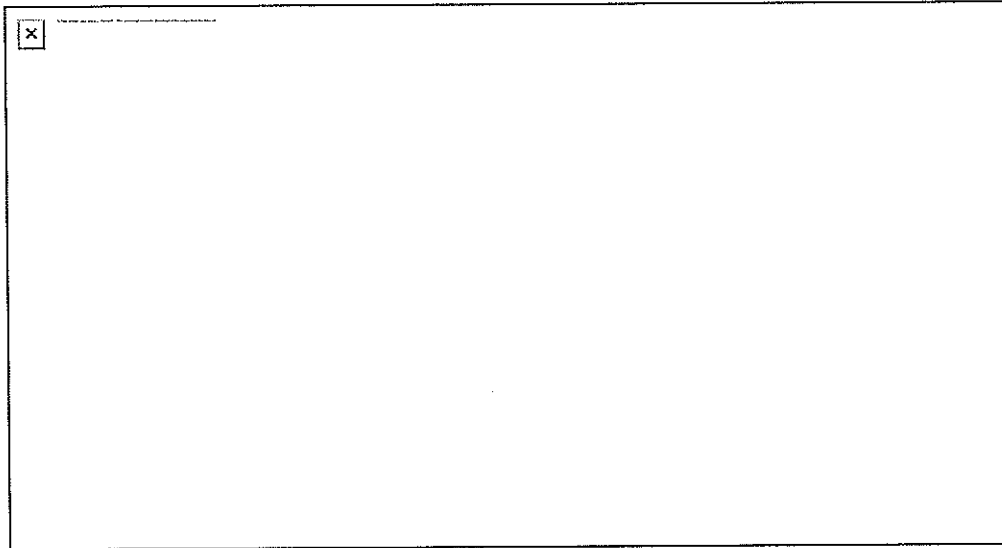
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** BREAKING NEWS: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine **

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

 Read More: [FDA Takes Key Action in Fight Against COVID-19 By Issuing Emergency Use Authorization for First COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



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

Read more tweets from HHS Secretary Azar [here](#).

A link to the full FDA press release is [here](#). The press release also provides information and discussion on available safety and effectiveness data.

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

Operation Warp Speed and private sector partners now begin distributing the first allocation of

doses to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. HHS Secretary Azar and Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller have issued statements on this next step, and they can be viewed [here](#).

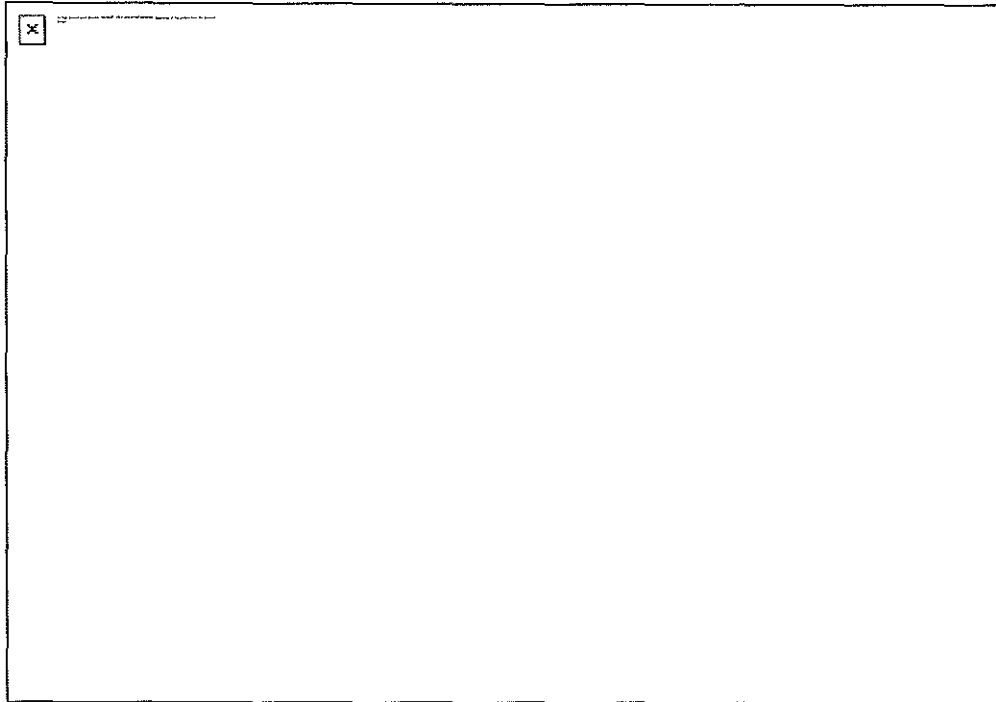
For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)
- [Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Summit

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Americans.

100 Million Additional Doses of Moderna Vaccine Purchased

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

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

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

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

DOD Announces Vaccine Distribution Plan

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

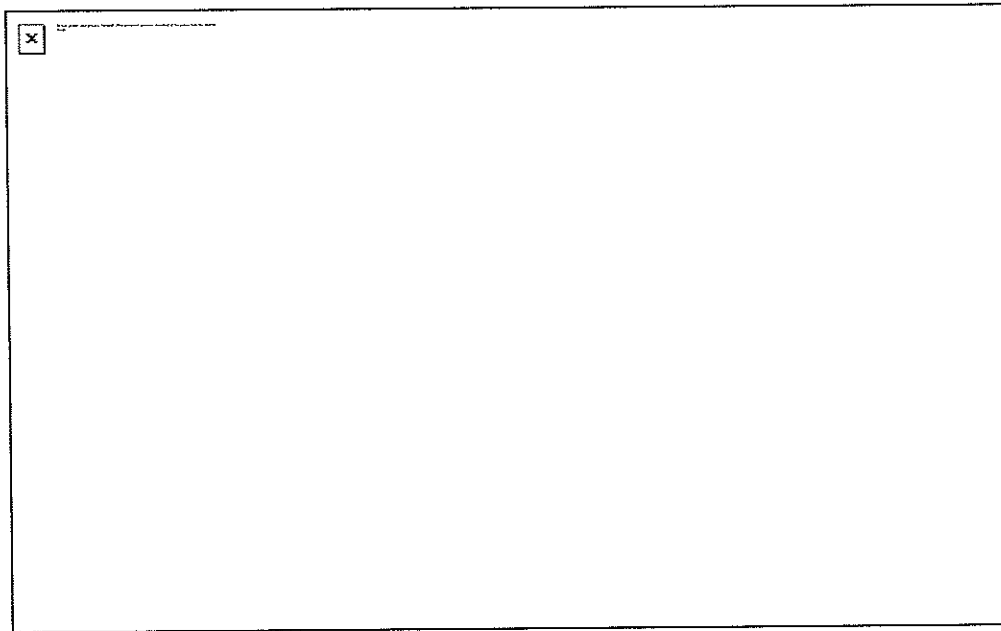
The distribution of the allocated COVID-19 vaccines will begin once the U.S. Federal Drug Administration authorizes the COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use and in accordance with Operation Warp Speed guidance.

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

■ **Read More:** [Memo on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccine Guidance](#)

Vice President's COVID-19 Travel Engagements

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



Click the [video](#) above to watch the full roundtable discussion on vaccine progress under Operation Warp Speed.

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

■ **Read More:** [Remarks by Vice President Pence on Vaccine Progress](#)

Statements from our Nation's Governors

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

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

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

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

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

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

- President Donald J. Trump

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

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

- The United States has led and will continue to lead the world's public health and humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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

- From the outset of the pandemic, President Trump and his Administration have worked tirelessly to combat COVID-19 and protect Americans.
- President Trump took early and aggressive action to prevent spread of the virus in America and reacted quickly to completely revolutionize America's testing system for COVID-19.
- The President has leveraged the Defense Production Act to expedite production and delivery of critically-needed medical equipment such as ventilators and personal protective equipment.

- The President and his Administration have always followed a strategy rooted in the bedrock objective of saving lives and helping our country safely reopen, and stay open.
- President Trump has rejected pursuing across-the-board shutdowns, mandates, and restrictions, which inflict more harm on the American people and United States economy than they would prevent.

National News Clips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local News Clips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABC WXYZ Detroit: Rochester Hills mayor recaps White House summit on COVID-19 vaccine
News Radio 1080 KRLD: Fort Worth Mayor to attend COVID-19 vaccine distribution summit

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,029 COVID-19 briefings with over 257,965 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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Operation Lady Justice Briefing Call

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to join a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials for an update on Operation Lady Justice, including a report from the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report, which follows consultations with Tribal governments, is available [here](#).

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

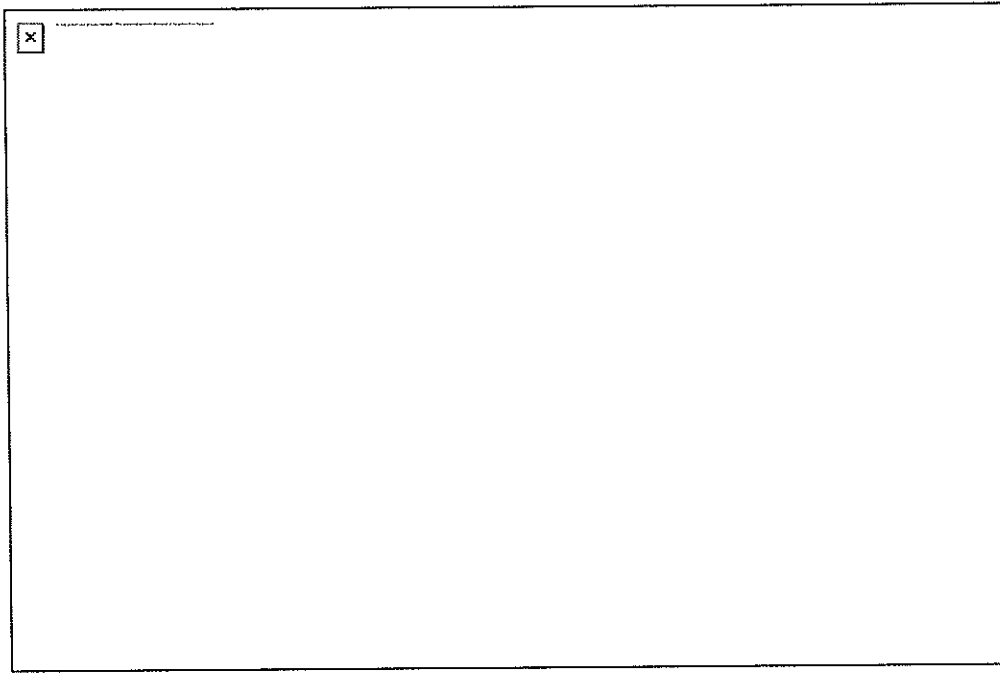
Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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**The Trump Administration Is Supporting Native American and Alaska
Native Communities**

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

Donald J. Trump

President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country centered on five core principles to empower and lift all communities.

- The policy vision - **Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!** - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country to lift all communities and outlines an ambitious agenda to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities
- White House and Senior Administration officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

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

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

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

- President Trump **signed** legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia and **announced** support for the federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, which has sought federal recognition for over 130 years.

- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- **Repatriated** a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.
- **Advanced** systematic efforts to collaborate and consult with tribal leaders to identify further opportunities to repatriate culturally important items. More **here**.
- **Advanced** an updated eagle remains policy allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

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

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

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

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a **proclamation** in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

Awareness Day. The President signed a second proclamation on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.

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

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

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.

- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, President Trump signed into law the **Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill)** which contained the **highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update - Operation Warp Speed

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to participate in an **Operation Warp Speed briefing call TODAY, Monday, December 7th at 5 PM Eastern** with Senior Administration officials. The call will preview the upcoming Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit at the White House on Tuesday, December 8th and provide an update on the rapid development and distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine to save millions of American lives. Find call registration and additional information about the Summit and Operation Warp Speed below.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Monday, December 7th, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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

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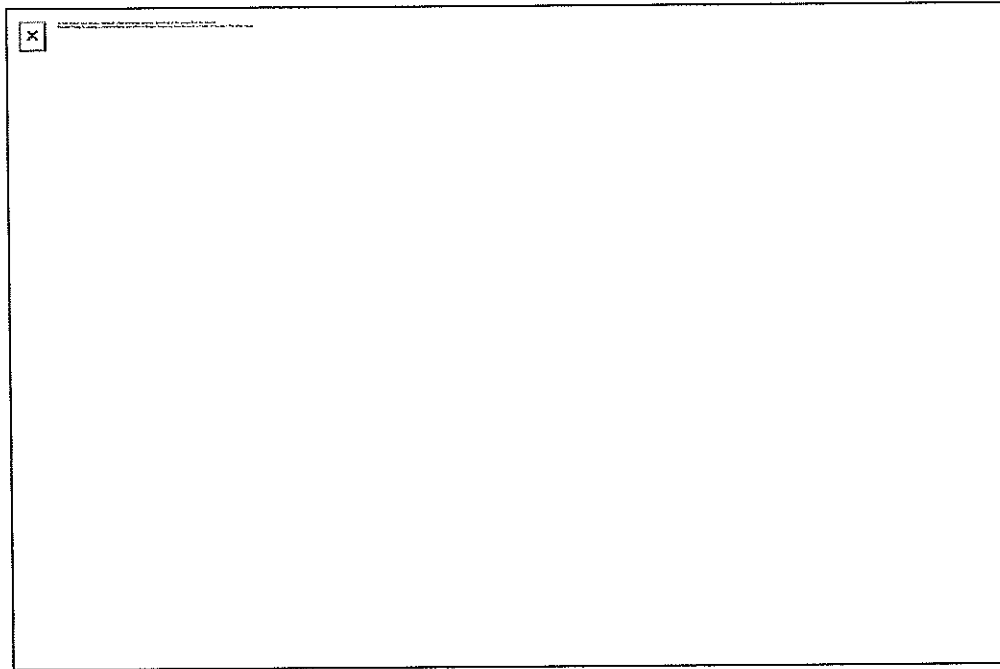
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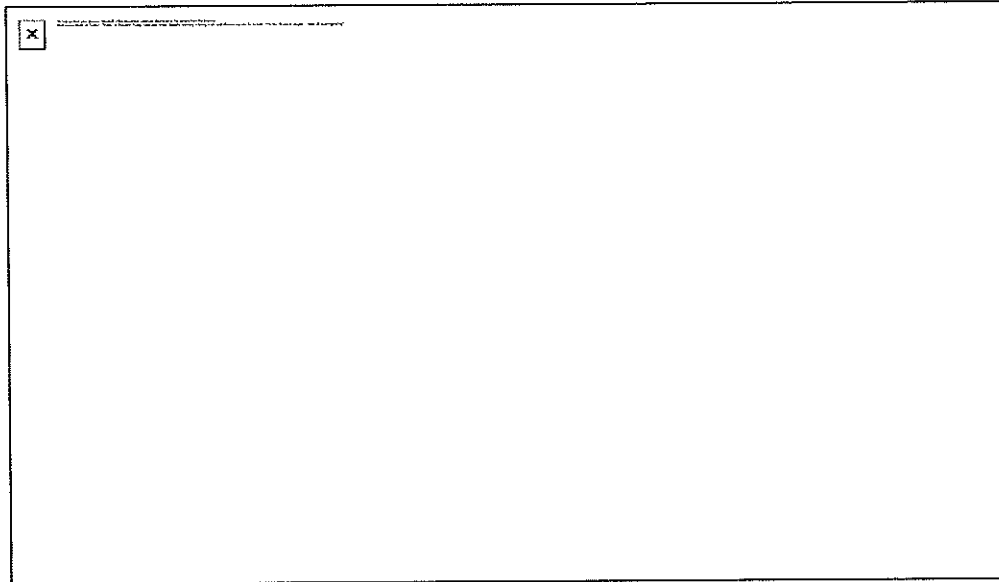
Operation Warp Speed



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

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

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

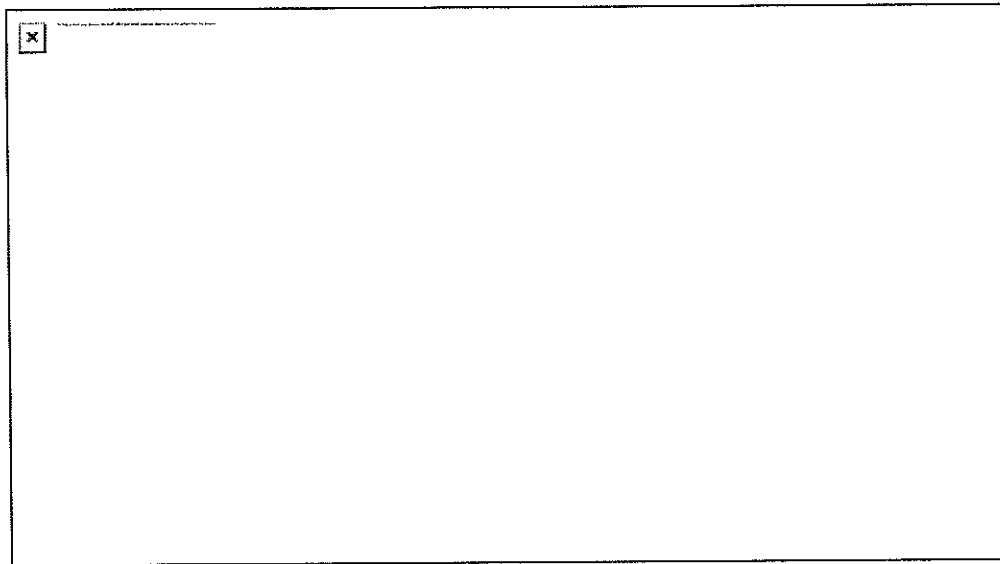


President Trump is committed to providing free or low-cost COVID-19 countermeasures to the American people as soon as possible. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **announced** from the Rose Garden that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December (followed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

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

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

here.



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

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

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

are taking place across the country (learn more [here](#)).

Additional Information

- **Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed ([here](#))**
- **CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations (Version 2.0).** You can find the full [Interim Playbook Here](#).
- **State-Submitted Vaccine Distribution Draft Plans ([here](#))**
- **Overview from the Factory to the Frontlines – The Operation Warp Speed Strategy for Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine (11 pages; [here](#))**
- **Dr. Slaoui, Dr. Greene, & Dr. Woodcock Op-Ed in the New England Journal of Medicine: Bridging the Gap at Warp Speed — Delivering Options for Preventing and Treating Covid-19 ([here](#))**
- **Dr. Hahn & Dr. Marks Op-Ed: The FDA's Scientific and Regulatory Oversight of Vaccines is Vital to Public Health ([here](#))**
- **HHS Secretary Azar Op-Ed: How We're Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at 'Warp Speed' ([here](#))**
- **FDA Commissioner Hahn Op-Ed: No Matter What, Only a Safe, Effective Vaccine Will Get Our Approval ([here](#))**
- **Equitable Allocation of a COVID-19 Vaccine Draft Framework:** At the request of the NIH and CDC, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine has released draft framework for equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine ([here](#))
- **Encourage Participation in Clinical Trials:** The Vice President has asked State and local officials to encourage citizens to participate in clinical trials. For more information, visit [CoronavirusPreventionNetwork.org](https://www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org)

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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

On Tuesday, December 8, President Trump will host a **Coronavirus Vaccine Summit** at the White House. The summit will bring together leaders from the federal government, State, local & Tribal governments, private sector, military, and scientific community for a comprehensive discussion as the Administration prepares to deliver life-saving vaccines to the American people. We will share additional information about the summit next week. You will be able to view the summit live [here](#).

And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to learn more and find a

location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update 🏠 Operation Warp Speed 🏠
- 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 43rd Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- November Jobs Numbers - The Rebound Continues
- Presidential Medal of Freedom for Lou Holtz
- 2020 White House Christmas Decorations 🎄

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up [here](#). As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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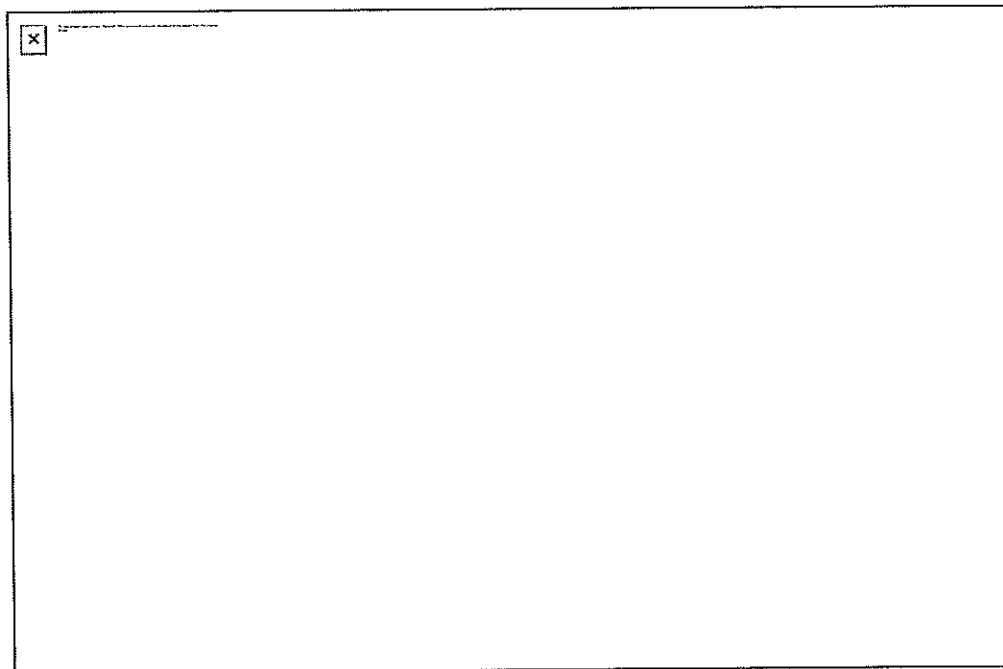
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COVID-19 Update

This week, Vice President Mike Pence traveled to Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia to highlight the work of **Operation Warp Speed** and ensuring vaccines are distributed quickly to the American people. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **delivered an update** from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed is focused on the development of treatments for COVID-19 along with a safe and effective vaccine. All 64 public health jurisdictions— including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents. Now as the Administration moves toward distribution these 64 jurisdictions will help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. All 64 jurisdictions' plan draft executive summaries are available for review **here**.



On Thursday, December 3, Vice President Pence and HHS Secretary Azar traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to meet with

Governor Bill Lee and participate in a roundtable highlighting Operation Warp Speed and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine distribution program, and Tennessee's plan to operationalize vaccinations once approved.

 **Vice President Pence: Pleased to be joined**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Readout from the 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

In addition to the readout, we would like to highlight that on Thursday, December 3,

President Trump approved a federal funding extension for the National Guard's COVID-19 relief work through the end of March 2021. The extension reflects President Trump's consistent recognition of the important role the men and women of the National Guard play in the response to and economic recovery from COVID-19. President Trump's extension of federal funding for the National Guard is yet another unprecedented, proactive step in providing State's with the resources they need in their response to COVID-19.

Participants on the December 2nd call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
- Dr. Robert Redfield, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- RADM Michael Iademarco, *Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted the rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. Where cases had risen in the Rocky Mountains, Northern plains, and in the heartland states - which recently received cold temperatures - these regions have shown COVID-19 cases stabilizing prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. These states will be a helpful indicator as data reporting becomes available in the coming weeks to determine any potential surge from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Birx encouraged individuals who may not have closely followed mitigation measures to get tested. Dr. Birx noted the importance of testing in identifying asymptomatic cases.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH: Dr. Fauci provided an update on the Government's Federal efforts on vaccine planning and distribution. The Federal Government has been working in coordination with State and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine to the American people in record time. Dr. Fauci indicated that the speed of which a vaccine has become available is a reflection of the extraordinary technological advances that started nearly a decade ago, which has led to the

utilization of the scientific data today. This speed is a result of the investment of billions of dollars from Operation Warp Speed that provided funding at once, rather than over time.

The process of determining a safe and effective vaccine has been a sound process free from outside influence. Career scientists who analyze the data are an independent body and work hand-in-hand with the FDA allowing for full transparency.

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dr. Redfield provided an update on the distribution plan for the 64 jurisdictions. Within the jurisdictions, there is a micro-jurisdiction plan, which emphasizes the importance of supporting each community through the Coronavirus pandemic. This week, the CDC completed exercises with all jurisdictions that simulated the distribution plan and addressed any potential glitches. On this micro-level, Governors and their states will help determine and facilitate how to best distribute and apply the vaccines.

Along with Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx is asking all States and local communities to begin using their BinaxNow COVID-19 tests that have already been sent to States. Dr. Birx emphasized that if communities can get 20-25 county workers to get tested, it will make a significant impact.

Additionally, Dr. Redfield **announced** that HHS is laying the necessary groundwork for the distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine by ensuring that all tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations have the choice on how they receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On December 1, 2020, HHS **announced** that all tribal health programs and UIOs (Urban Indian Organizations) have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

Finally, the CDC announced on December 2, 2020 options to reduce quarantine for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others. It also ensures that persons who become symptomatic or are otherwise diagnosed during quarantine can be rapidly brought to care and evaluated. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose personal burdens that may

affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Based on local circumstances and resources, CDC finds the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable to the recommended 14 days.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
 - With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
 - With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.

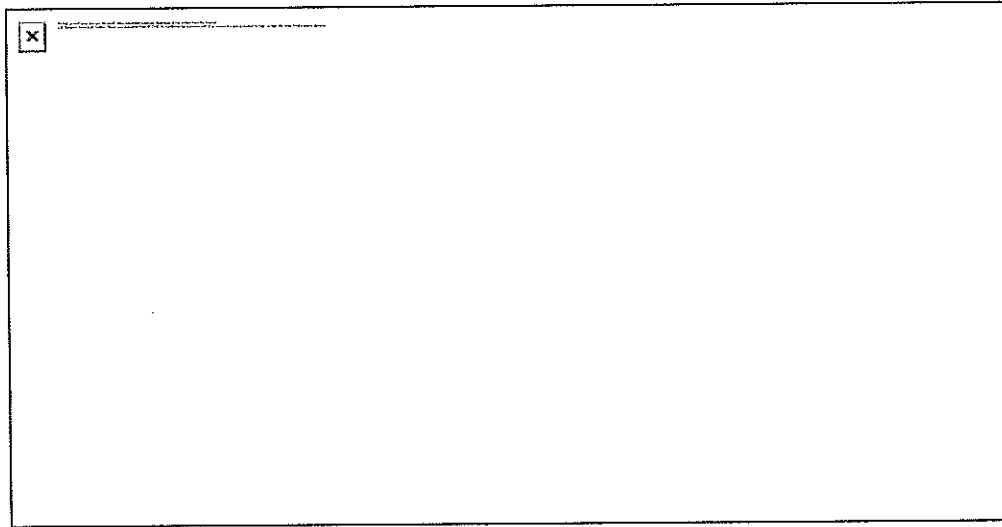
■ **Read More: Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing**

RADM Michael Iademarco, Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC: RADM Michael F. Iademarco, MD, MPH is Director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who discussed the importance of the successful [Lucira COVID-19 All-in-One Test Kit](#) that has been authorized by the FDA for home use provides the ability to efficiently track and monitor results.

Also do not forget that if you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more [here](#).

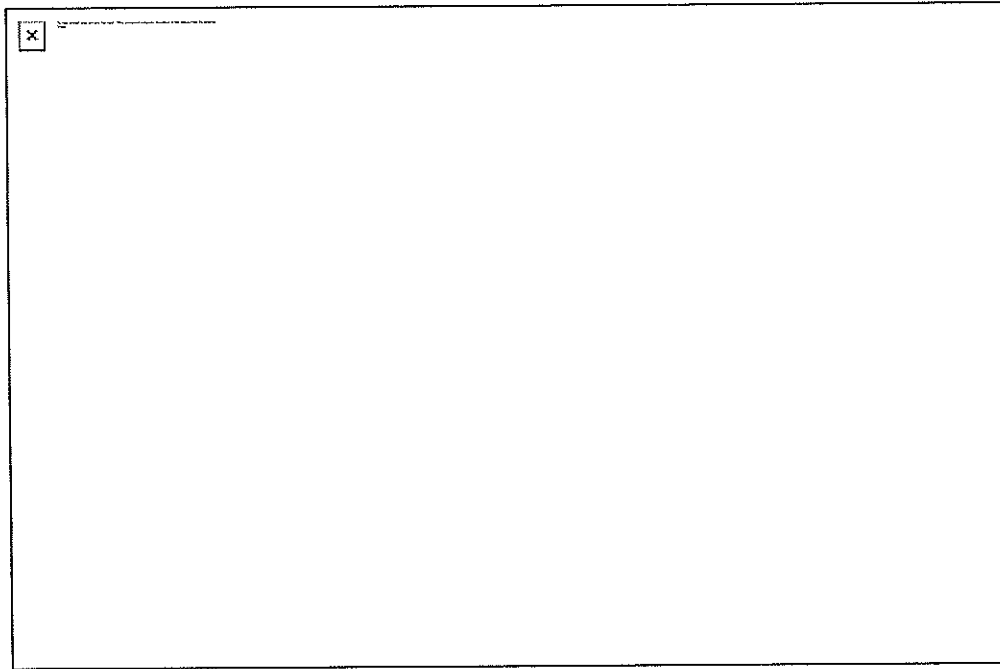
To find where you can donate source plasma, visit donatingplasma.org and coronavirus.gov.

 **Surgeon General Jerome Adams: Been previously diagnosed with #COVID19 & fortunate enough to have recovered? Well you can help others recover too, by donating your plasma. It has antibodies that could literally save a life. Find out where you can donate at <http://thefightisinus.org>. Because the fight is in YOU!**



The White House has hosted 31 National COVID-19 Briefing Calls reaching more than 70,000 State, local, and Tribal officials in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 43st Governors Call on COVID-19



On Monday, November 30, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

 **Vice President Pence: In August, President @realDonaldTrump said we would have a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year, and today, American companies have produced 2 Vaccines in RECORD TIME! Once approved, we will inoculate millions by years end! Help is on the Way America!** 

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator
- General Gustave F. Perna, Chief Operation Officer, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)
- Director Anthony Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS
- Director Robert Redfield, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, M.D., Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS

- Brigadier General David Sanford, Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
- Assistant Administrator David Bibo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, ongoing robust partnership to prepare in distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. Governors, including Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine.

The Vice President also noted that the Federal government has worked towards 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing mechanism to replenish the stockpile.

 **FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor: This morning I participated in an Agency Review Team briefing on current needs and status of PPE and #COVID19 supplies. Thank you to @DHSgov and @HHSgov for your ongoing partnership in the ongoing response efforts.**

FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and Dr. Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments, and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Specifically, Dr. Hahn reiterated that the rigorous standards of the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed—leads to no cut corners.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning efforts including reviewing outstanding State-Federal needs, ongoing table top exercises with public and private partners, and ongoing communication with state partners. Further, General Perna called on governors to ensure that healthcare providers are included in State distribution plans to increase States' operational effectiveness.

Secretary Azar provided an update on Moderna's vaccine trial and the impending submission of the company's EUA application. Additionally, Secretary Azar provided an update on an aspect of

Operation Warp Speed that has resulted in 99% of nursing homes partnering with private pharmacies to ensure the safe and effective delivery of vaccines to nursing home residents.

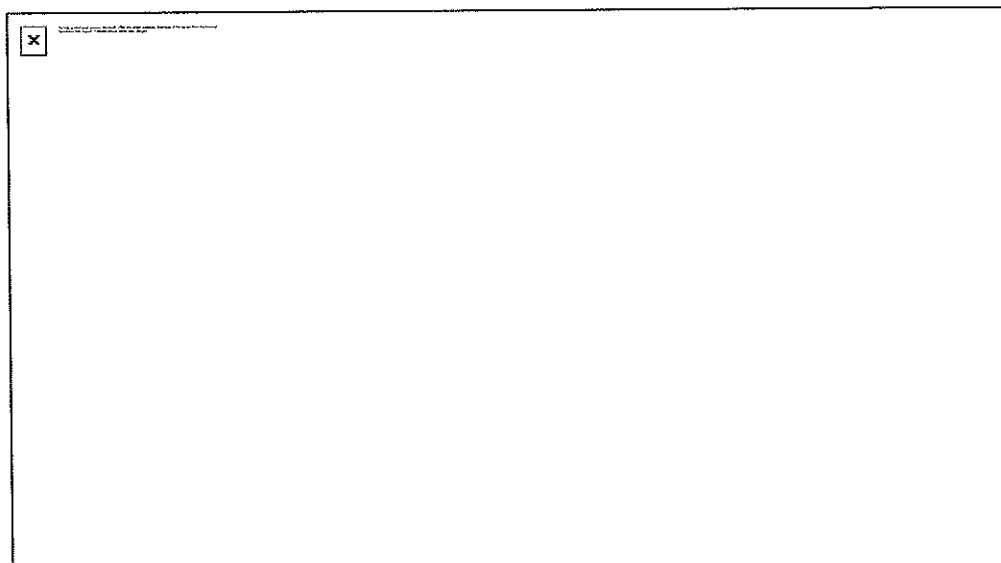
Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine planning and CDC planning activities. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution interim plans to the CDC earlier in October, the CDC reviewed these iterative documents providing feedback to states recently, and states are working to finalize their plans in the coming days.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 43 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

November Jobs Numbers - Economy Continues Rebound

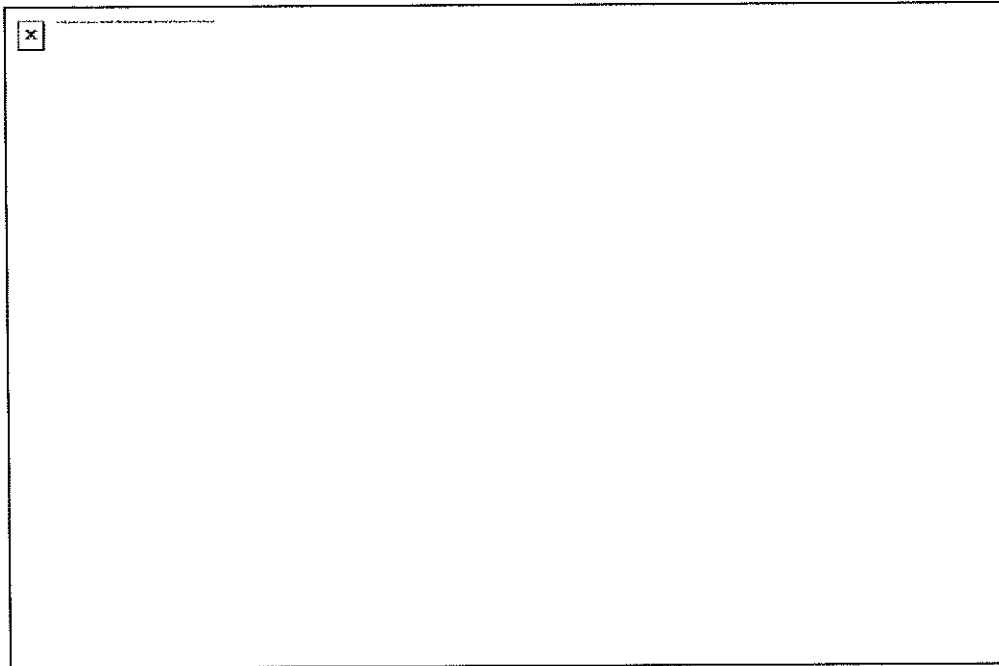
On Friday, December 4, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics released jobs numbers showing the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in November with the unemployment rate dropping by 0.2 percent to 6.7 percent. The net 245,000 jobs added in November included an increase of 344,000 jobs in the private sector.



Per the Council of Economic Advisors, since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.3 million jobs. This is 4 million more jobs than predicted by the Congressional Budget Office in July. The economy has now recovered roughly 6 in 10 (56%) of pandemic job losses in just 7 months. Roughly two-thirds (66.8%) of jobs gains over the past 7 months occurred in the retail, leisure & hospitality, and education & health services sectors.

■ **Read More: [The White House Favors a Bridge to Recovery](#)**

President Trump Awards the Medal of Freedom to Lou Holtz



On Thursday, December 4, 2020, **President Donald J. Trump awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Louis Leo Holtz**. This prestigious award is the Nation's highest civilian honor, which may be awarded by the President to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

America recognizes Lou Holtz as one of the greatest football coaches of all time for his unmatched accomplishments on the gridiron, but he is also a philanthropist, author, and true American patriot. After growing up in a small town in West Virginia, Holtz attended Kent State University, becoming the first member of his family to enroll in college. At Kent State, Holtz played football, studied history, and joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. For the

next 7 years, he honorably served as an Officer in the United States Army Reserves. When asked about his service during an interview with the American Legion, Holtz said, "I was taught at an early age that I had an obligation to serve my country."

 **Watch: [Congratulations @CoachLouHoltz88!](#)**

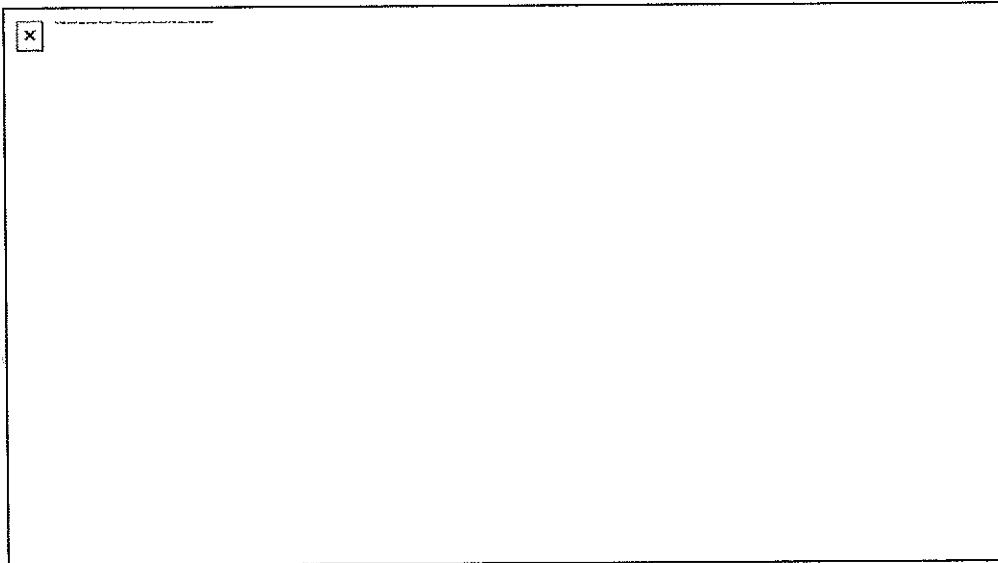
Upon graduating from Kent State, Holtz began his historic coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa before landing his first head-coaching job at the College of William and Mary, leading the team to the Southern Conference Title and an appearance in the Tangerine Bowl. Over the next 35 years, Holtz led successful college and professional football teams, including North Carolina State, the University of Arkansas, the New York Jets, the University of Minnesota, and the University of South Carolina, compiling an impressive overall record of 249-132-7. Most notably, Holtz earned an outstanding 100-30-2 record in 11 seasons at the University of Notre Dame. His 1988 team earned a perfect 12-0 record and were crowned national champions. Most importantly, he inspired generations of young athletes along the way.

Since his retirement from coaching, Holtz has authored several books, contributed to ESPN and CBS as a sports analyst, and continues to give back to his community through two of his own charities, the Holtz Charitable Foundation and the Holtz's Heroes Foundation. In commemoration of his outstanding accomplishments both on and off the football field, Holtz was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Notre Dame, the University of South Carolina, Trine University, and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He was also elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, and the Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame, among many other well-deserved accolades.

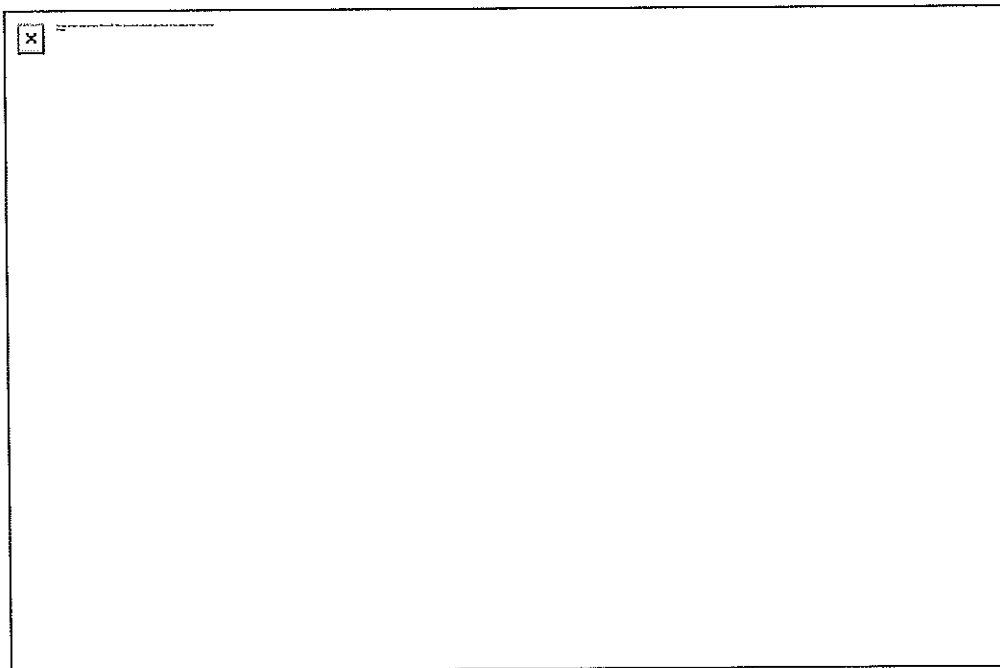
2020 White House Christmas Decorations

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

 First Lady Melania Trump: During this special time of the year, I am delighted to share “America the Beautiful” and pay tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home. #WHChristmas



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



First Lady Melania Trump tours young, talented children around the White House to unveil the art they depicted of what makes their state beautify by highlighting the people, places, and things that capture the spirit of the state in which they call home. The First Lady's BE BEST initiative focuses on building a brighter future for America's children. Learn more [here](#).



First Lady Melania Trump: Décor in the @WhiteHouse Library celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Trees are adorned with ornaments featuring notable women in our Nation's history & center tables showcase children's art from @Flotus #BuildingtheMovement exhibit #WHChristmas.

On Thursday, December 3, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued the tradition started by President Calvin Coolidge in 1923, of the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Watch the virtual ceremony [here](#).

■ Read More: [First Lady Melania Trump Unveils the 2020 White House Christmas Décor](#)

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31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

As a reminder, you are invited to the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We will be joined by -

- **Ambassador Deborah Birx** (White House Coronavirus Task Force) for a COVID-19 trends and response update;
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci** (Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) for a vaccine approval and efficacy update;
- **Dr. Robert Redfield** (Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for a vaccine distribution update; and
- **RADM Michael Iademarco** (Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC) for a COVID-19 testing update.

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](#) (please disregard if you have previously registered)

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

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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we wish a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

On Wednesday, November 25, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation to remember and honor the Thanksgiving holiday for all Americans.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season of generosity, hope, and gratitude, we commemorate America's founding traditions of faith, family, and friendship, and give thanks for the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy that make our country exceptional in the history of the world.

■ **Read More: [Presidential Proclamation on Thanksgiving Day, 2020](#)**

✎ **President Donald Trump: On behalf of the entire Trump Family, I want to wish every American a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! Today we gathered in the Rose Garden to continue a beloved annual tradition: the Official Presidential Pardon of a very fortunate Thanksgiving Turkey.**

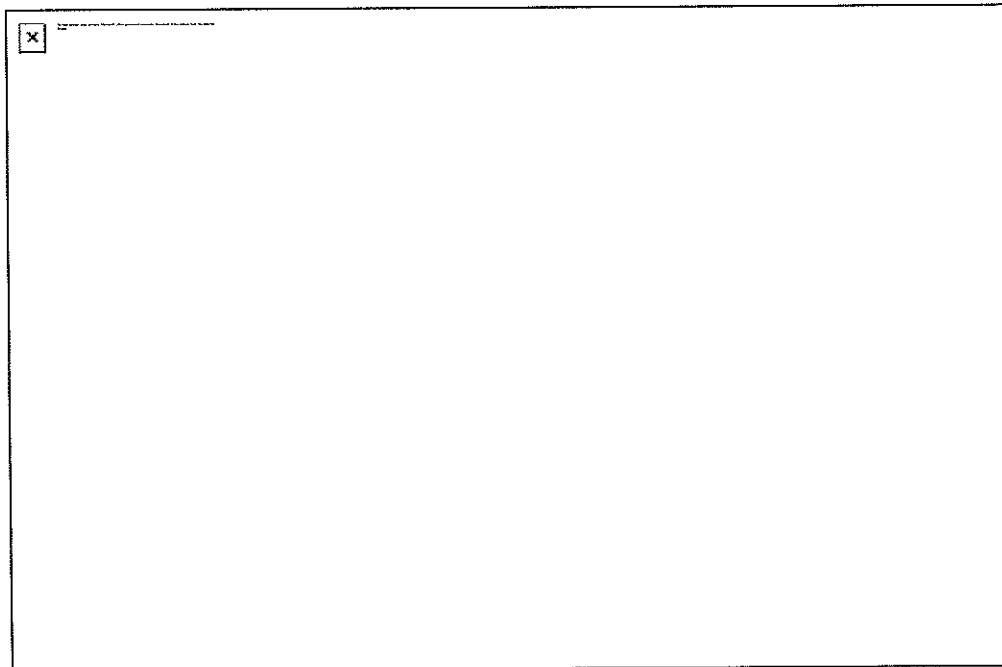
Earlier this week on Tuesday, November 24, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued a beloved annual White House tradition of issuing a Presidential pardon of the National Thanksgiving Turkey. President Trump granted Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon. After the ceremony, both Corn and Cob will retire to Iowa State University where they will be cared for by skilled veterinarians.

For the past 73 years, the National Turkey Federation has presented the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President. Starting under President George H.W. Bush, these birds have received a formal pardon every single year.

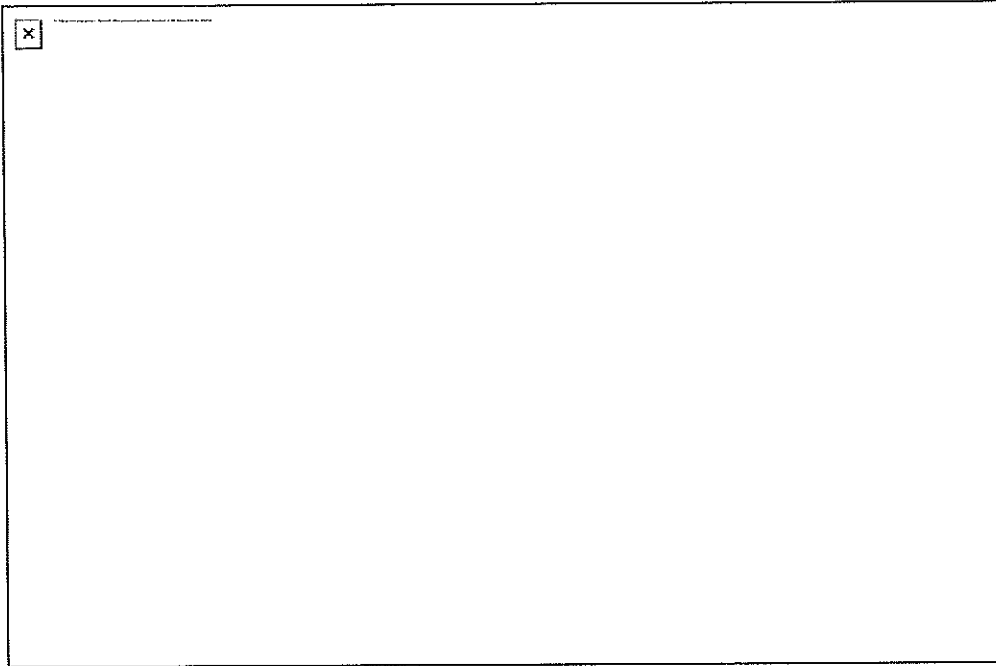
■ **Watch:** [President Trump grants Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon!](#)

□ **The White House:** [Learn more about Corn and Cob's journey.](#)

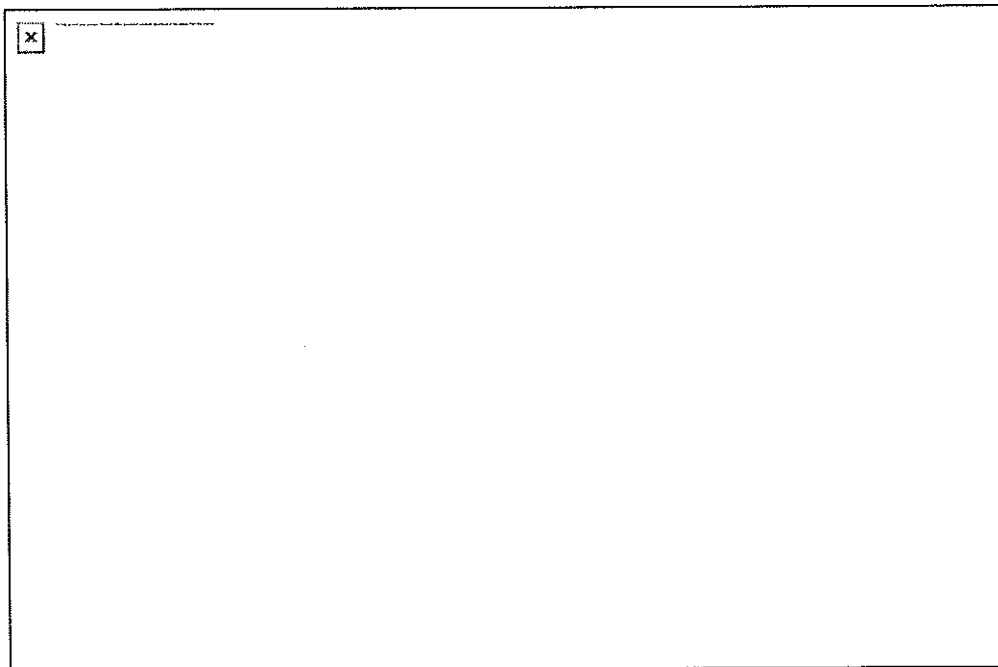
■ **Read More:** [Remarks by President Trump at the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony](#)



President Donald J. Trump participated in the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from the Rose Garden of the White House.



The Presidential Turkeys arrive at The Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, ahead of Tuesday's National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony at the White House.



President Donald J. Trump, joined by Senator John Barrasso, R-WY, sits with U.S. troops Thursday, November 28, 2019, at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, during a surprise Thanksgiving meal.

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White House Weekly Recap

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

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 📢 Update - Vaccine Candidates 📢
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Lower Drug Prices for All Americans
- First NASA Commercial Crew Space Flight Launch
- Record Reduction in Wildfire Risk; New Details on Great American Outdoors Act 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 prosper. You can find the guide [here](#).

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory ([here](#)): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager.**

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota established** free, “no barrier” testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- **Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota established** free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- **Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island established** an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state’s early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- **Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia established** immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

Second Vaccine Announcement

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 13, 2020 to deliver a safe vaccine and Moderna was **supported in research and development** through Operation Warp Speed.

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is

90 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!**

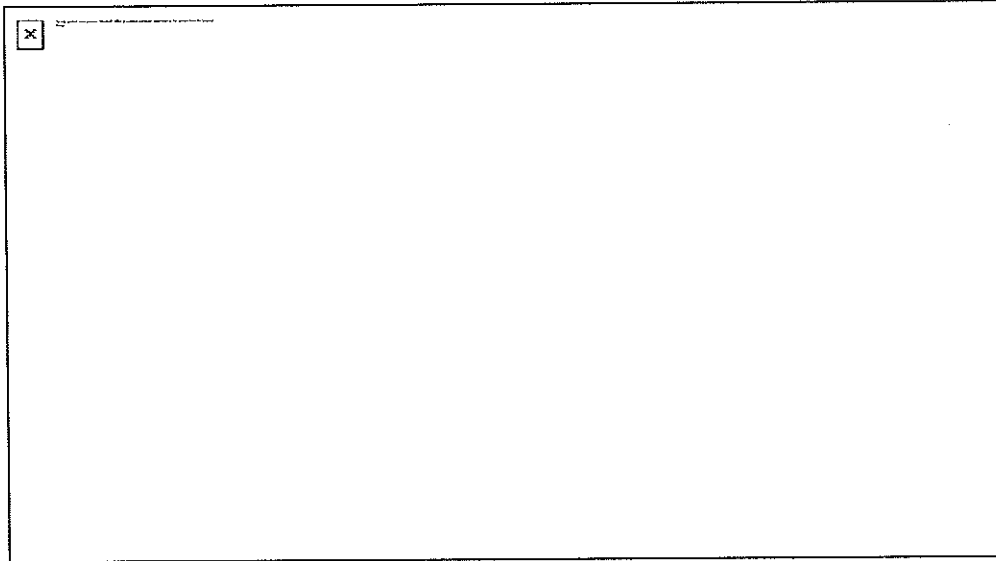
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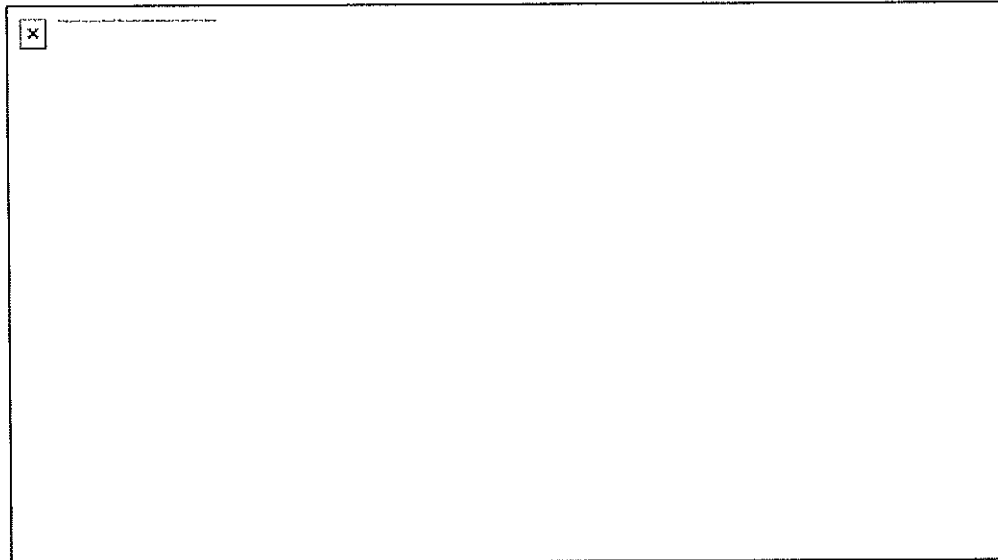
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 **The White House:** ["We should be making data-driven decisions," @CDCDirector said-and there is ample data confirming that K-12 schools can operate with in-person learning safely and responsibly.](#)

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 compromise 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.

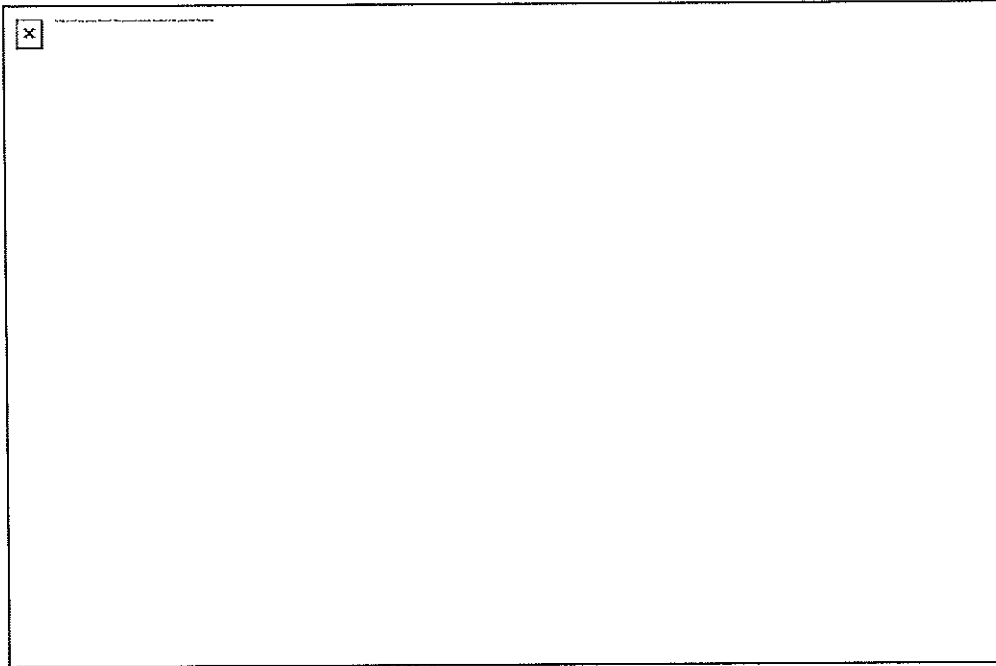
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Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called 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.

 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 administrative planning. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents.

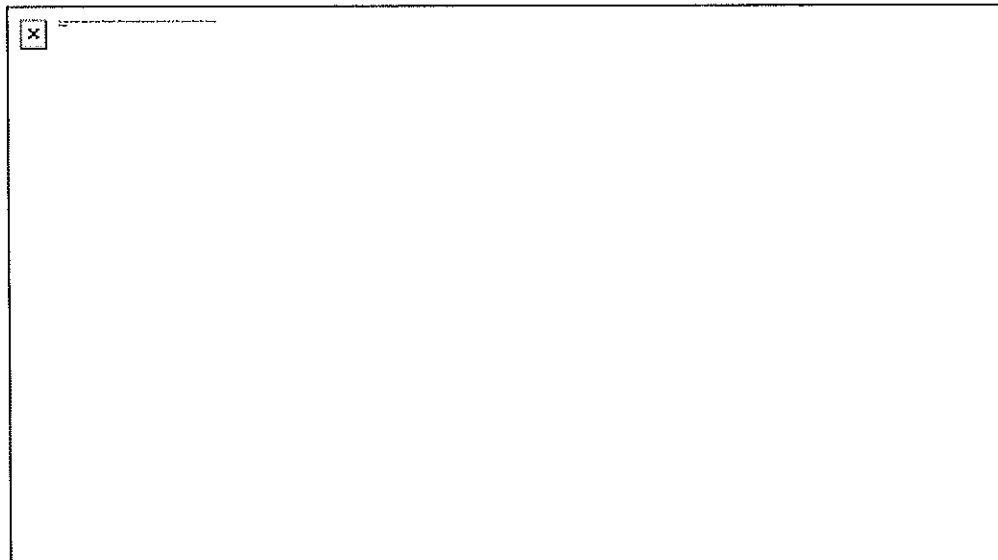
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Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, tribal, and community leaders.

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 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

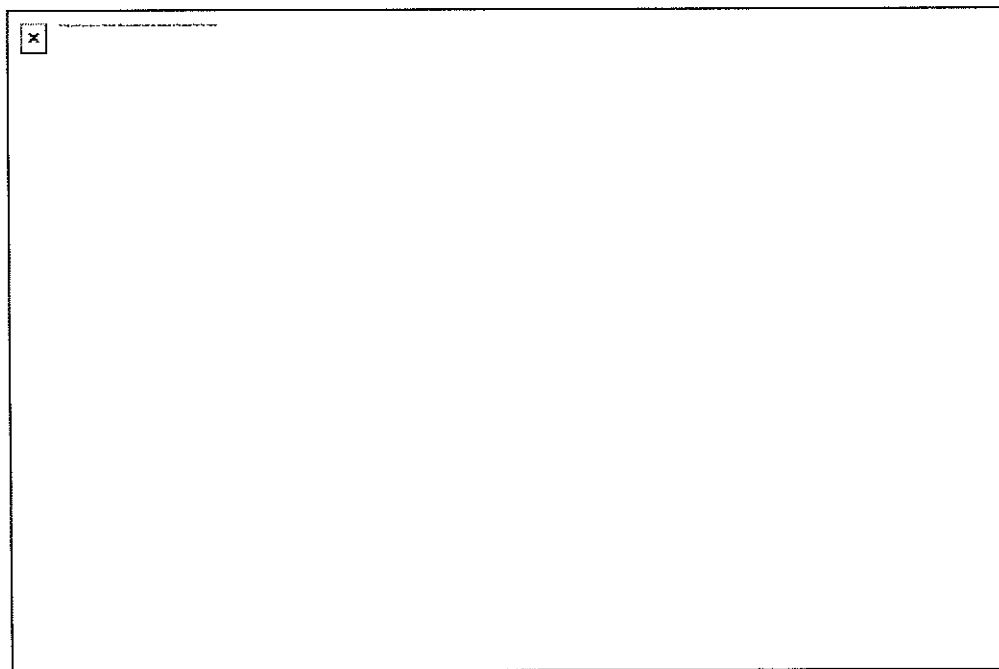
recent Executive Orders to lower drug prices and improve access to life-saving medications, the MFN Model will protect current beneficiary access to Medicare Part B drugs, make them more affordable, and address the disparity of drug costs between the U.S. and other countries.

 **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 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 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.

■ **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.

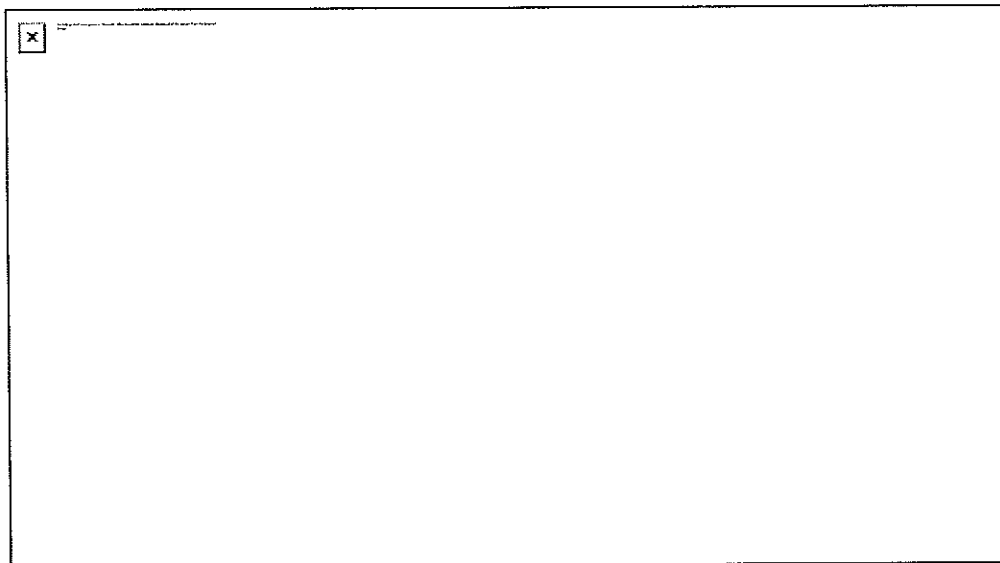
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

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.** 



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

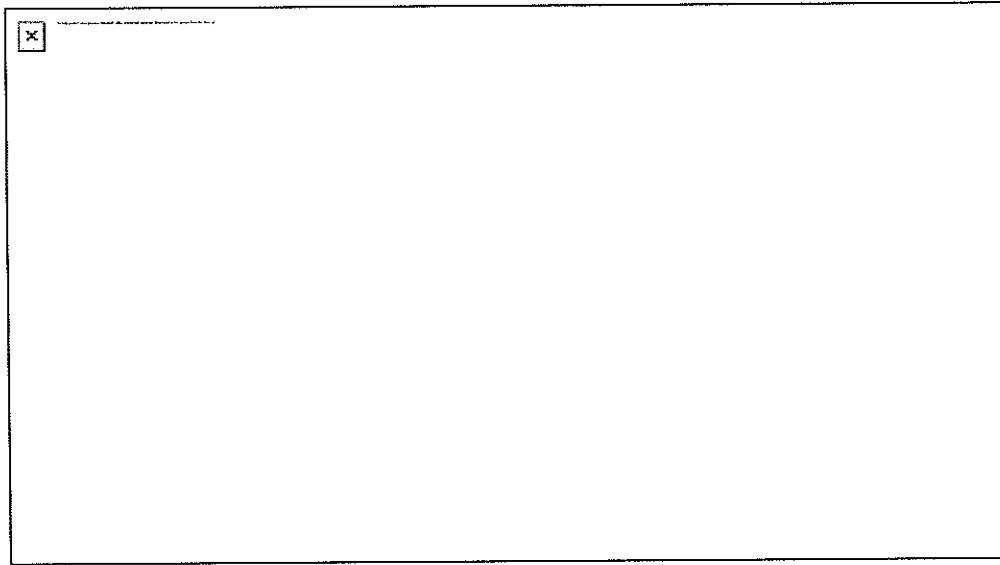
 **Read More: [Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month](#)**

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation on American Education Week**.

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 Weekly Recap

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On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 📢 Update - Vaccine Candidates 📢
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Also do not forget the White House IGA *Promoting Rural Prosperity in America* guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide [here](#).

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up [here](#). As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

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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.

- **Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota** established free, “no barrier” testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
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Second Vaccine Announcement

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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.

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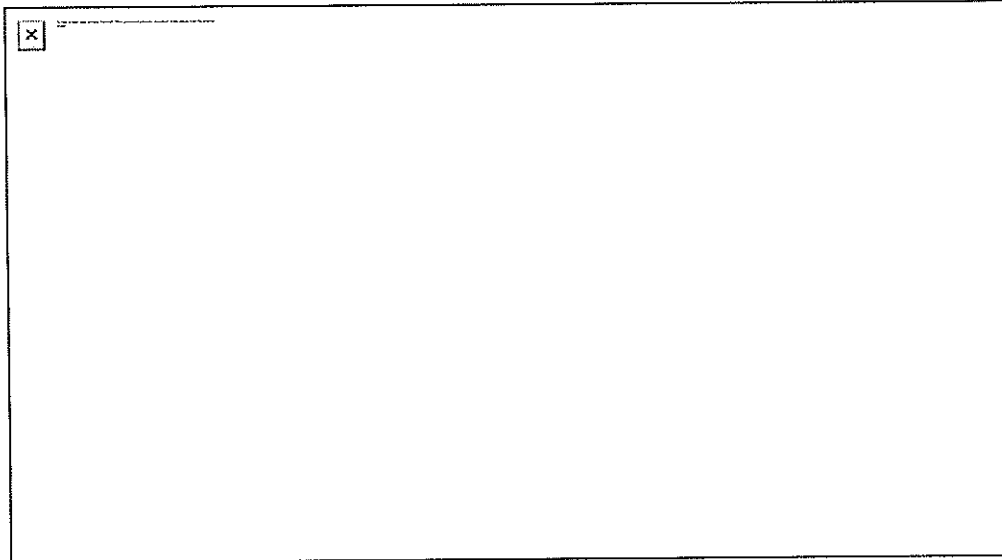
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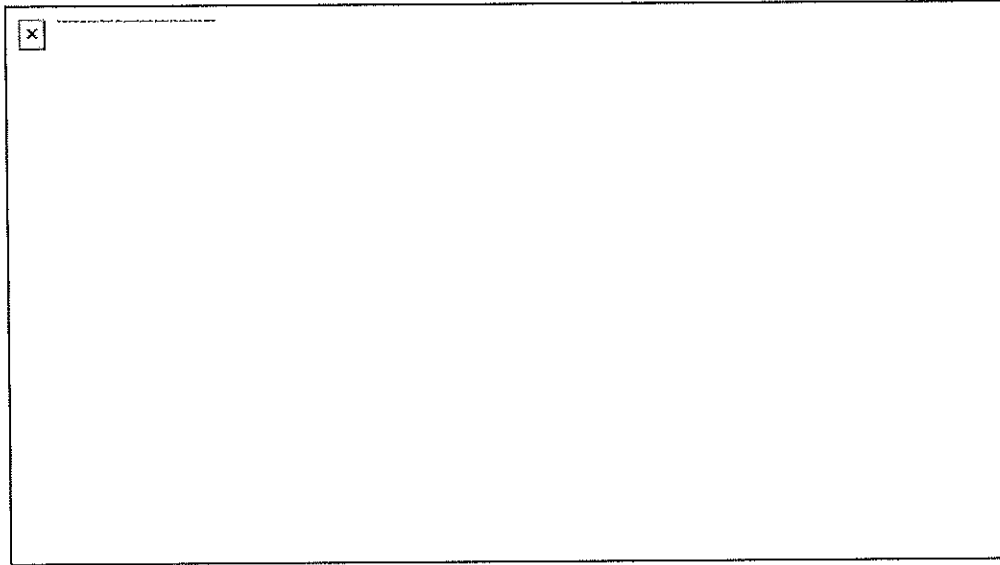
For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an at-home test. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

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 compromise 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.

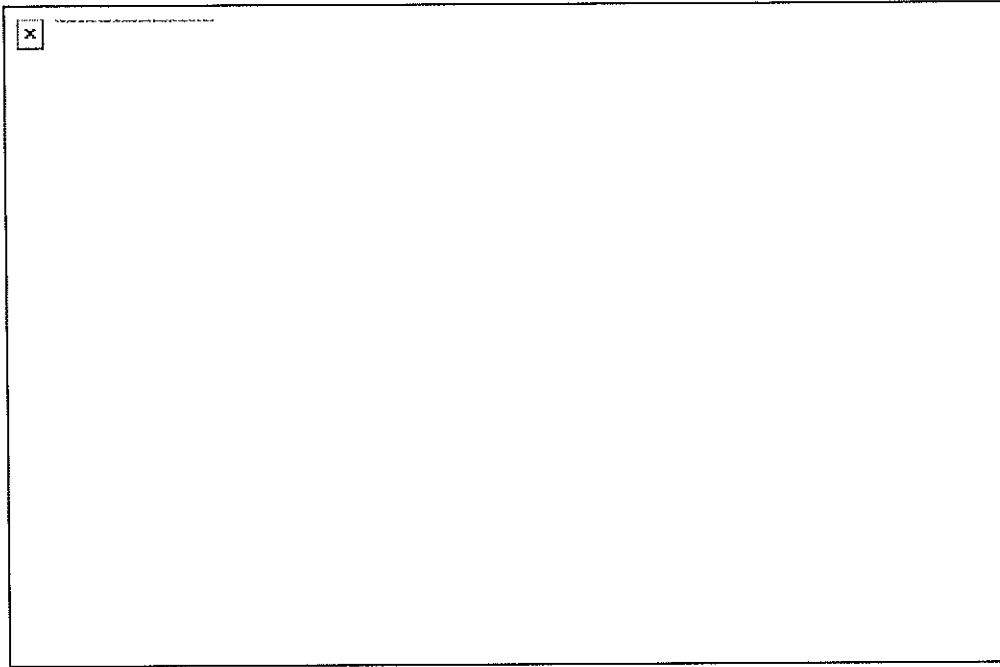
 **Read More: Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines**

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.

 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 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.

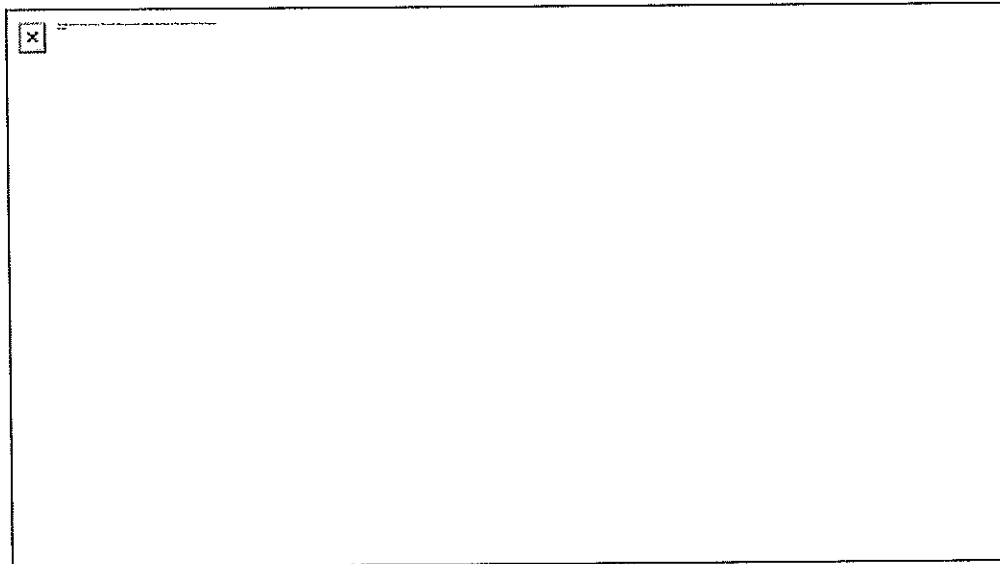
Administrator Verma provided an update on the comprehensive payment and funding plan allowing all Americans to access an eventual vaccine at no cost. CMS has also taken proactive measures to remove regulatory barriers and ensure consistent coverage and payment for the administration of an eventual vaccine.

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 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

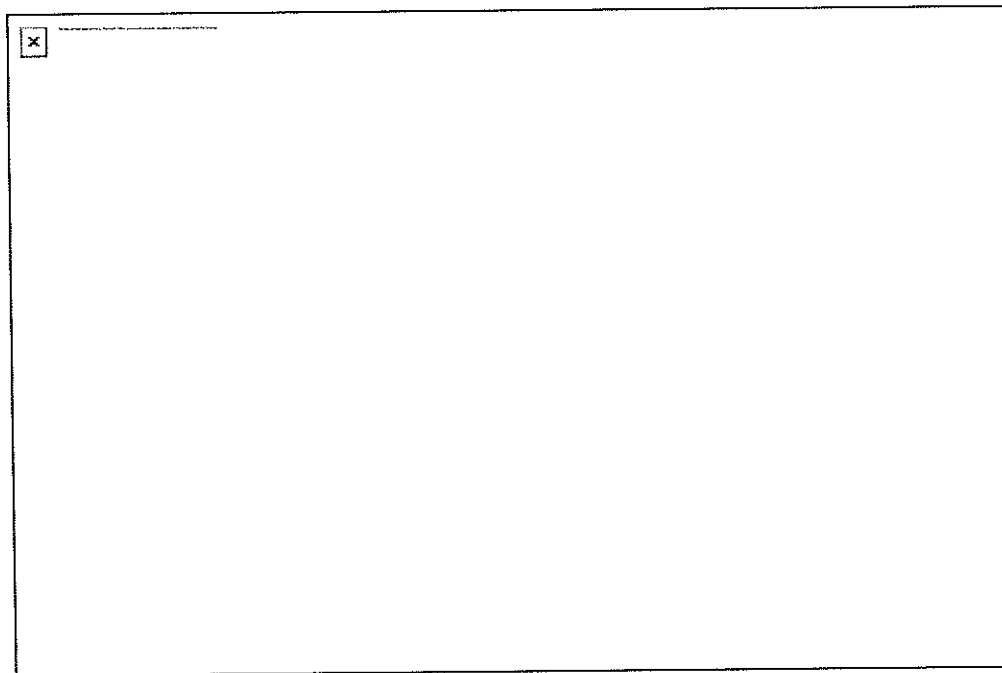
recent Executive Orders to lower drug prices and improve access to life-saving medications, the MFN Model will protect current beneficiary access to Medicare Part B drugs, make them more affordable, and address the disparity of drug costs between the U.S. and other countries.

 **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 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 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.

 **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.

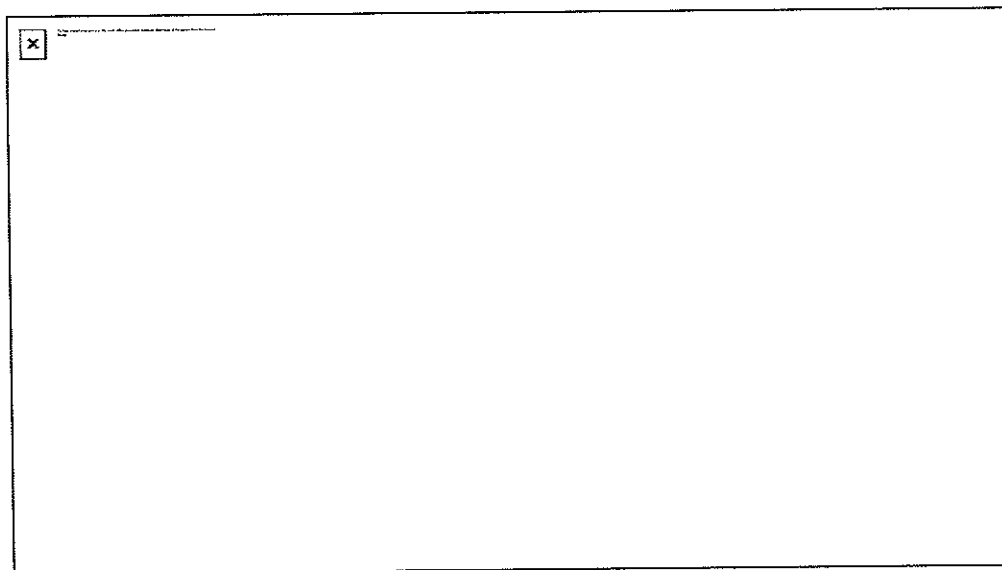
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

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. 



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

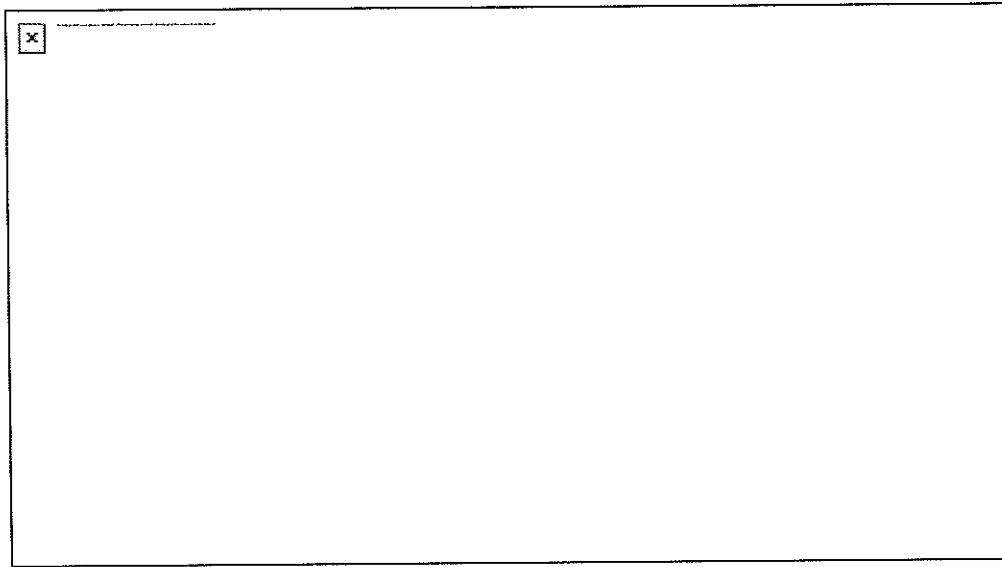
 **Read More: [Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month](#)**

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a **Proclamation on American Education Week**.

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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Congressman Dan Newhouse Elected Western Caucus Chairman for 117th Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Gosar and incoming Chairman Newhouse released the following statements after the Western Caucus Executive Committee voted unanimously to elect Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-04) Congressional Western Caucus Chairman for the 117th Congress.

“The Congressional Western Caucus is the premiere organization advocating for rural policy issues throughout the West and beyond. Chairman Gosar brought our Caucus to new heights, and I want to thank him for his strong leadership over these past four years. I intend to build upon this robust foundation, expand our influence, and help achieve new victories for our Members in the 117th Congress. Based on feedback and conversations with fellow Members, I have developed a strong vision for a Member-driven, solutions-oriented future of our Caucus. I look forward to continuing to learn, collaborate, and serve as your next Chairman,” **said Incoming Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Dan Newhouse (WA-04).**

“I congratulate my friend, Dan Newhouse, on becoming the new Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus. Over my 4 years as Chairman, Dan has been a constant by my side. From the Arizona desert to the North Slope of Alaska, I could always count on Dan to be there working for rural and western constituents. I know him to be an outstanding advocate for the priorities of the Caucus and a leader for Western and Rural America. He will lead the Caucus and its membership into a bright

future and I look forward to continuing to work with him in the years to come,” **said Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Paul Gosar (AZ-04).**

Background

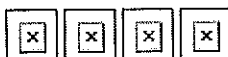
The Western Caucus serves as a common voice for members of Congress representing western, rural and resource-based communities and fighting for the priorities of the American people in the process.

The Western Caucus has an established track record of success on Capitol Hill with more than 25 years serving members and staff. The Caucus has never been stronger in its quarter-century history and is a dominant force, currently comprised of nearly 70 bipartisan members from 35 different states and territories.

Initially, the Caucus was born in the West, out of concerns of undue federal interference with rural, agricultural, timber, water, energy and hunting values that had been a part of American society for centuries. The Caucus was founded to fight this federal overreach, promote rural values and preserve our uniquely American way of life. Over time, the Caucus has grown beyond the geographic West, allying with Members of Congress throughout the country that share our values, issues and vision of a stronger America.

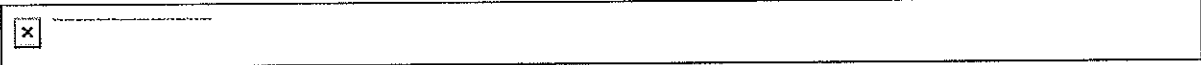
The Caucus focuses on hands on member education and experiences of rural, resource and western life has been a hallmark of the Caucus for the last two decades. Employing four professional staff, the Caucus brings policy, press, educational opportunities and advocacy for its entire bipartisan membership through the official Eligible Congressional Member Organization (ECMO) status.

As always, you can follow everything Western Caucus on our [Website](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



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Forest Service Announces Final NEPA Rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, members of the Western Caucus released the following statements after the U.S. Forest Service announced their final rule to reform their National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementation regulations.

“The final rule announced today by the Forest Service is a giant leap forward in protecting communities from catastrophic wildfire. The current NEPA process has become too cumbersome and a barrier to forest management projects that protect our forests and save lives, this rule changes that. This rule uses good science and applies that science across the agency to cut down on permitting delays, frivolous lawsuits, and granting Forest Service greater flexibility. There is no question this rule will make our forests healthier, as well as our communities and firefighters safer. I commend the work of Chief Christiansen and Secretary Perdue to make this important reform possible,” **said Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Paul Gosar (AZ-04).**

“We absolutely need environmental regulations in place, but not to the point where we’ve hamstrung government agencies and prevented them from doing critical forest management. This final rule to modernize NEPA is welcome news. After another year of devastating wildfires in the U.S., we need to equip the Forest Service with the tools to protect communities and wildlife habitats without burdensome NEPA regulations wasting valuable time. My Resilient Federal Forests legislation has argued for sensible categorical exclusions for three congresses now with bipartisan support, so I’m glad to see the administration’s leadership on this issue,” **said Vice Chairman for Infrastructure and Forestry Bruce Westerman (AR-04).**

“The final NEPA revisions announced by the Trump Administration will dramatically reduce processing timeframes, and provide both enhanced flexibility and the necessary tools to address poor forest and rangeland conditions that have led to catastrophic wildfires like the Mullen Fire in southeastern Wyoming. I’m proud to support this long-overdue effort to modernize NEPA that will save lives and protect communities across the country,” **said Republican Conference Chair Liz Cheney (WY-AL).**

“This final rule by the Forest Service takes a step toward advancing its mission of responsible land stewardship while ensuring important management projects continue to move forward. In the wake of yet another devastating wildfire season across the West, we must further empower the Forest Service to pursue categorical exclusions like those in this rule in order to more actively maintain and prevent these disasters from destroying our communities. This action will help us accomplish that goal,” **said Vice Chairman for the Department of Energy and Interior Dan Newhouse (WA-04).**

“I applaud the Forest Service’s efforts in reforming the broken National Environmental Policy Act. This is another example of how the Trump administration is making life easier for Americans by streamlining unnecessary and costly regulations. These rule changes maintain public transparency and better fulfill the needs of western states,” **said Vice Chairman for Regulatory Reform Andy Biggs (AZ-05).**

“After a historic fire season in California, we’ve seen first-hand how unhealthy and overcrowded forests can be catastrophic. Streamlining the NEPA process will make it easier to better manage our federal forests and protect our lands from wildfire. I applaud Secretary Perdue for taking action to promote sound forest management and hopefully help to prevent future disasters in rural areas like Northern California,” **said Vice Chairman for Agriculture and Chief Business Officer Doug LaMalfa (CA-01).**

“In recent years, the West has been devastated by catastrophic wildland fires. And the reason is quite simple – excess timber is going to come out of the forests one way or the other. It is either going to be carried out, or it is going to be burned out. Today, it is being burned out, and the need to restore active forest management has never been more imperative. The Forest Service’s improvements to its NEPA process will help reduce regulatory burdens that have subjected our forests to benign neglect. Categorical exclusions have worked in the Tahoe Basin in my district, and I am pleased the administration is building upon this proven method of active forest

management,” said **Vice Chairman for Water and Wildlife Tom McClintock (CA-04)**.

"National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations are overly burdensome to the permitting process and detrimental to critical projects in Idaho. These policies have opened up Idaho to frequent and frivolous lawsuits on forestry projects. Many times, these environmental lawsuits which seek to protect the environment, cause the very delays and neglect which lead to these forests burning. I applaud President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue for their commitment to reducing the regulatory burden of NEPA and working to modernizing these processes," said **Congressman Russ Fulcher (ID-01)**.

"For decades, red tape has put up significant roadblocks to actively managing national forests. This rule will provide additional tools and flexibility for better management, while reducing excessive regulations. This will ultimately lead to improved forest health," said **Congressman Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-15)**.

"After another record setting wildfire season in California, it is clear we need to better manage our forests. I applaud the U.S. Forest Service for streamlining environmental permitting for forest management projects that will improve the health of our national forests and help protect the surrounding communities from catastrophic wildfires." said **Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42)**.

"These changes are critical for Utah, the Forest Service, and our natural resources. This will have a big impact on reducing catastrophic fires which have enormous impact on Utah. It is unavoidably obvious that we need more active management of our forests to reduce the risk of catastrophic fires," said **Congressman Chris Stewart (UT-02)**.

The final rule can be seen [HERE](#).

Background

Today, the U.S. Forest Service released their final rule to modernize processes for how the agency complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires agencies to analyze the environmental impact of proposed actions prior to making decisions which would impact the environment.

In these revisions to NEPA, the Forest Service intends to add or expand existing Categorical Exclusions (CEs). CE's are actions which have been determined to have a minimal environmental impact, and therefore do not require lengthy environmental assessments.

According to the Forest Service, "On average, an environmental assessment takes 687 days to complete. Average time to complete a CE takes just 206 days."

The proposed rule will equip the Forest Service with new tools and increased flexibility to take action to address poor forest and rangeland conditions. These revisions to NEPA will save time and taxpayer dollars while allowing the agency to better protect communities and habitats from catastrophic wildfire.

The Forest Service has not updated its NEPA regulations since 2008, since then the Western Caucus has called for modernizing the act to provide clarity and regulatory certainty to communities around the country.

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32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📎

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#) (if you have already registered for the December 16 call you do not need to re-register)

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

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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** First COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized & Administered **

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

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

Congratulations WORLD!

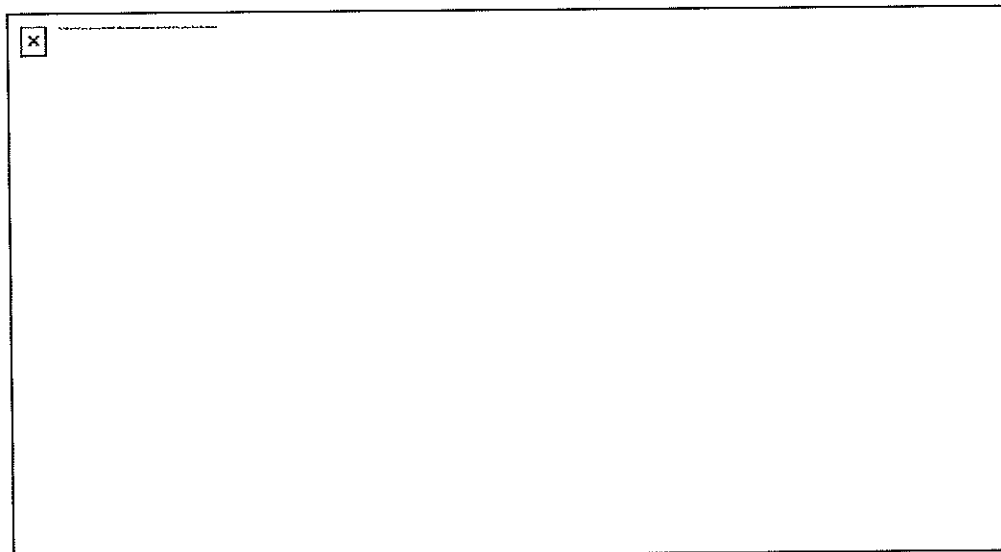
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

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

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

On Friday, December 11, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued the first emergency use authorization (EUA) to Pfizer for its COVID-19 vaccine. The EUA authorizes the distribution of Pfizer's vaccine across the United States to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. HHS Secretary Azar and Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller have issued statements on this next step, and they can be viewed here. Find a helpful Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine available here and a Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers here.

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



Click here to watch President Trump's address.

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

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

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

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

- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)
- [Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)
- [FDA Plans for Monitoring Approved COVID-19 Vaccines Explained](#)

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Operation Lady Justice Briefing Call

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to join a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials for an update on Operation Lady Justice, including a report from the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report, which follows consultations with Tribal governments, is available [here](#).

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

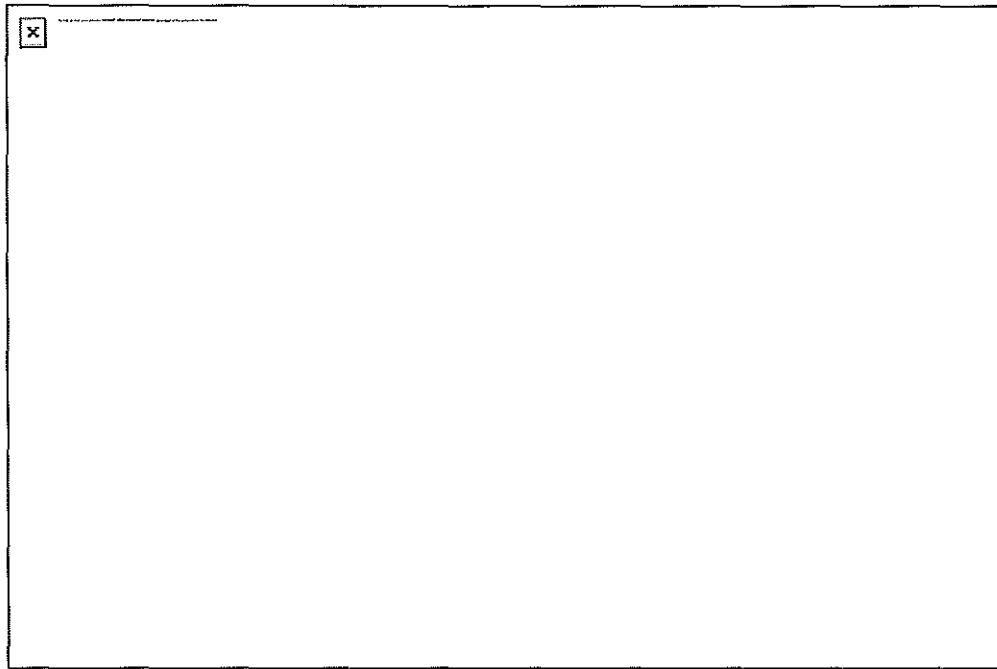
Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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**The Trump Administration Is Supporting Native American and Alaska
Native Communities**

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

President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country centered on five core principles to empower and lift all communities.

- The policy vision - **Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!** - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country to lift all communities and outlines an ambitious agenda to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities
- White House and Senior Administration officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

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

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

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

- President Trump **signed** legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia and **announced** support for the federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, which has sought federal recognition for over 130 years.

- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- **Repatriated** a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.
- **Advanced** systematic efforts to collaborate and consult with tribal leaders to identify further opportunities to repatriate culturally important items. More **here**.
- **Advanced** an updated eagle remains policy allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

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

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

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

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a **proclamation** in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

Awareness Day. The President signed a second proclamation on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.

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

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

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans in 2019.**

- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, President Trump signed into law the **Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill)** which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we wish a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

On Wednesday, November 25, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation to remember and honor the Thanksgiving holiday for all Americans.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season of generosity, hope, and gratitude, we commemorate America's founding traditions of faith, family, and friendship, and give thanks for the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy that make our country exceptional in the history of the world.

 [Read More: Presidential Proclamation on Thanksgiving Day, 2020](#)

 **President Donald Trump: On behalf of the entire Trump Family, I want to wish every American a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! Today we gathered in the Rose Garden to continue a beloved annual tradition: the Official Presidential Pardon of a very fortunate Thanksgiving Turkey.**

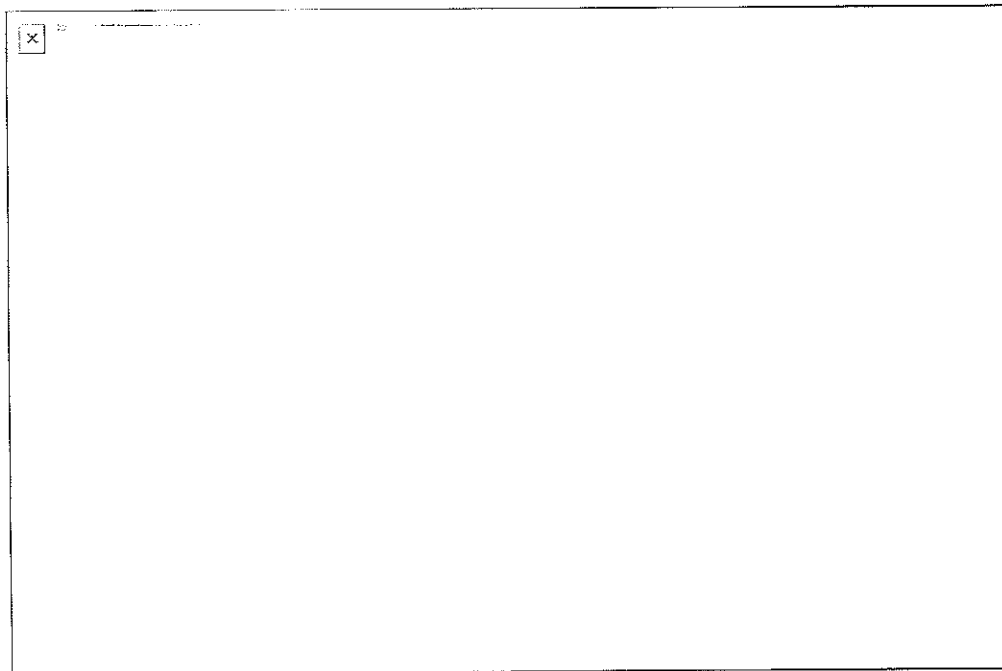
Earlier this week on Tuesday, November 24, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued a beloved annual White House tradition of issuing a Presidential pardon of the National Thanksgiving Turkey. President Trump granted Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon. After the ceremony, both Corn and Cob will retire to Iowa State University where they will be cared for by skilled veterinarians.

For the past 73 years, the National Turkey Federation has presented the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President. Starting under President George H.W. Bush, these birds have received a formal pardon every single year.

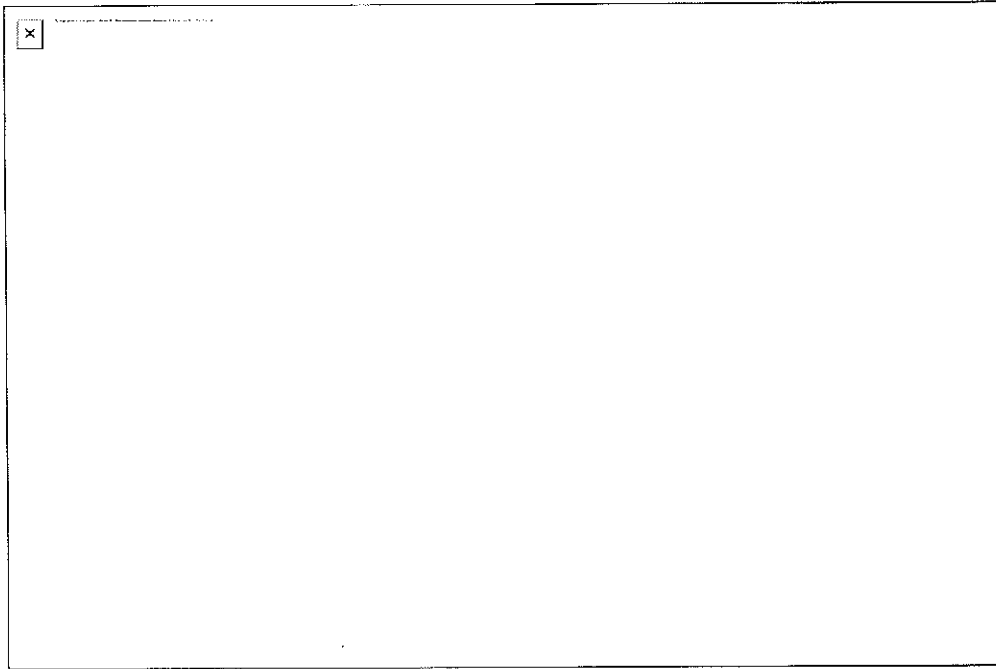
 **Watch:** [President Trump grants Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon!](#)

 **The White House:** [Learn more about Corn and Cob's journey.](#)

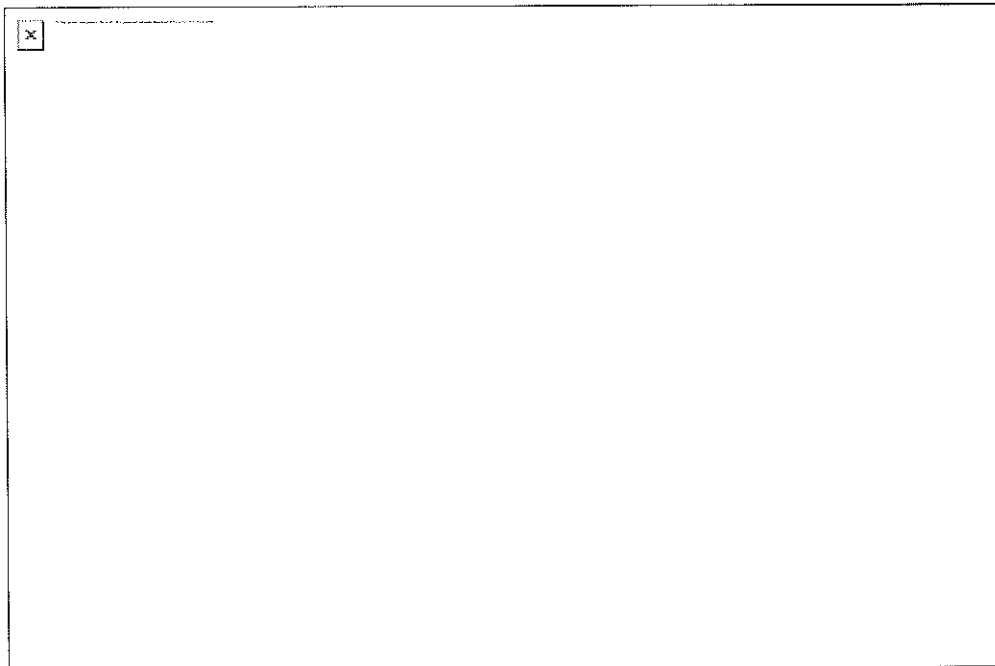
 **Read More:** [Remarks by President Trump at the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony](#)



President Donald J. Trump participated in the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from the Rose Garden of the White House.



The Presidential Turkeys arrive at The Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, ahead of Tuesday's National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony at the White House.



President Donald J. Trump, joined by Senator John Barrasso, R-WY, sits with U.S. troops Thursday, November 28, 2019, at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, during a surprise Thanksgiving meal.

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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 prosper. You can find the guide [here](#).

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up [here](#). As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory ([here](#)): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager.

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota established free, “no barrier” testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota established free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island established an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state’s early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high-contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia established immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

Second Vaccine Announcement 📢

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that its 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 Biotech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study](#)

 [The White House: Since the very beginning, President @realDonaldTrump has focused on removing every possible bureaucratic barrier to delivering a safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine to Americans. Today's vaccine update once again shows that commitment in action!](#)

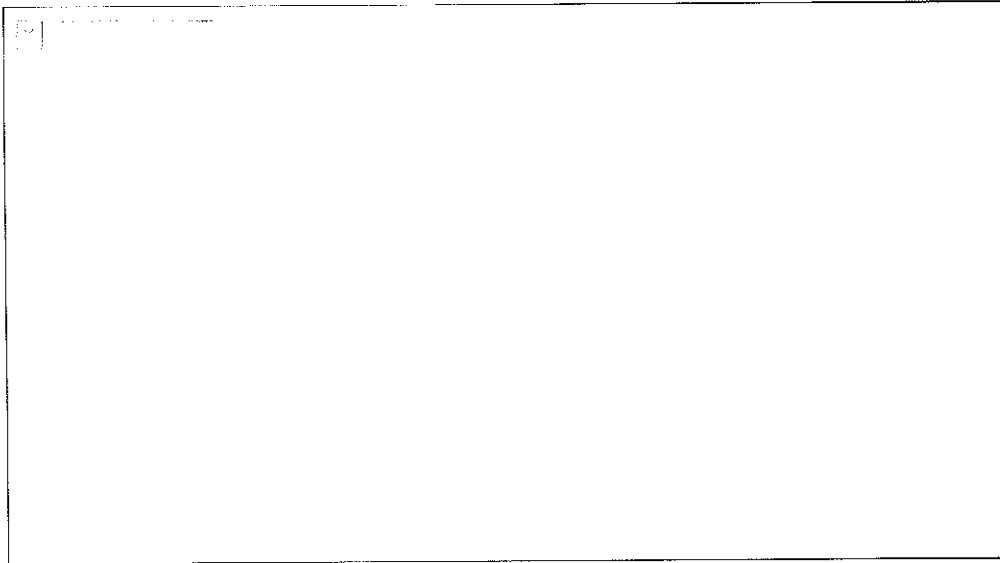
 [Vice President Pence: We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.](#)

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

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

✓ [Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)



In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's Operation Warp Speed goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker SES, *Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping 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.

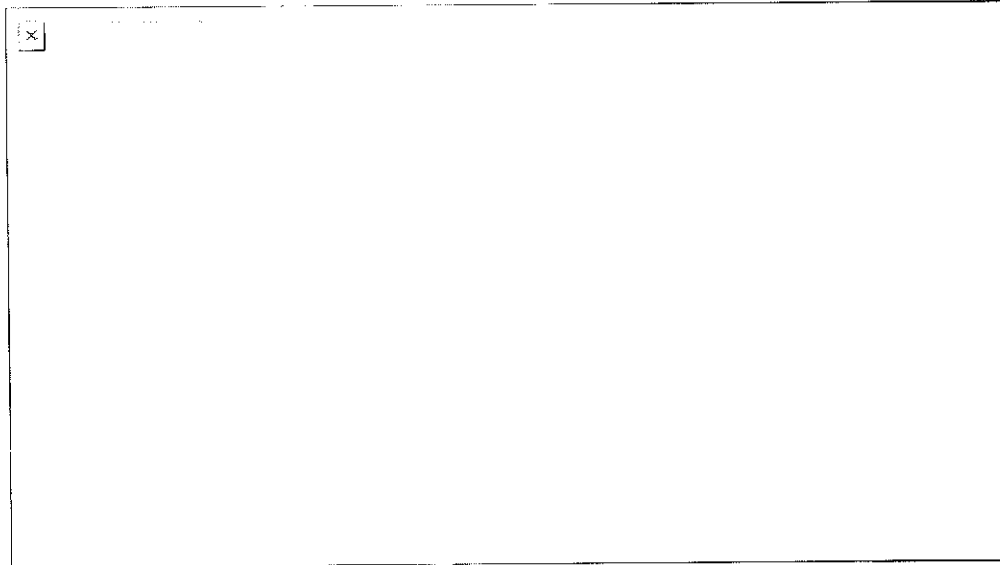
For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an at-home test. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

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](https://www.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 compromise 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.

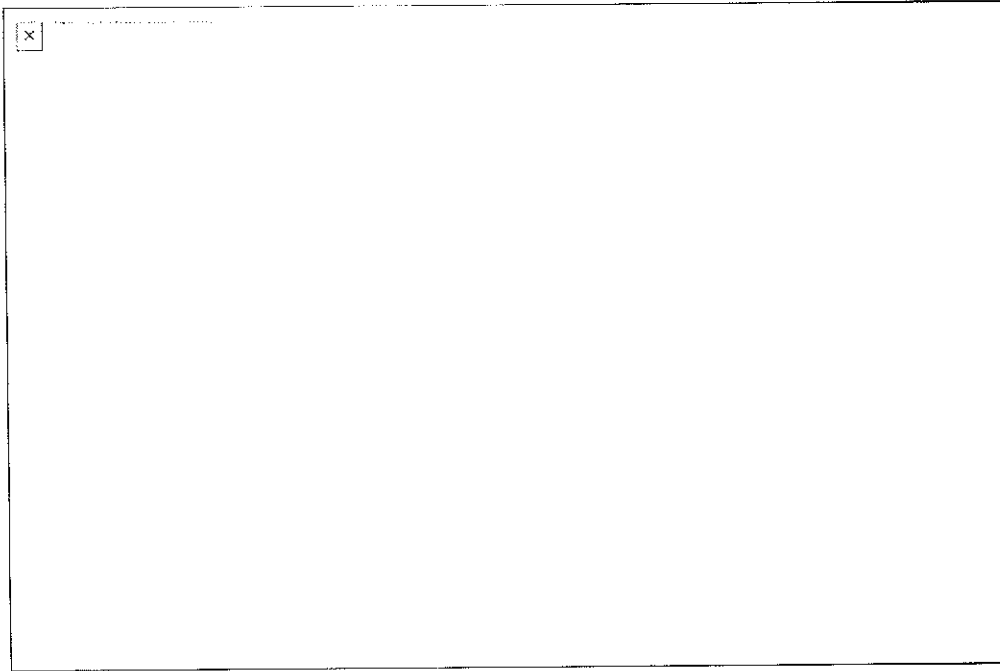
 Read More: [Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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.

 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.

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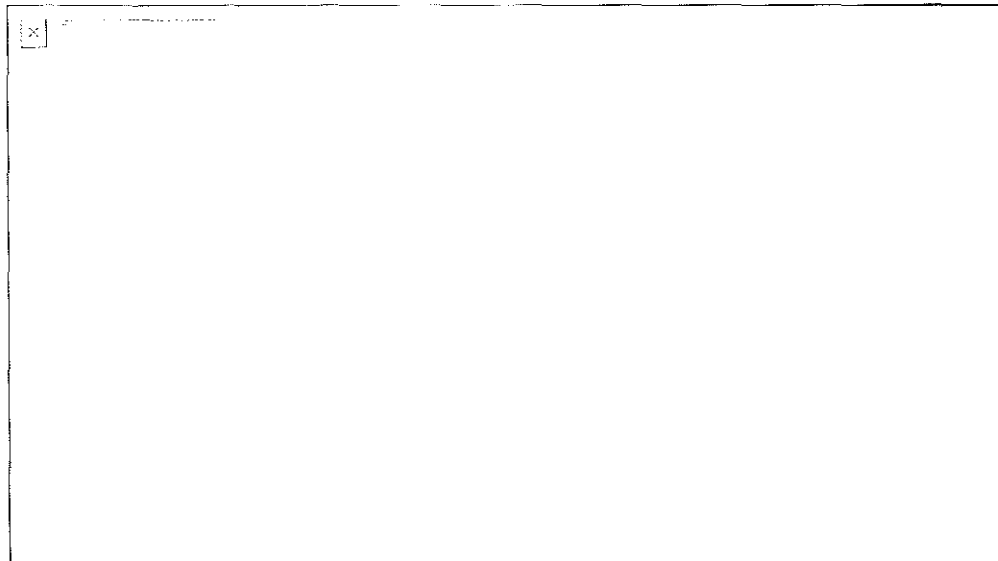
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Earlier this year, President Trump and Vice President Pence traveled to Cape Canaveral, Florida for the launch of the Dragon Spacecraft Launch. "Today, as we gather in this special place to celebrate not only the launch of a new spacecraft, but also 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 well-being," said @ASIndianAffairs.

Under President Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk, Interior was directed to:

- Treat 750,000 acres of public lands to reduce fuel loads;
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- Reduce vegetation through forest health treatments by offering for sale 600 million board feet of timber from public lands.

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 Read More: Trump Administration Reduces Wildfire Risk Across Record 5.4 Million Acres

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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.

 [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

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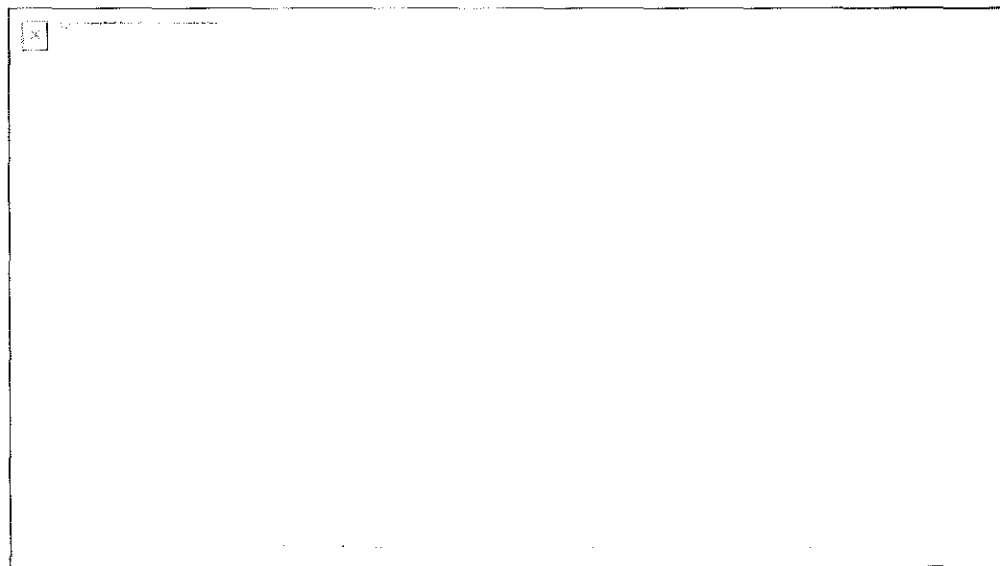
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

On Tuesday, November 17, DOT announced an award of 25 federal grants totaling \$7.7 million to help American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments provide public transportation in rural areas, connecting tribal residents with jobs, healthcare, and other essential services. Read more [here](#).

Women's Entrepreneurship Day

On Thursday, November 19, women across the world celebrated *Women's Entrepreneurship Day* - a day to continue to raise awareness, inspire, and empower women in business.

 Administrator Jovita Carranza (SBA): Happy Women's Entrepreneurship Day! We honor the ambitious businesswomen who are building a legacy for future generations. Women entrepreneurs are a growing force—creating jobs, increasing innovation, and powering the Great American Comeback. 



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

 Ivanka Trump: In @POTUS's 1st term, I am proud to have founded #WGDP and #WeFi as well as successfully advocating to get #WPS and the #WEE Act signed into law. The best is yet to come for women at home and abroad!

W-GDP seeks to reach 50 million women in the developing world by 2025 through U.S. government activities, private-public partnerships, and a new, innovative W-GDP Fund. In its first year, W-GDP reached 12 million women worldwide.

The W-GDP Initiative aims to enhance opportunities for women to participate meaningfully in the economy and advance both prosperity and national security. W-GDP focuses on three pillars: Women Prospering in the Workforce, Women Succeeding as Entrepreneurs, and Women Enabled in the Economy.

To learn more about W-GDP's pillars, goals, and the annual report, click [here](#).

 Ivanka Trump: #WGDP is empowering women entrepreneurs, an investment that is more important than ever as we seek to collectively recover from #COVID19. Women are key drivers of recovery by creating jobs in their communities & growing their local economies. #WEDO2020

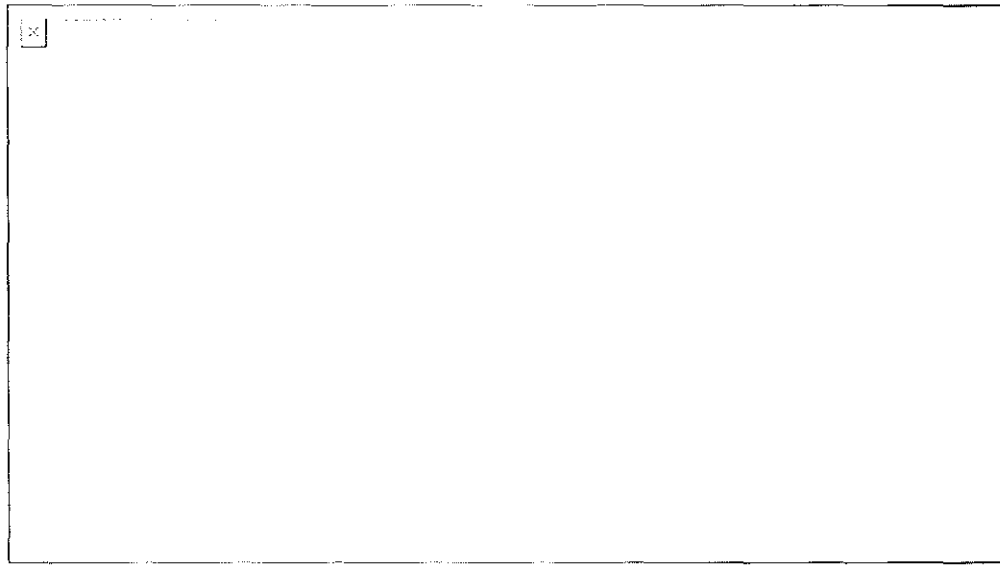
 [Read More: Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month](#)

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on American Education Week.

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

 [Read More: Proclamation on American Education Week](#)



Watch Education Secretary Betsy DeVos address Education Week in the [video](#) above.

 **Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed): When America's students have opportunities to engage with others around the world, we all benefit. This week, @usedgov is proud to celebrate international education and exchange and the immense value it brings to students as they acquire global and cultural competencies. #IEW2020**

On November 16, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education marked International Education Week with a joint initiative, which provides an opportunity to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. This celebration highlights the benefits of international education through the stories and experiences of alumni and institutions who participated in international exchange programs.

 [Read More: Celebrating International Education Week](#)

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White House Weekly Recap

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

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the next White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled on Wednesday, December 2.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 📰 Update - Vaccine Candidates 📰
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
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Also do not forget the White House IGA *Promoting Rural Prosperity in America* guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide [here](#).

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing up [here](#). As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19 in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

Updated COVID-19 Medical Staffing Requests Advisory ([here](#)): FEMA has updated its medical staffing requests advisory with 12 actions items for State, local, and territorial governments to address. As a reminder, all requests to the Federal government must be formally communicated by your state emergency manager to your FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). **If you have specific needs, please reach out to your State or local emergency manager.**

Best Practices on Asymptomatic Testing: Below are a few best practices from Governors.

- Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota established free, “no barrier” testing access with an emphasis on reaching the 18 to 35 age group.
- Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota established free public testing events across the state with available locations and times updated weekly.
- Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island established an asymptomatic testing website as part of the state’s early warning system for COVID-19 surveillance with testing available for Rhode Islanders in high contact jobs, certain age groups, travelers, etc.
- Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia established immediate, free testing that is developed within 24 hours of a county moving into red, orange, or gold status.

Second Vaccine Announcement

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced that it's COVID-19 vaccine candidate is 94.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials making it the second such vaccine announcement's in a week. Moderna partnered with the National Institutes for Health and the Trump Administration on January 18, 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!

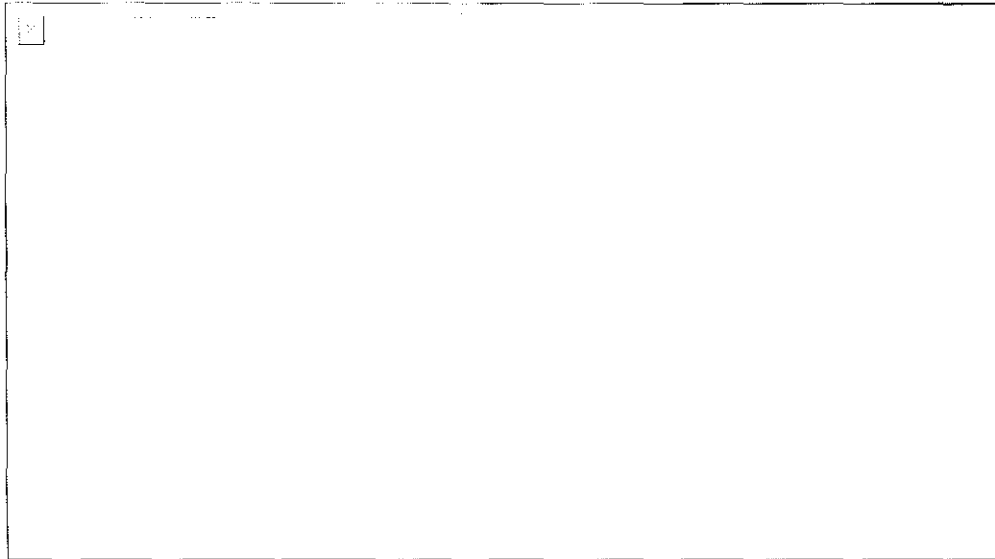
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On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

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

 Fact Sheet: [Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)



In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's Operation Warp Speed goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

Readout from the 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

Participants on the November 18th call included:

- VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*
- Marion Whicker SES, *Deputy Chief of Supply, Production & Distribution, Operation Warp Speed*
- Michelle Banks, *Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)*

VADM Jerome Adams, *U.S. Surgeon General*: Dr. Adams addressed the recent rise in cases currently trending across the country and discussed the Federal government's response to helping 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.

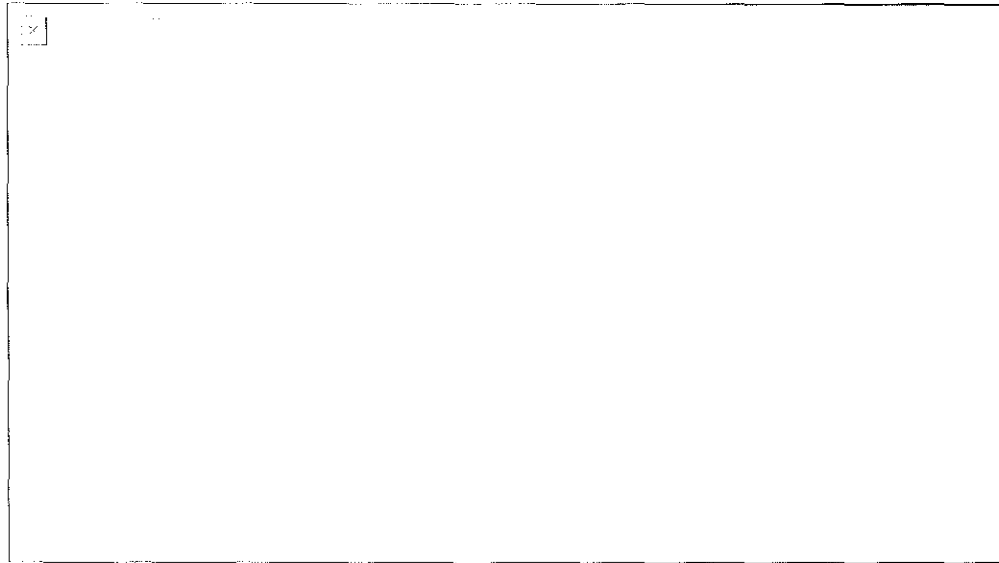
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Dr. Adams also encouraged Americans to get a flu shot as it is more important than ever this year to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. Because many symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 overlap, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms and testing may be needed to help confirm diagnosis. Learn more at [vaccines.gov](https://www.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 compromise 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.

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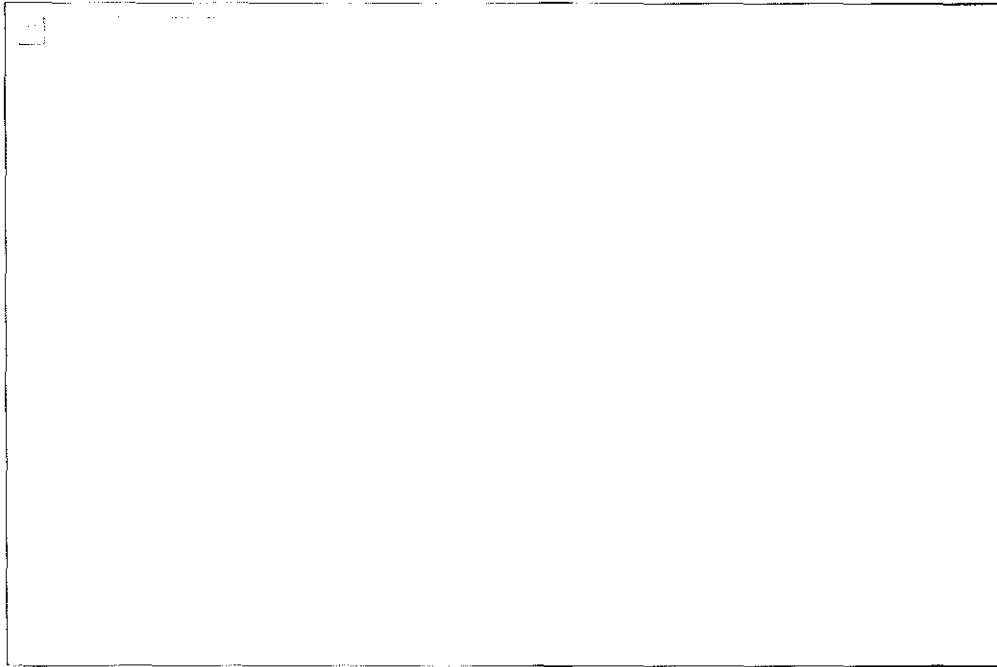
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Michelle Banks, Public Health Advisor, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD): Michelle Banks provided an update on vaccine distribution and underscored the importance of Federal, State, and local collaboration. She called 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](#).

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Readout from the 81st Governors Call on COVID-19



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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:

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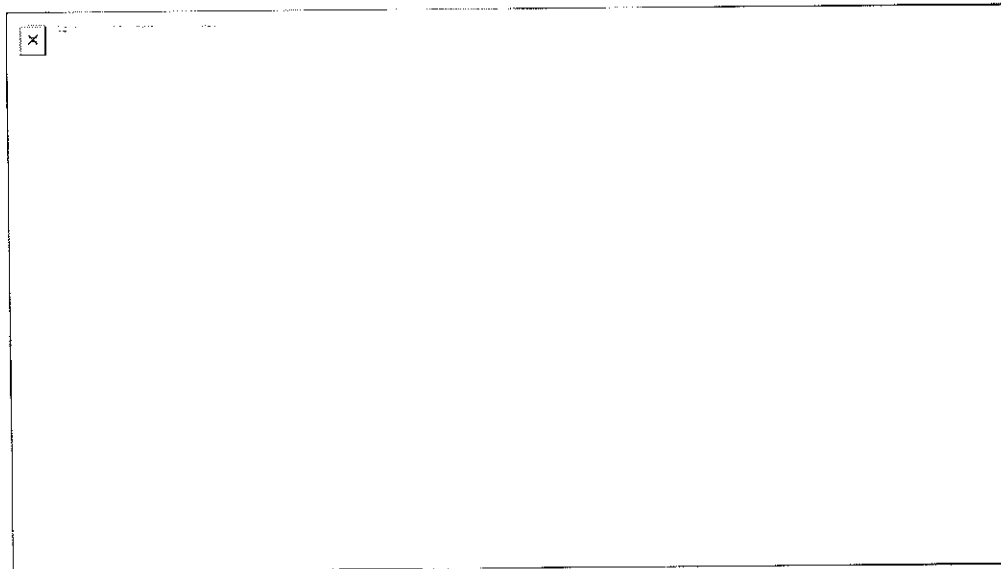
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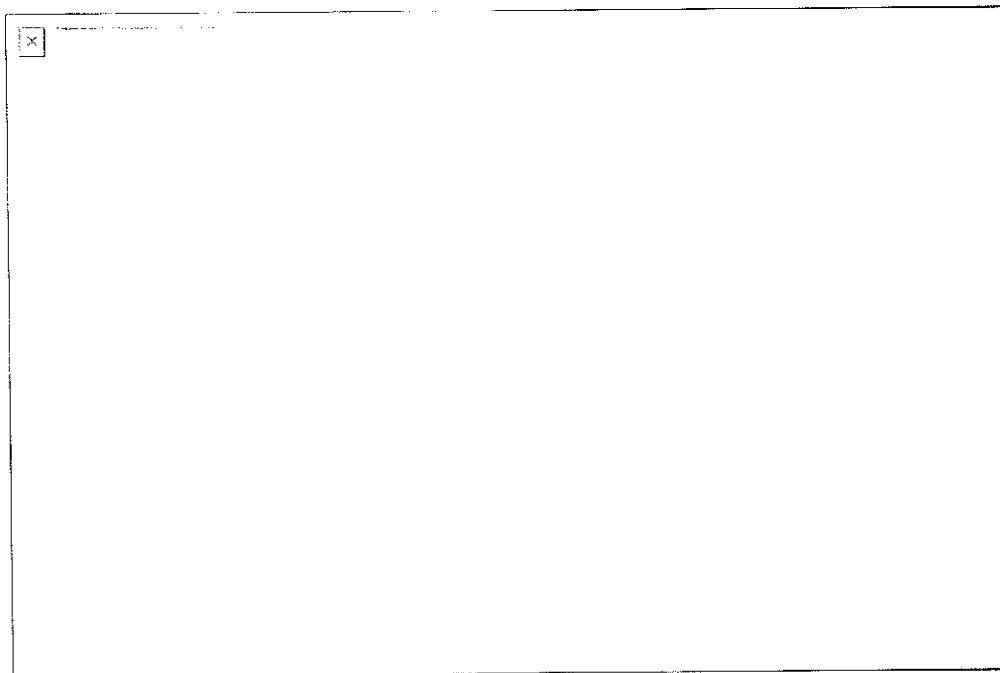
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 Watch: The hatches are open and NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 astronauts Shannon Walker, @Astro_Soichi, @AstroVicGlover, and @AstroIllini are the newest residents aboard the @Space_Station. Welcome aboard!

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 has 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 America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Land 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 115,797 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 enhance 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 road, repairing its aged water distribution system and completely replacing its sewer collection system.

 [Read More: Great American Outdoors Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects](#)

U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement

On Tuesday, November 17, the United States and the United Kingdom completed the signature of the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo signed the Agreement for the United States. Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps signed the Agreement for the United Kingdom.

 Secretary Elaine Chao (DOT): Joined @SecPompeo to sign a new historic [US-UK Open Skies Agreement](#). We are proud to keep the Special relationship going through [our skies](#).

The signing of the Agreement will facilitate a seamless transition in international air transportation markets for the traveling public, airlines, shippers, and other stakeholders. The Agreement meets all the criteria of the U.S. Open Skies policy and provides for additional traffic rights for U.S. all-cargo operations to and from the United Kingdom. The Agreement also

includes the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, expanding and modernizing our air transport relationship with those regions. The Parties plan to begin applying the Agreement on January 1, 2021.

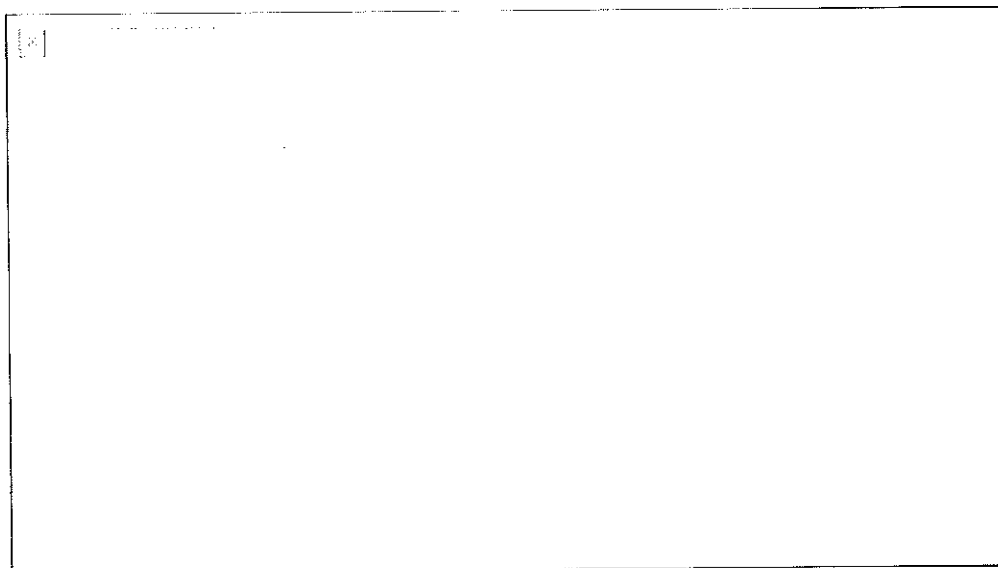
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

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.](#) 



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

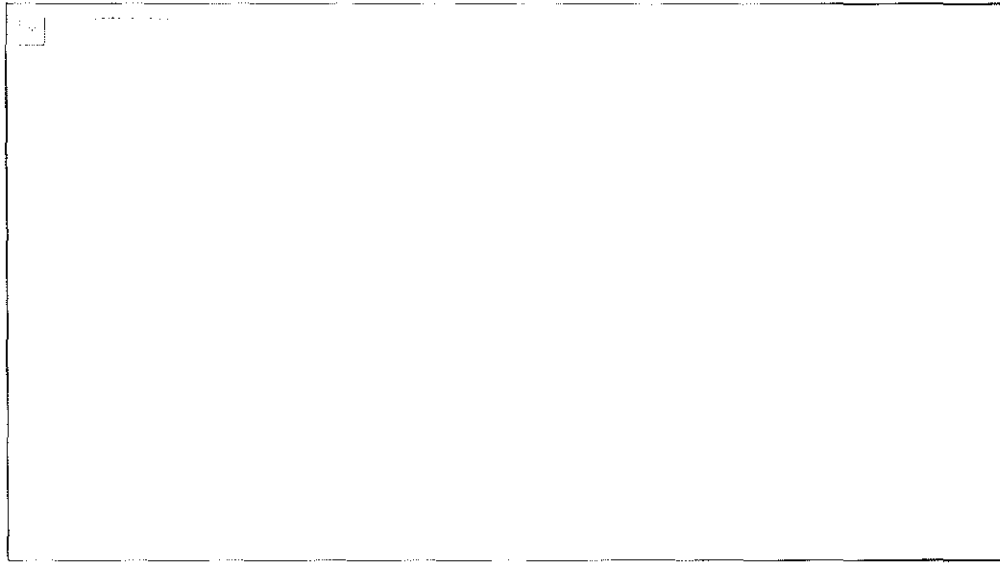
 Read More: Proclamation on National Entrepreneurship Month

Education Week

On November 13, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on **American Education Week**.

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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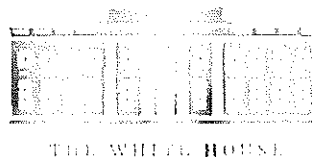
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Thank you.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

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

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- National Apprenticeship Week 2020

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- 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.

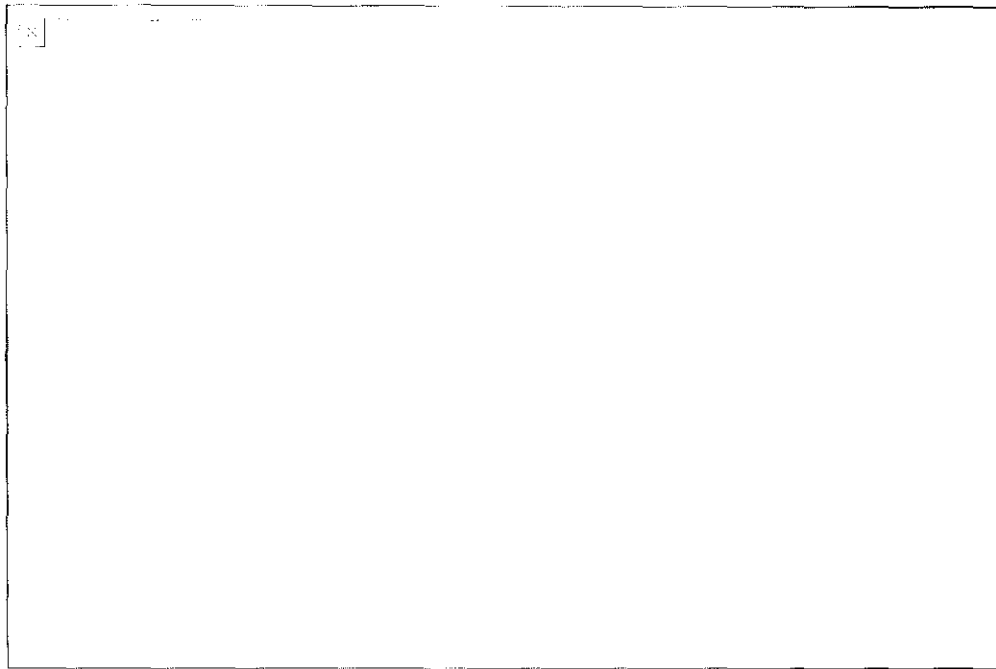
 Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

 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.

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 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

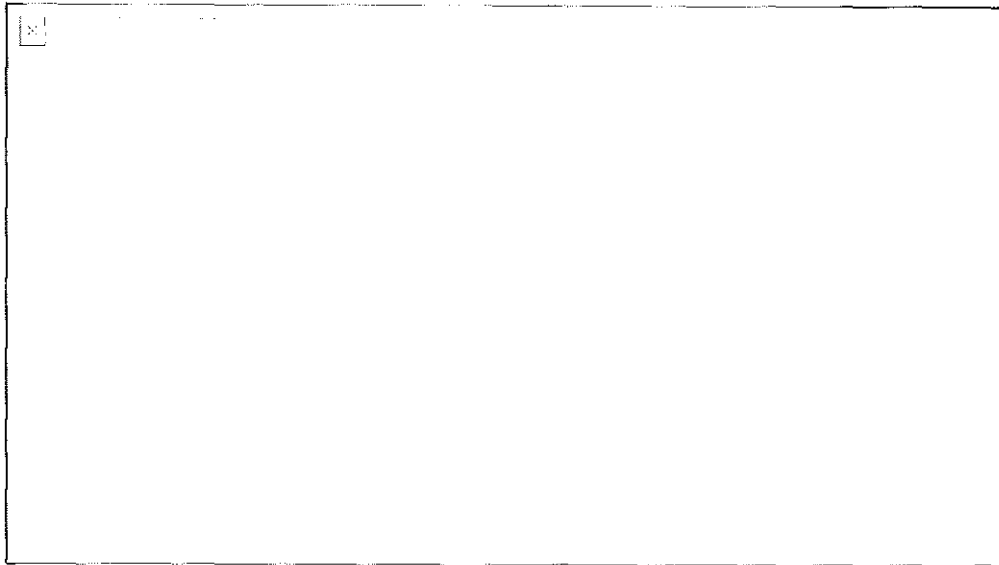
 Read More: [FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19](#)

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, \[redacted\]@CMSGov.gov 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 had 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.



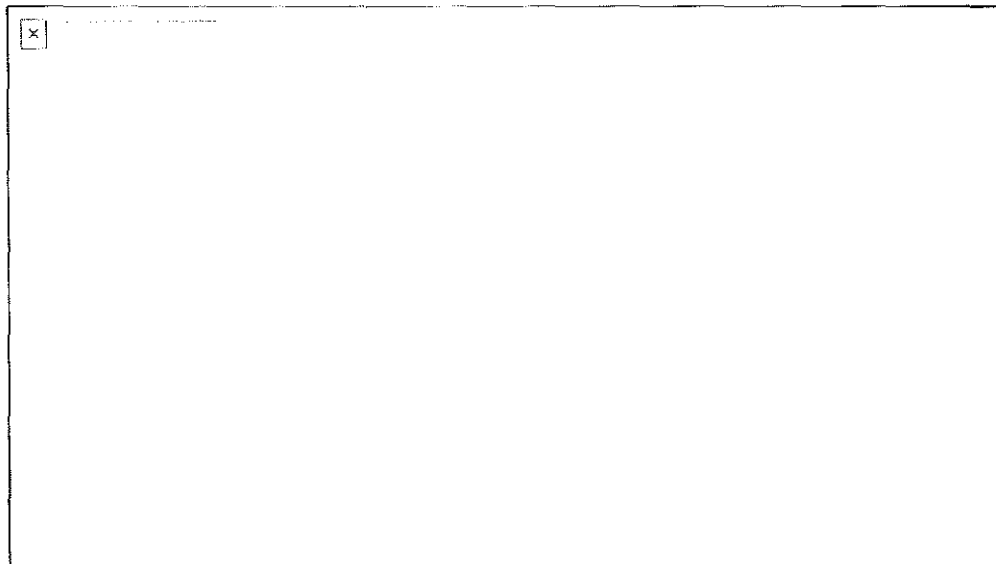
America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at

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 forever indebted to them beyond measure.

 **Read More:** [Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020](#)

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



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

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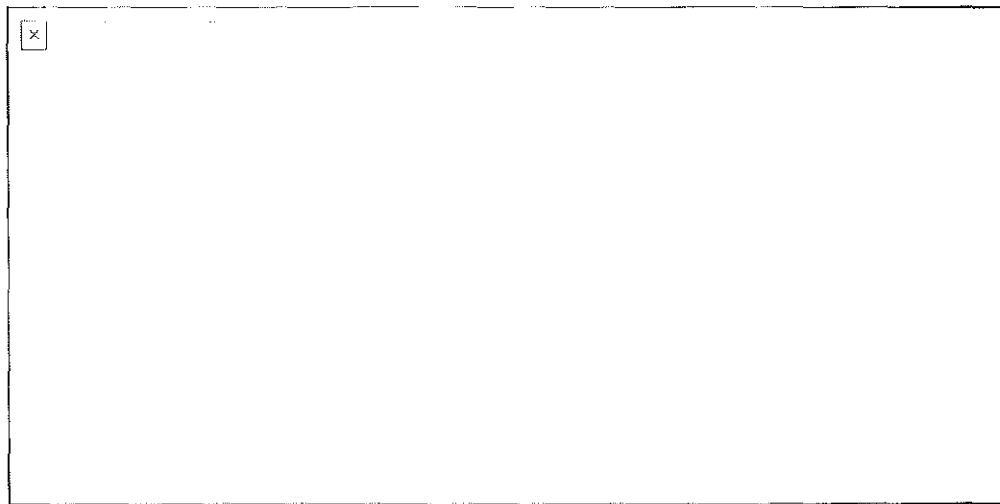
 Beginning on Veterans Day, 2020, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones

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](#)

National Native American Veterans Memorial

On November 11 - Veterans Day - the Smithsonian celebrated the opening of the National Native American Veterans Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated solely to Native American veterans. The design is the work of artist Harvey Pratt, a veteran, and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. A group of Native and non-Native jurors unanimously selected his design called Warriors' Circle of Honor from more than 120 submissions.



The \$15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Other sponsors include Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Calista Corporation, and Doyon, Limited, all of which are Alaska Native corporations. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Employees and Supporters also contributed, as Pratt is a retired forensic artist and a retired investigator for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

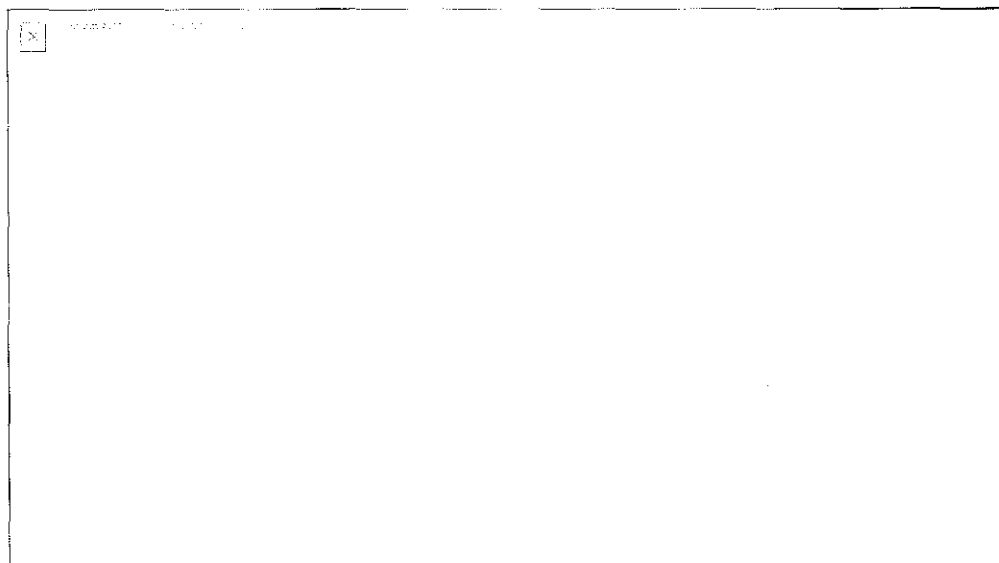
 [Read More: Native American Veterans Receive a Place of Their Own to Reflect and to Heal](#)

In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year, the Trump Administration recognized the service of our Nation's Native American Veterans with the White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans. The conference brought together Native American veterans, active duty service members, and others for a day of briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie (VA), Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI) and other Senior Administration Officials.

 Vice President Mike Pence: Honored to meet with Native American Veterans Today! Native Americans have bravely served our country in uniform and we are forever grateful for the contribution they have made to the life of our nation. Thank you for your service!

National Apprenticeship Week 2020

On Friday, November 6, President Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation on National Apprenticeship Week to help provide American workers tangible skills and an industry-recognized credential. Apprenticeships strengthen our Nation's economy and help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and we further our commitment to bolstering opportunity as we continue our economic comeback.



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

On Thursday, November 12, Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos ratified a Joint Declaration of Intent with their German counterparts concerning cooperation on apprenticeships, vocational education and training. The signing, during National Apprenticeship Week, represents the firm commitment of the U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education in advancing the Trump Administration's pledge to create a highly skilled 21st century workforce providing well-paying jobs for American workers.

The new Joint Declaration of Intent will create more formal structures and strategies for the United States and Germany to cooperate on apprenticeship and vocational education including encouraging businesses to establish quality apprenticeship programs in both countries; increasing access to work-based learning, including apprenticeships, for students and workers; fostering cooperative efforts among state and local governments, companies, trade and industry groups, non-profit organizations, unions, and other stakeholders to develop industry-driven apprenticeships and career and technical education systems; and facilitating bilateral exchanges of apprentices and trainers.

 Department of Labor: During National Apprenticeship Week, @USDOL advances its commitment to expanding apprenticeship opportunities for U.S. workers by signing a Joint Declaration with Germany to cooperate in establishing apprenticeship programs in both countries. #NAW2020

 Secretary Wilbur Ross (DOC): The @realDonaldTrump Administration's level of cooperation on apprenticeship programs with Germany comes at a critical time as both of our countries are experiencing an economic resurgence.

 Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed): This admin is rethinking workforce prep by expanding on-the-job learning & apprenticeship opportunities — our dynamic economy demands it. Great to join @SecGeneScalia, @SStumpOCTAE, @EdGinaTaylor for a discussion on how educators & employees can partner to better serve students.

Since President Trump took office, over 60,000 apprentices have been hired across the United States. Learn 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

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.

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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 facilities. 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.

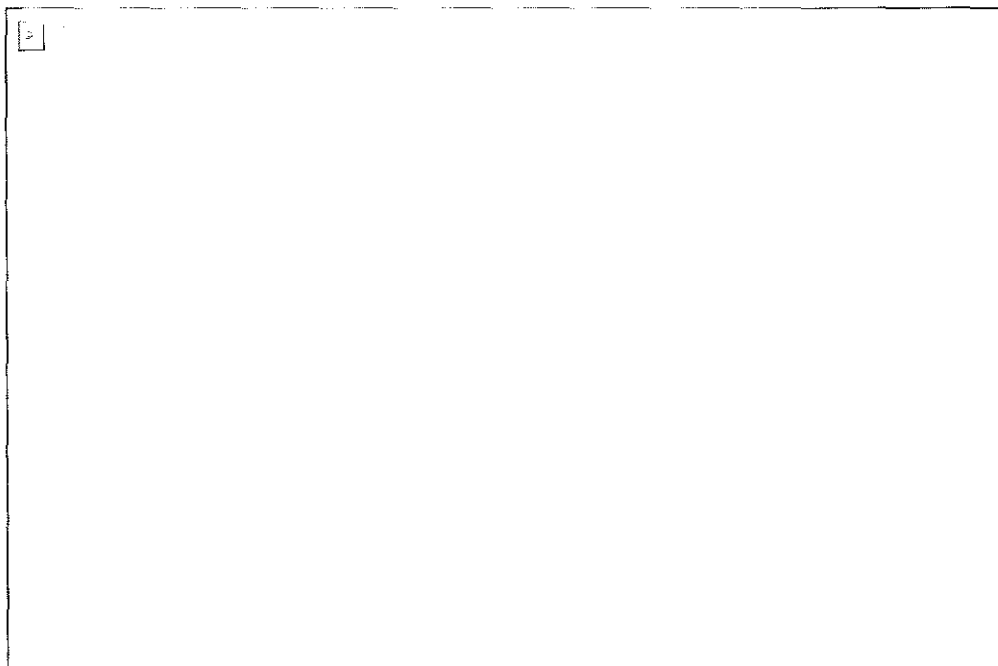
 [Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed](#)

 **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 Biotech 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 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

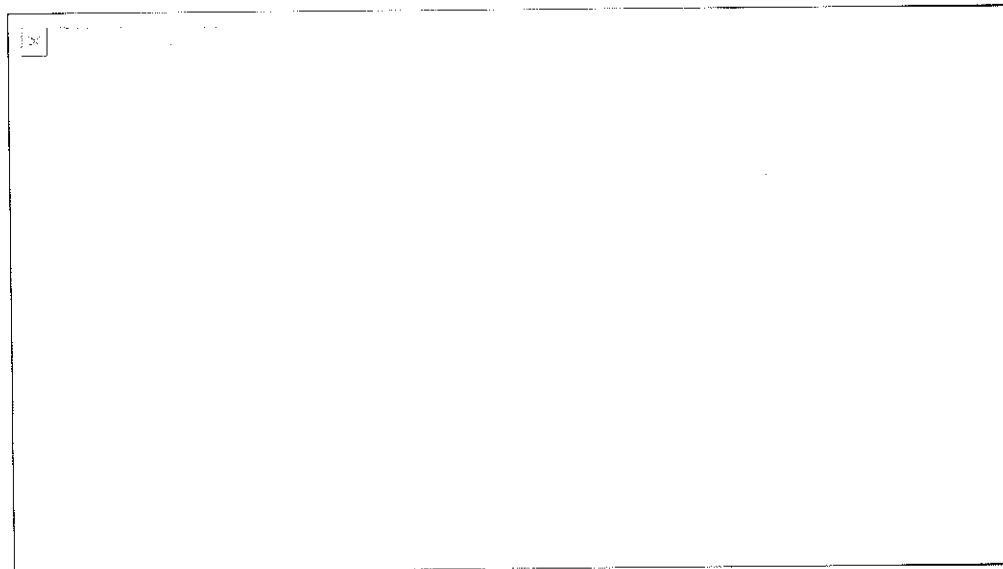
 [Read More: FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19](#)

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): [RPEAKING: 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 [COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies](#) to beneficiaries without cost sharing."

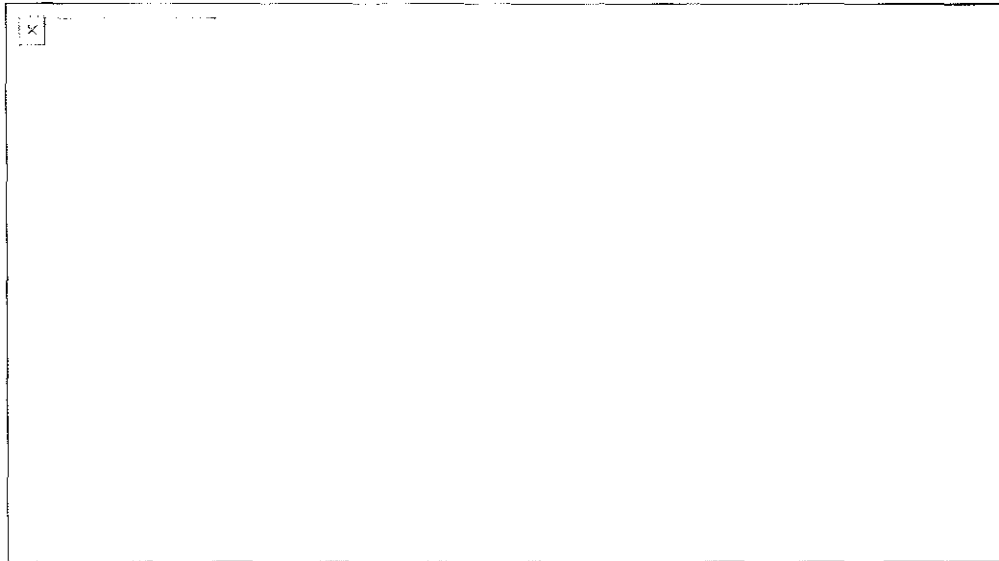
 [Read More: CMS Takes Steps to Ensure Medicare Beneficiaries Have Wide Access to COVID-19 Antibody Treatment](#)



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.

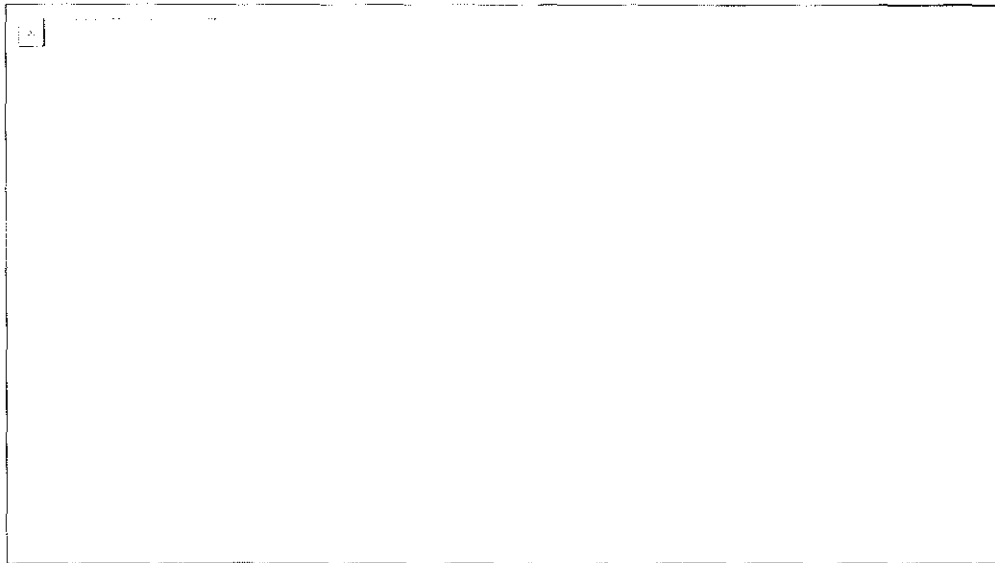


America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen selflessly placed lives, well-being, and security of others before their own. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them beyond measure.

 [Read More: Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020](#)

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



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

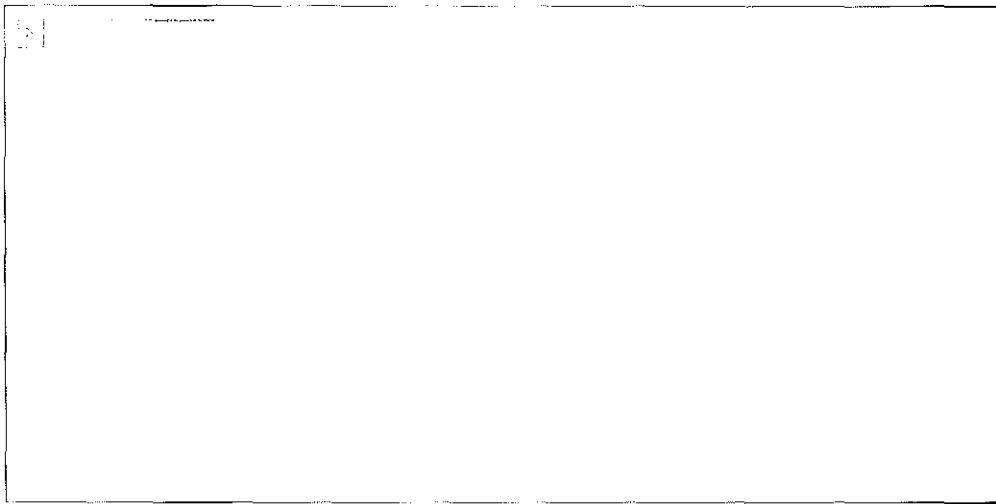
 [Watch: Veterans Day Message from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie](#)

 Beginning on Veterans Day, 2020, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones 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.



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.

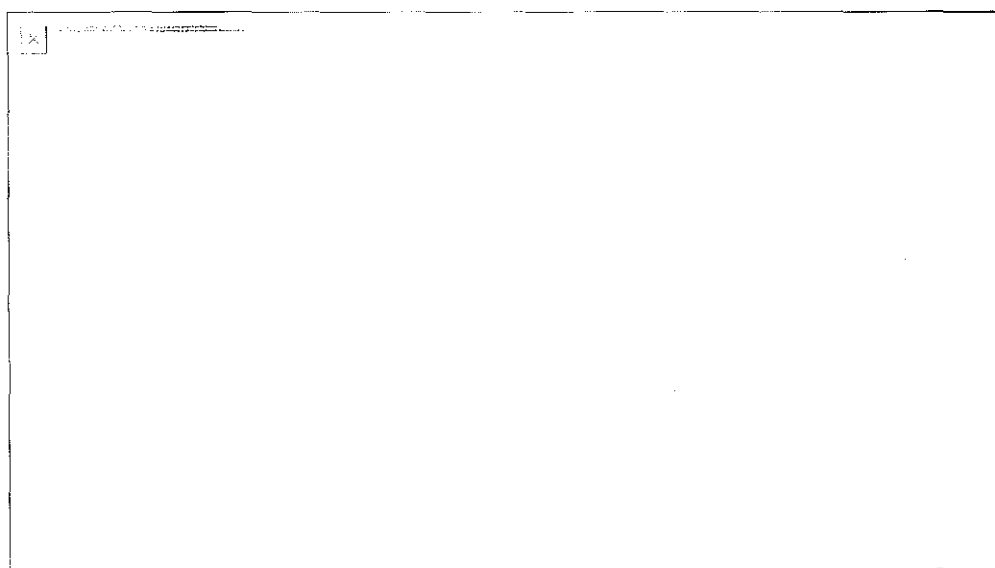
 Read More: [Native American Veterans Receive a Place of Their Own to Reflect and to Heal](#)

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.



 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 reaffirmed 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 join @SecGeneScalia, @SStumpOCTAE, @JohnCTaylor Jr for a discussion on how educators & employers can partner to better serve students.

Since President Trump took office, over 141,000 apprentices have been hired across the United States. Learn 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 that 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

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 2018. 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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32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

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

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

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** First COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized & Administered **

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

 [President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA!](#)

Congratulations WORLD!

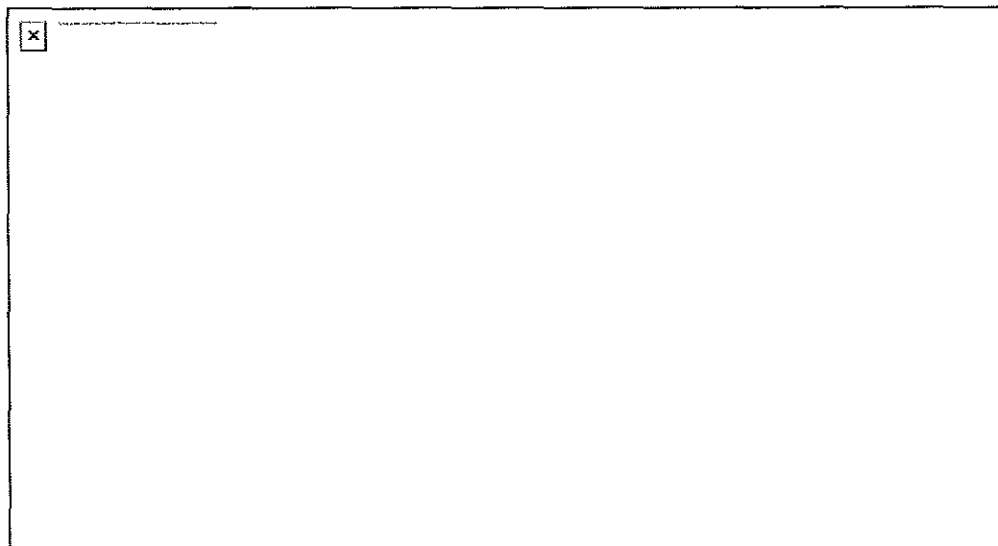
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

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

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

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



Click here to watch President Trump's address.

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

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

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained**
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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

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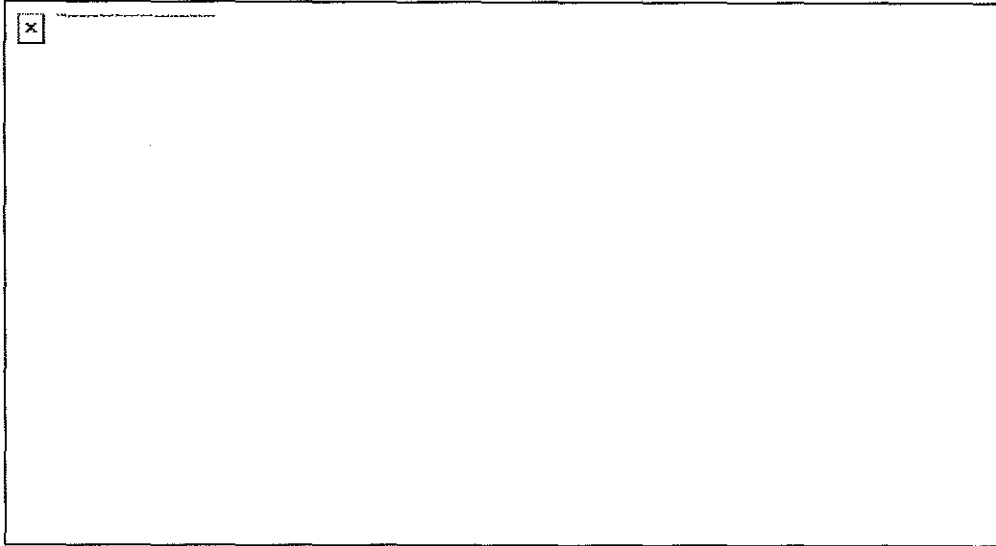
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** BREAKING NEWS: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine **

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

Read more tweets from HHS Secretary Azar [here](#).

A link to the full FDA press release is [here](#). The press release also provides information and discussion on available safety and effectiveness data.

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

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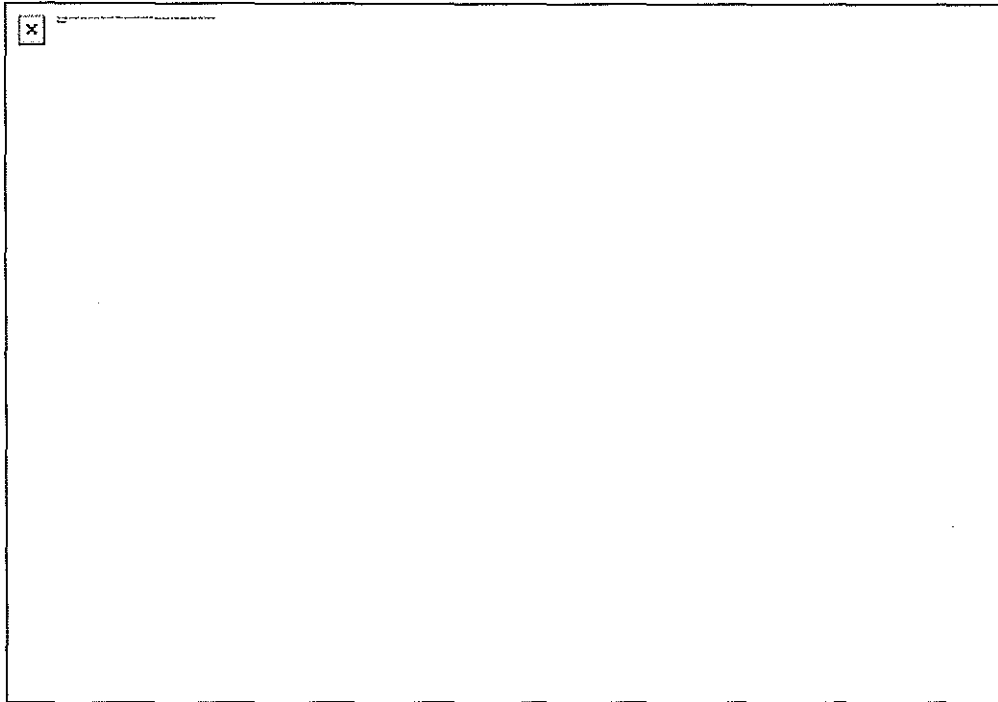
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COVID-19 Vaccine Summit

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Americans.

100 Million Additional Doses of Moderna Vaccine Purchased

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

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

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

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

DOD Announces Vaccine Distribution Plan

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

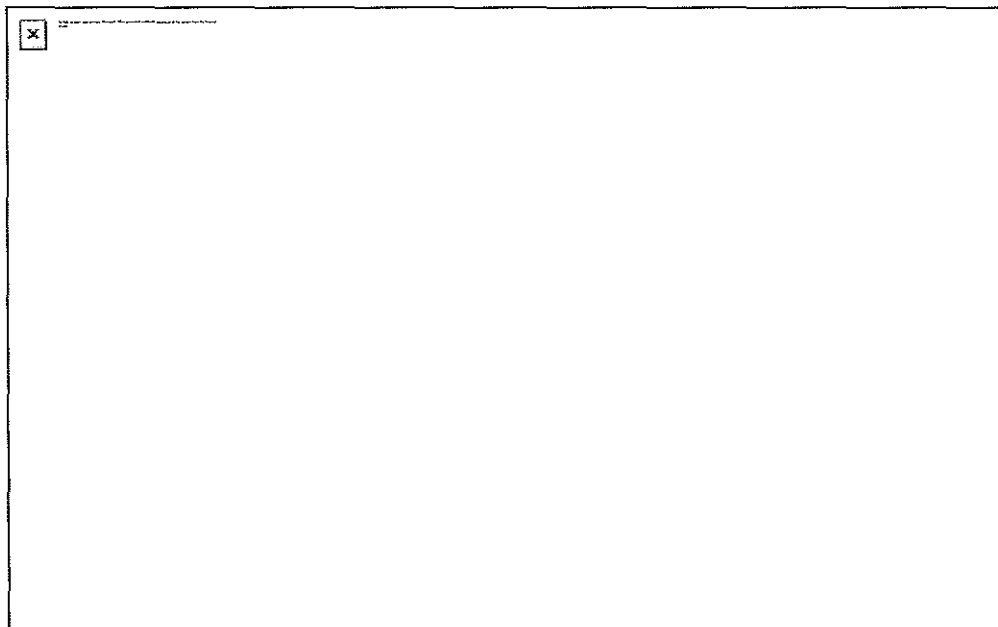
The distribution of the allocated COVID-19 vaccines will begin once the U.S. Federal Drug Administration authorizes the COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use and in accordance with Operation Warp Speed guidance.

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

■ Read More: [Memo on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccine Guidance](#)

Vice President's COVID-19 Travel Engagements

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



Click the [video](#) above to watch the full roundtable discussion on vaccine progress under Operation Warp Speed.

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

■ Read More: [Remarks by Vice President Pence on Vaccine Progress](#)

Statements from our Nation's Governors

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

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

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

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

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

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

- President Donald J. Trump

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

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

- The United States has led and will continue to lead the world's public health and humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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

- From the outset of the pandemic, President Trump and his Administration have worked tirelessly to combat COVID-19 and protect Americans.
- President Trump took early and aggressive action to prevent spread of the virus in America and reacted quickly to completely revolutionize America's testing system for COVID-19.
- The President has leveraged the Defense Production Act to expedite production and delivery of critically-needed medical equipment such as ventilators and personal protective equipment.

- The President and his Administration have always followed a strategy rooted in the bedrock objective of saving lives and helping our country safely reopen, and stay open.
- President Trump has rejected pursuing across-the-board shutdowns, mandates, and restrictions, which inflict more harm on the American people and United States economy than they would prevent.

National News Clips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local News Clips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABC WXYZ Detroit: Rochester Hills mayor recaps White House summit on COVID-19 vaccine
News Radio 1080 KRLD: Fort Worth Mayor to attend COVID-19 vaccine distribution summit

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,029 COVID-19 briefings with over 257,965 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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Operation Lady Justice Briefing Call

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to join a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials for an update on Operation Lady Justice, including a report from the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report, which follows consultations with Tribal governments, is available [here](#).

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

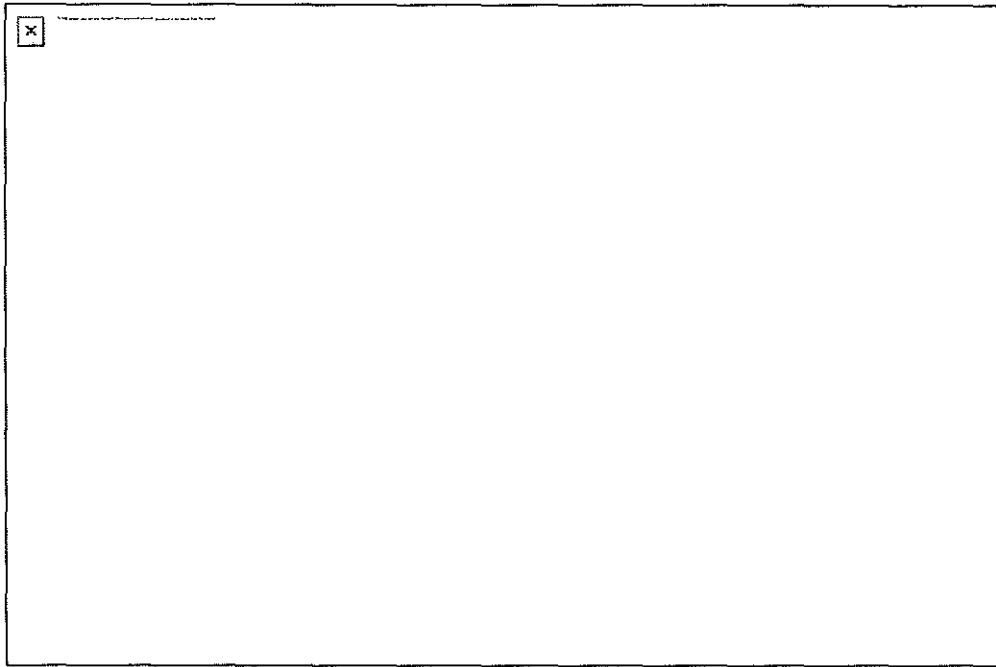
Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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**The Trump Administration Is Supporting Native American and Alaska
Native Communities**

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

President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country centered on five core principles to empower and lift all communities.

- The policy vision - **Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!** - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country to lift all communities and outlines an ambitious agenda to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities
- White House and Senior Administration officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

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

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

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

- President Trump **signed** legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia and **announced** support for the federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, which has sought federal recognition for over 130 years.

- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- **Repatriated** a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.
- **Advanced** systematic efforts to collaborate and consult with tribal leaders to identify further opportunities to repatriate culturally important items. More [here](#).
- **Advanced** an updated eagle remains policy allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

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

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

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

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a **proclamation** in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

Awareness Day. The President signed a second **proclamation** on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.

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

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

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans in 2019.**

- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, President Trump signed into law the **Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill)** which contained the **highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update - Operation Warp Speed

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to participate in an **Operation Warp Speed briefing call TODAY, Monday, December 7th at 5 PM Eastern** with Senior Administration officials. The call will preview the upcoming Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit at the White House on Tuesday, December 8th and provide an update on the rapid development and distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine to save millions of American lives. Find call registration and additional information about the Summit and Operation Warp Speed below.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Monday, December 7th, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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

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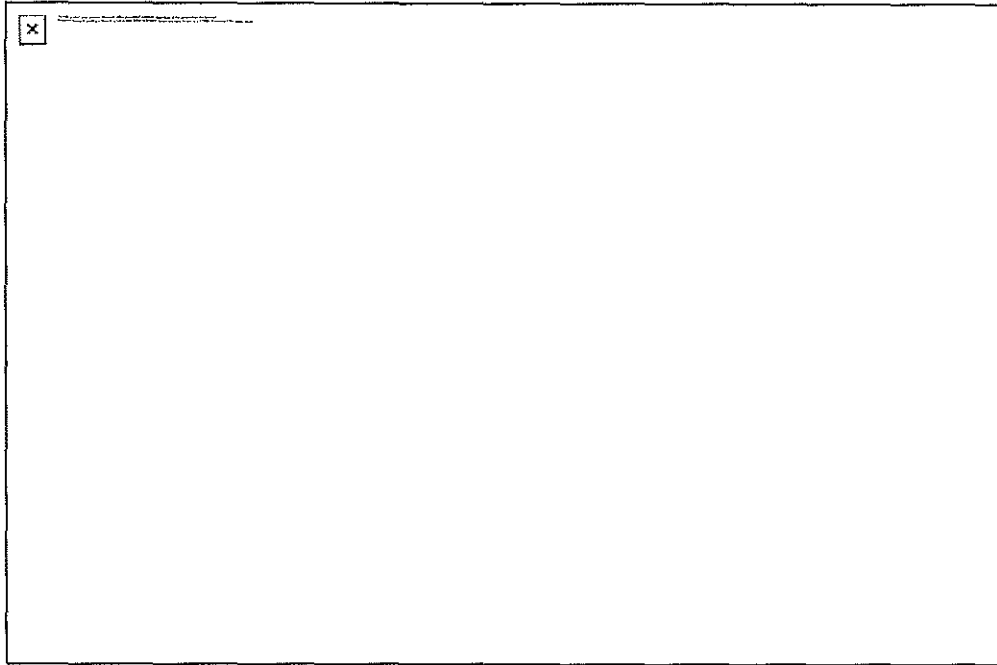
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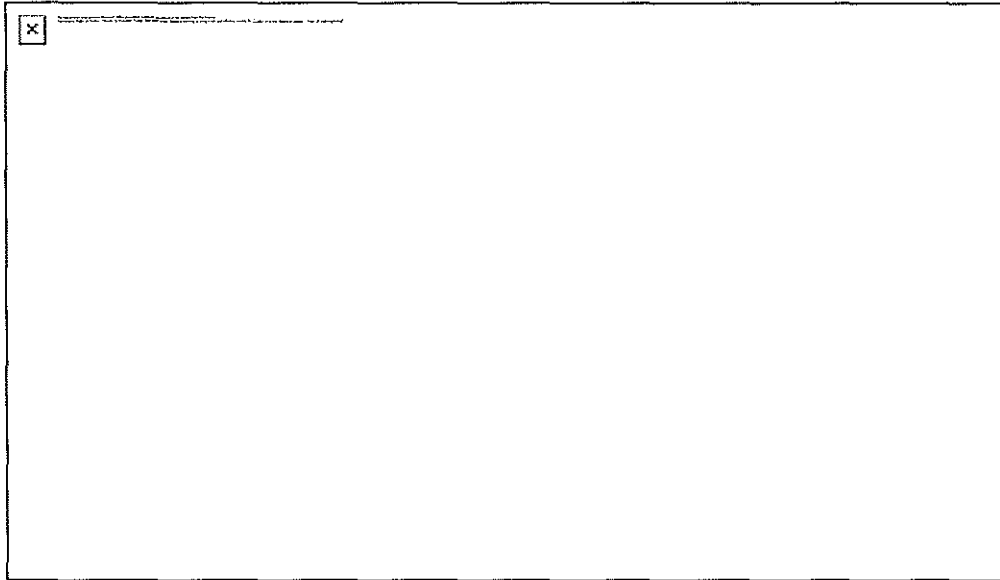
Operation Warp Speed



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

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

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

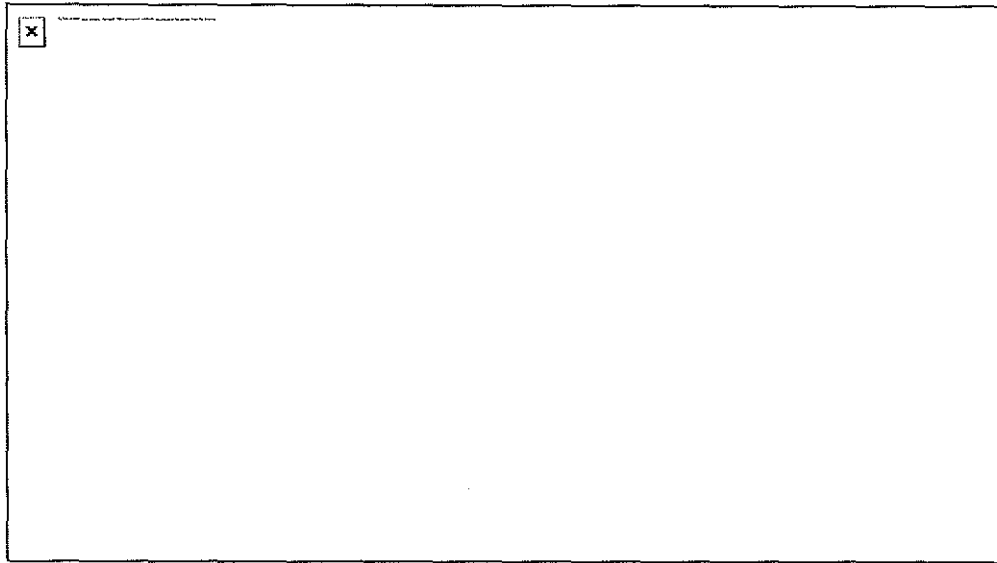


President Trump is committed to providing free or low-cost COVID-19 countermeasures to the American people as soon as possible. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **announced** from the Rose Garden that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December (followed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

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

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

here.



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

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

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

are taking place across the country (learn more [here](#)).

Additional Information

- **Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed** ([here](#))
- **CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations (Version 2.0).** You can find the full [Interim Playbook Here](#).
- **State-Submitted Vaccine Distribution Draft Plans** ([here](#))
- **Overview from the Factory to the Frontlines – The Operation Warp Speed Strategy for Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine** (*11 pages*; [here](#))
- **Dr. Slaoui, Dr. Greene, & Dr. Woodcock Op-Ed in the New England Journal of Medicine: Bridging the Gap at Warp Speed — Delivering Options for Preventing and Treating Covid-19** ([here](#))
- **Dr. Hahn & Dr. Marks Op-Ed: The FDA's Scientific and Regulatory Oversight of Vaccines is Vital to Public Health** ([here](#))
- **HHS Secretary Azar Op-Ed: How We're Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at 'Warp Speed'** ([here](#))
- **FDA Commissioner Hahn Op-Ed: No Matter What, Only a Safe, Effective Vaccine Will Get Our Approval** ([here](#))
- **Equitable Allocation of a COVID-19 Vaccine Draft Framework:** At the request of the NIH and CDC, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine has released draft framework for equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine ([here](#))
- **Encourage Participation in Clinical Trials:** The Vice President has asked State and local officials to encourage citizens to participate in clinical trials. For more information, visit CoronavirusPreventionNetwork.org

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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

On Tuesday, December 8, President Trump will host a **Coronavirus Vaccine Summit** at the White House. The summit will bring together leaders from the federal government, State, local & Tribal governments, private sector, military, and scientific community for a comprehensive discussion as the Administration prepares to deliver life-saving vaccines to the American people. We will share additional information about the summit next week. You will be able to view the summit live [here](#).

And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to learn more and find a

location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update 🏠 Operation Warp Speed 🏠
- 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 43rd Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- November Jobs Numbers - The Rebound Continues
- Presidential Medal of Freedom for Lou Holtz
- 2020 White House Christmas Decorations 🎄

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list - they can do so by signing-up [here](#). As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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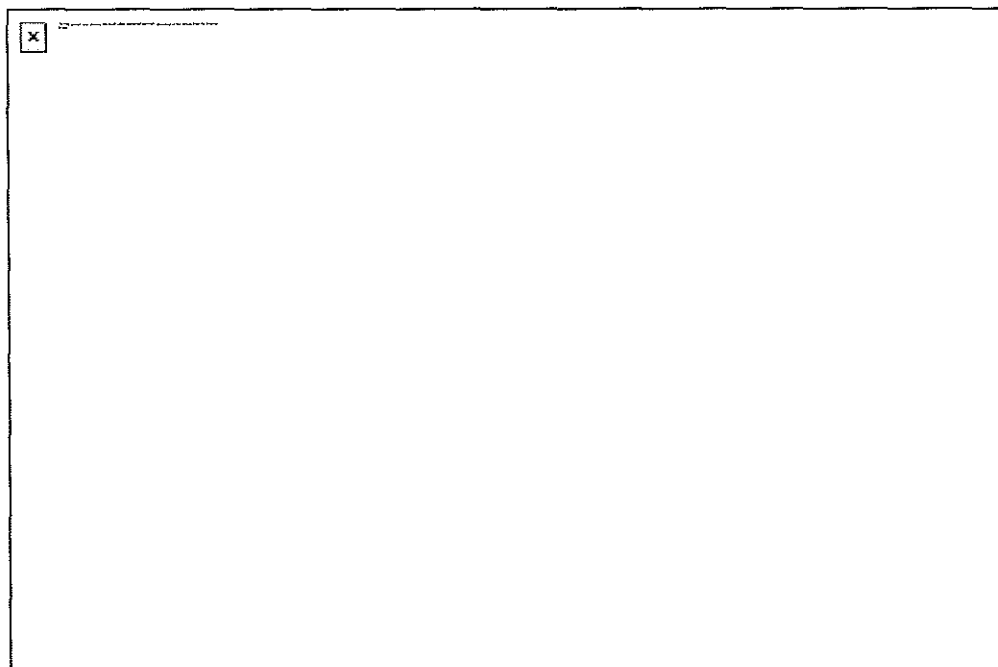
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COVID-19 Update

This week, Vice President Mike Pence traveled to Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia to highlight the work of **Operation Warp Speed** and ensuring vaccines are distributed quickly to the American people. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **delivered an update** from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed is focused on the development of treatments for COVID-19 along with a safe and effective vaccine. All 64 public health jurisdictions— including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents. Now as the Administration moves toward distribution these 64 jurisdictions will help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. All 64 jurisdictions' plan draft executive summaries are available for review [here](#).



On Thursday, December 3, Vice President Pence and HHS Secretary Azar traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to meet with

Governor Bill Lee and participate in a roundtable highlighting Operation Warp Speed and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine distribution program, and Tennessee's plan to operationalize vaccinations once approved.

 **Vice President Pence: Pleased to be joined**

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

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

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

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

Read More: [Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Roundtable Discussion on Vaccine Distribution in Atlanta, GA](#)

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

Readout from the 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

In addition to the readout, we would like to highlight that on Thursday, December 3,

President Trump approved a federal funding extension for the National Guard's COVID-19 relief work through the end of March 2021. The extension reflects President Trump's consistent recognition of the important role the men and women of the National Guard play in the response to and economic recovery from COVID-19. President Trump's extension of federal funding for the National Guard is yet another unprecedented, proactive step in providing State's with the resources they need in their response to COVID-19.

Participants on the December 2nd call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
- Dr. Robert Redfield, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- RADM Michael Iademarco, *Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted the rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. Where cases had risen in the Rocky Mountains, Northern plains, and in the heartland states - which recently received cold temperatures - these regions have shown COVID-19 cases stabilizing prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. These states will be a helpful indicator as data reporting becomes available in the coming weeks to determine any potential surge from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Birx encouraged individuals who may not have closely followed mitigation measures to get tested. Dr. Birx noted the importance of testing in identifying asymptomatic cases.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH: Dr. Fauci provided an update on the Government's Federal efforts on vaccine planning and distribution. The Federal Government has been working in coordination with State and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine to the American people in record time. Dr. Fauci indicated that the speed of which a vaccine has become available is a reflection of the extraordinary technological advances that started nearly a decade ago, which has led to the

utilization of the scientific data today. This speed is a result of the investment of billions of dollars from Operation Warp Speed that provided funding at once, rather than over time.

The process of determining a safe and effective vaccine has been a sound process free from outside influence. Career scientists who analyze the data are an independent body and work hand-in-hand with the FDA allowing for full transparency.

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dr. Redfield provided an update on the distribution plan for the 64 jurisdictions. Within the jurisdictions, there is a micro-jurisdiction plan, which emphasizes the importance of supporting each community through the Coronavirus pandemic. This week, the CDC completed exercises with all jurisdictions that simulated the distribution plan and addressed any potential glitches. On this micro-level, Governors and their states will help determine and facilitate how to best distribute and apply the vaccines.

Along with Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx is asking all States and local communities to begin using their BinaxNow COVID-19 tests that have already been sent to States. Dr. Birx emphasized that if communities can get 20-25 county workers to get tested, it will make a significant impact.

Additionally, Dr. Redfield announced that HHS is laying the necessary groundwork for the distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine by ensuring that all tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations have the choice on how they receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On December 1, 2020, HHS announced that all tribal health programs and UIOs (Urban Indian Organizations) have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

Finally, the CDC announced on December 2, 2020 options to reduce quarantine for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others. It also ensures that persons who become symptomatic or are otherwise diagnosed during quarantine can be rapidly brought to care and evaluated. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose personal burdens that may

affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Based on local circumstances and resources, CDC finds the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable to the recommended 14 days.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
 - With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
 - With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.

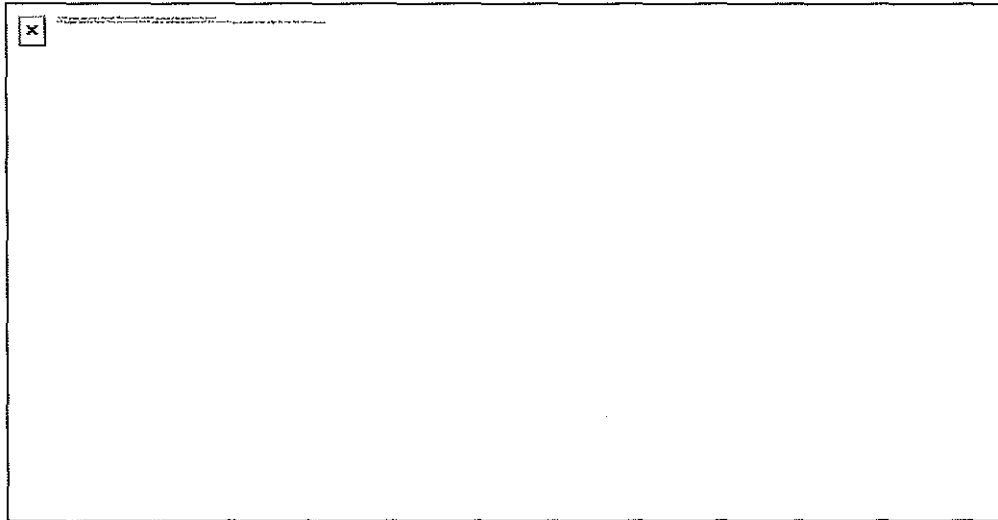
■ **Read More: Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing**

RADM Michael Iademarco, Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC: RADM Michael F. Iademarco, MD, MPH is Director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who discussed the importance of the successful Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit that has been authorized by the FDA for home use provides the ability to efficiently track and monitor results.

Also do not forget that if you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more [here](#).

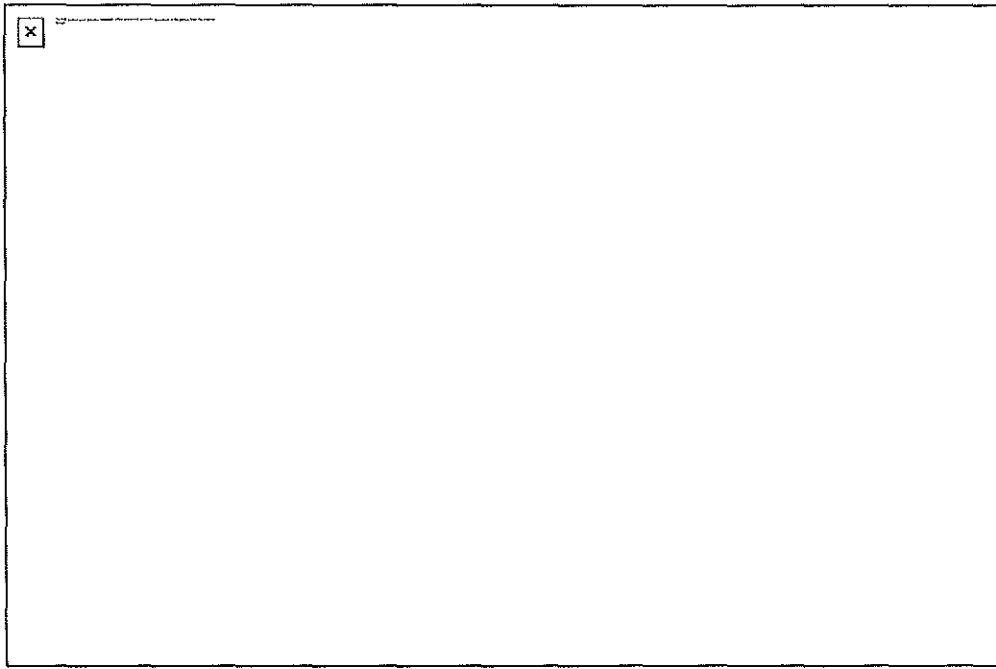
To find where you can donate source plasma, visit donatingplasma.org and coronavirus.gov.

 Surgeon General Jerome Adams: Been previously diagnosed with #COVID19 & fortunate enough to have recovered? Well you can help others recover too, by donating your plasma. It has antibodies that could literally save a life. Find out where you can donate at <http://thefightisinus.org>. Because the fight is in YOU!



The White House has hosted 31 National COVID-19 Briefing Calls reaching more than 70,000 State, local, and Tribal officials in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 43st Governors Call on COVID-19



On Monday, November 30, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

 Vice President Pence: In August, President @realDonaldTrump said we would have a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year, and today, American companies have produced 2 Vaccines in RECORD TIME! Once approved, we will inoculate millions by years end! Help is on the Way America! 

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator
- General Gustave F. Perna, Chief Operation Officer, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)
- Director Anthony Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS
- Director Robert Redfield, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, M.D., Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS

- Brigadier General David Sanford, Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
- Assistant Administrator David Bibo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, ongoing robust partnership to prepare in distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. Governors, including Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine.

The Vice President also noted that the Federal government has worked towards 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing mechanism to replenish the stockpile.

 **FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor: This morning I participated in an Agency Review Team briefing on current needs and status of PPE and #COVID19 supplies. Thank you to @DHSgov and @HHSgov for your ongoing partnership in the ongoing response efforts.**

FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and Dr. Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments, and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Specifically, Dr. Hahn reiterated that the rigorous standards of the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed—leads to no cut corners.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning efforts including reviewing outstanding State-Federal needs, ongoing table top exercises with public and private partners, and ongoing communication with state partners. Further, General Perna called on governors to ensure that healthcare providers are included in State distribution plans to increase States' operational effectiveness.

Secretary Azar provided an update on Moderna's vaccine trial and the impending submission of the company's EUA application. Additionally, Secretary Azar provided an update on an aspect of

Operation Warp Speed that has resulted in 99% of nursing homes partnering with private pharmacies to ensure the safe and effective delivery of vaccines to nursing home residents.

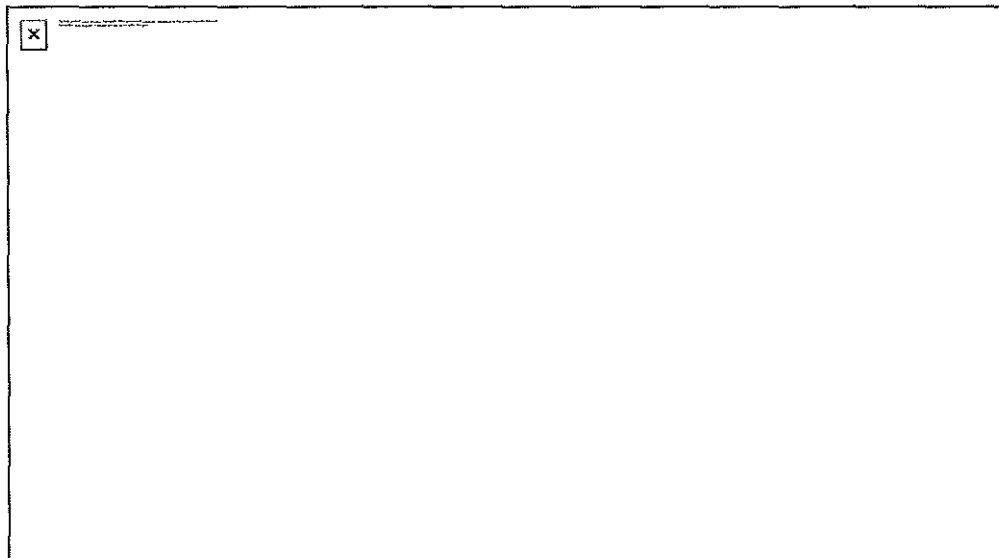
Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine planning and CDC planning activities. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution interim plans to the CDC earlier in October, the CDC reviewed these iterative documents providing feedback to states recently, and states are working to finalize their plans in the coming days.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 43 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

November Jobs Numbers - Economy Continues Rebound

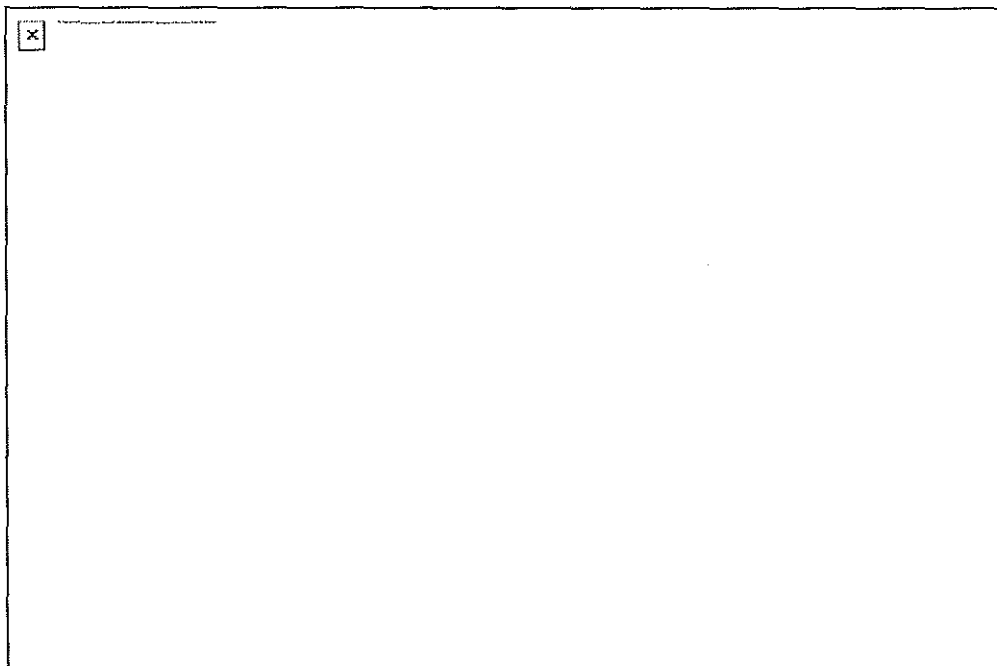
On Friday, December 4, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics released jobs numbers showing the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in November with the unemployment rate dropping by 0.2 percent to 6.7 percent. The net 245,000 jobs added in November included an increase of 344,000 jobs in the private sector.



Per the Council of Economic Advisors, since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.3 million jobs. This is 4 million more jobs than predicted by the Congressional Budget Office in July. The economy has now recovered roughly 6 in 10 (56%) of pandemic job losses in just 7 months. Roughly two-thirds (66.8%) of jobs gains over the past 7 months occurred in the retail, leisure & hospitality, and education & health services sectors.

■ Read More: [The White House Favors a Bridge to Recovery](#)

President Trump Awards the Medal of Freedom to Lou Holtz



On Thursday, December 4, 2020, **President Donald J. Trump awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Louis Leo Holtz**. This prestigious award is the Nation's highest civilian honor, which may be awarded by the President to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

America recognizes Lou Holtz as one of the greatest football coaches of all time for his unmatched accomplishments on the gridiron, but he is also a philanthropist, author, and true American patriot. After growing up in a small town in West Virginia, Holtz attended Kent State University, becoming the first member of his family to enroll in college. At Kent State, Holtz played football, studied history, and joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. For the

next 7 years, he honorably served as an Officer in the United States Army Reserves. When asked about his service during an interview with the American Legion, Holtz said, "I was taught at an early age that I had an obligation to serve my country."

 **Watch: [Congratulations @CoachLouHoltz88!](#)**

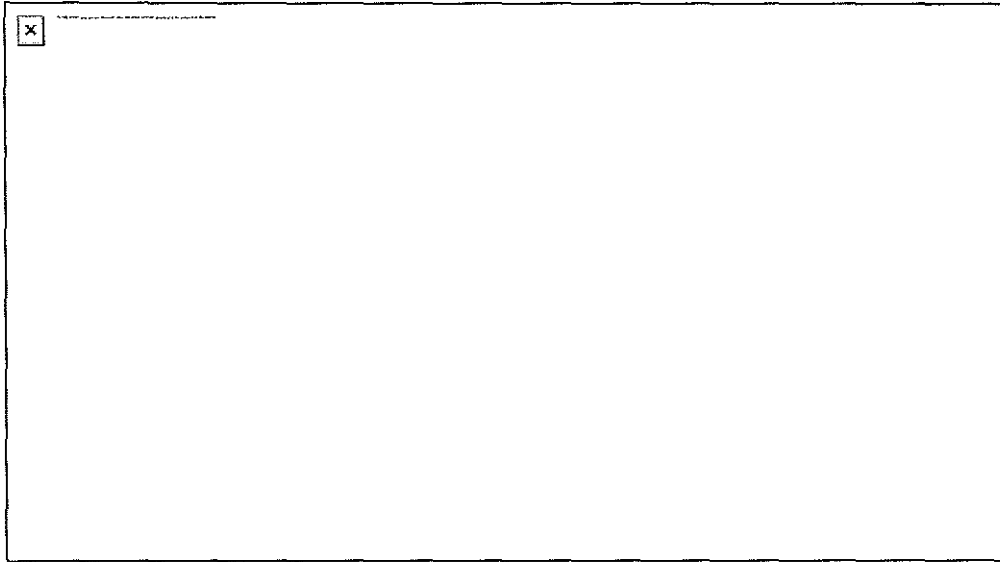
Upon graduating from Kent State, Holtz began his historic coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa before landing his first head-coaching job at the College of William and Mary, leading the team to the Southern Conference Title and an appearance in the Tangerine Bowl. Over the next 35 years, Holtz led successful college and professional football teams, including North Carolina State, the University of Arkansas, the New York Jets, the University of Minnesota, and the University of South Carolina, compiling an impressive overall record of 249-132-7. Most notably, Holtz earned an outstanding 100-30-2 record in 11 seasons at the University of Notre Dame. His 1988 team earned a perfect 12-0 record and were crowned national champions. Most importantly, he inspired generations of young athletes along the way.

Since his retirement from coaching, Holtz has authored several books, contributed to ESPN and CBS as a sports analyst, and continues to give back to his community through two of his own charities, the Holtz Charitable Foundation and the Holtz's Heroes Foundation. In commemoration of his outstanding accomplishments both on and off the football field, Holtz was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Notre Dame, the University of South Carolina, Trine University, and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He was also elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, and the Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame, among many other well-deserved accolades.

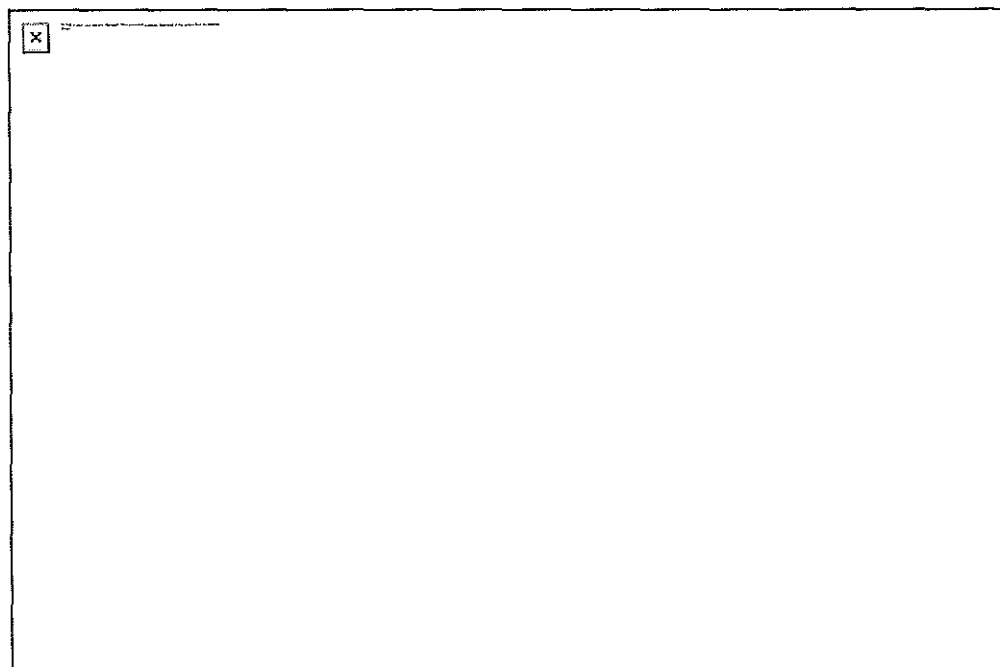
2020 White House Christmas Decorations

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

 First Lady Melania Trump: During this special time of the year, I am delighted to share “America the Beautiful” and pay tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home. #WHChristmas



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



First Lady Melania Trump tours young, talented children around the White House to unveil the art they depicted of what makes their state beautiful by highlighting the people, places, and things that capture the spirit of the state in which they call home. The First Lady's BE BEST initiative focuses on building a brighter future for America's children. Learn more [here](#).



First Lady Melania Trump: Décor in the @WhiteHouse Library celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Trees are adorned with ornaments featuring notable women in our Nation's history & center tables showcase children's art from @Flotus #BuildingtheMovement exhibit #WHChristmas.

On Thursday, December 3, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued the tradition started by President Calvin Coolidge in 1923, of the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Watch the virtual ceremony [here](#).



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

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31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

As a reminder, you are invited to the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We will be joined by -

- **Ambassador Deborah Birx** (White House Coronavirus Task Force) for a COVID-19 trends and response update;
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci** (Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) for a vaccine approval and efficacy update;
- **Dr. Robert Redfield** (Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for a vaccine distribution update; and
- **RADM Michael Iademarco** (Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC) for a COVID-19 testing update.

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](#) (please disregard if you have previously registered)

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

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

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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we wish a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

On Wednesday, November 25, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation to remember and honor the Thanksgiving holiday for all Americans.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season of generosity, hope, and gratitude, we commemorate America's founding traditions of faith, family, and friendship, and give thanks for the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy that make our country exceptional in the history of the world.

■ **Read More: [Presidential Proclamation on Thanksgiving Day, 2020](#)**

📄 **President Donald Trump: On behalf of the entire Trump Family, I want to wish every American a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! Today we gathered in the Rose Garden to continue a beloved annual tradition: the Official Presidential Pardon of a very fortunate Thanksgiving Turkey.**

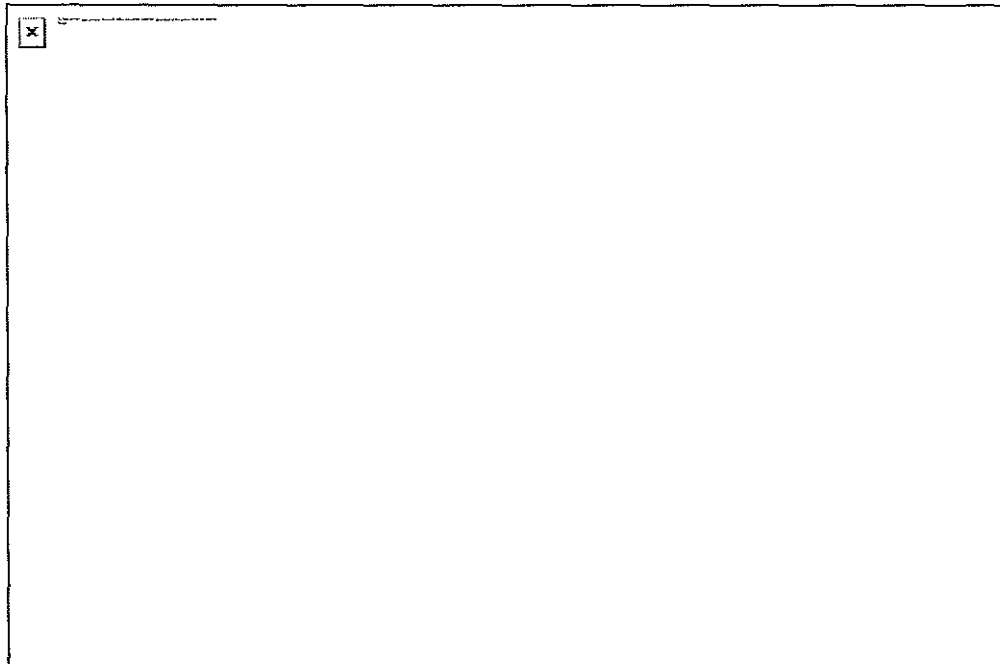
Earlier this week on Tuesday, November 24, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued a beloved annual White House tradition of issuing a Presidential pardon of the National Thanksgiving Turkey. President Trump granted Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon. After the ceremony, both Corn and Cob will retire to Iowa State University where they will be cared for by skilled veterinarians.

For the past 73 years, the National Turkey Federation has presented the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President. Starting under President George H.W. Bush, these birds have received a formal pardon every single year.

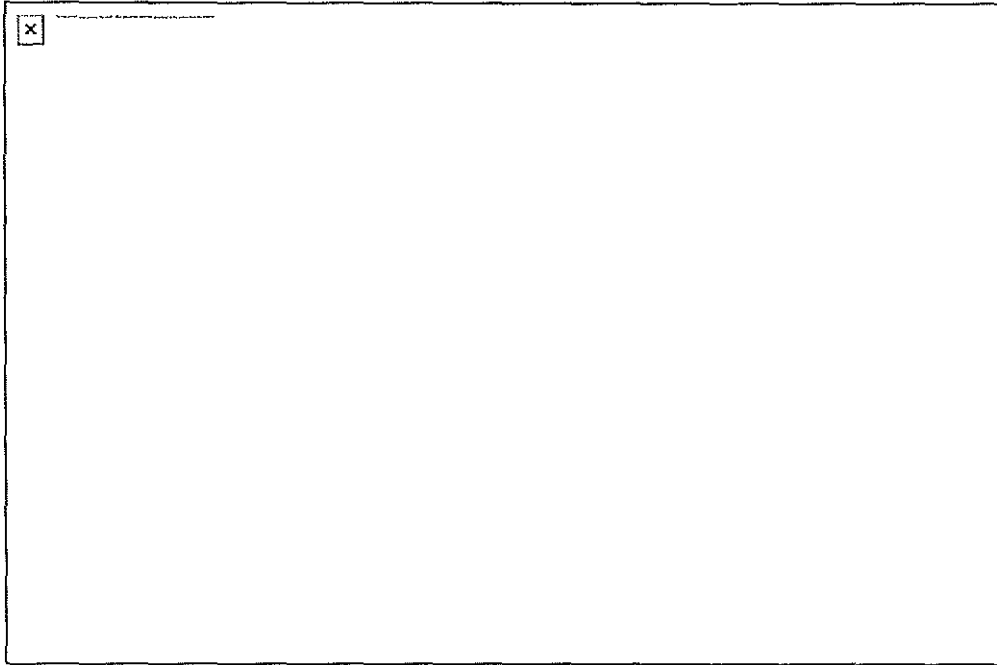
 **Watch:** [President Trump grants Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon!](#)

 **The White House:** [Learn more about Corn and Cob's journey.](#)

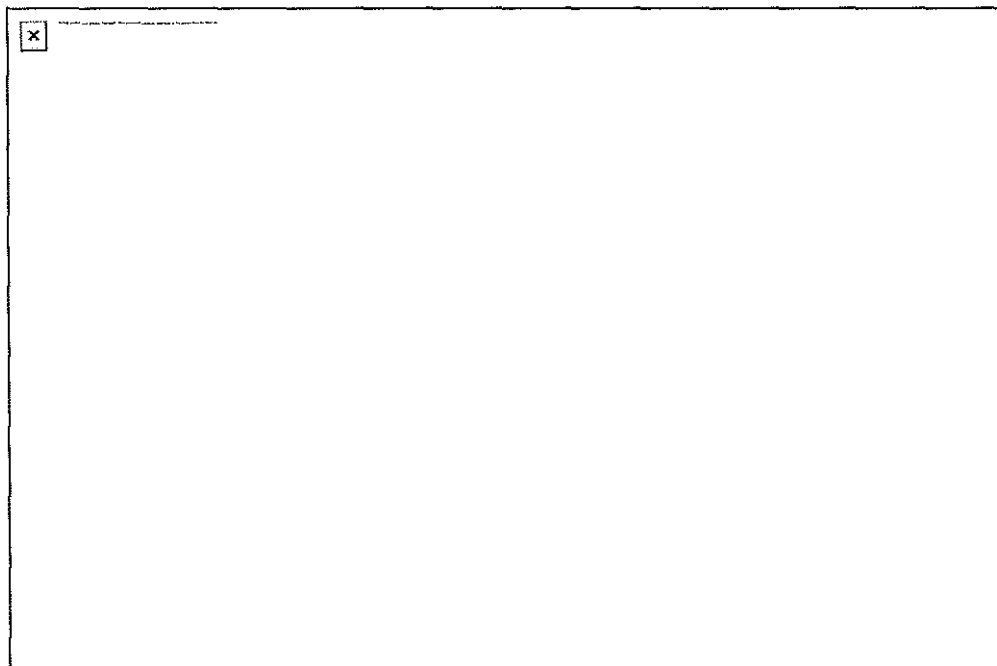
 **Read More:** [Remarks by President Trump at the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony](#)



President Donald J. Trump participated in the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from the Rose Garden of the White House.



The Presidential Turkeys arrive at The Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, ahead of Tuesday's National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony at the White House.



President Donald J. Trump, joined by Senator John Barrasso, R-WY, sits with U.S. troops Thursday, November 28, 2019, at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, during a surprise Thanksgiving meal.

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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, October 28, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time. We will be joined by Senior Administration Officials for a comprehensive COVID-19 update, including guidance and information on Operation Warp Speed.

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, October 28

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)

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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

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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.

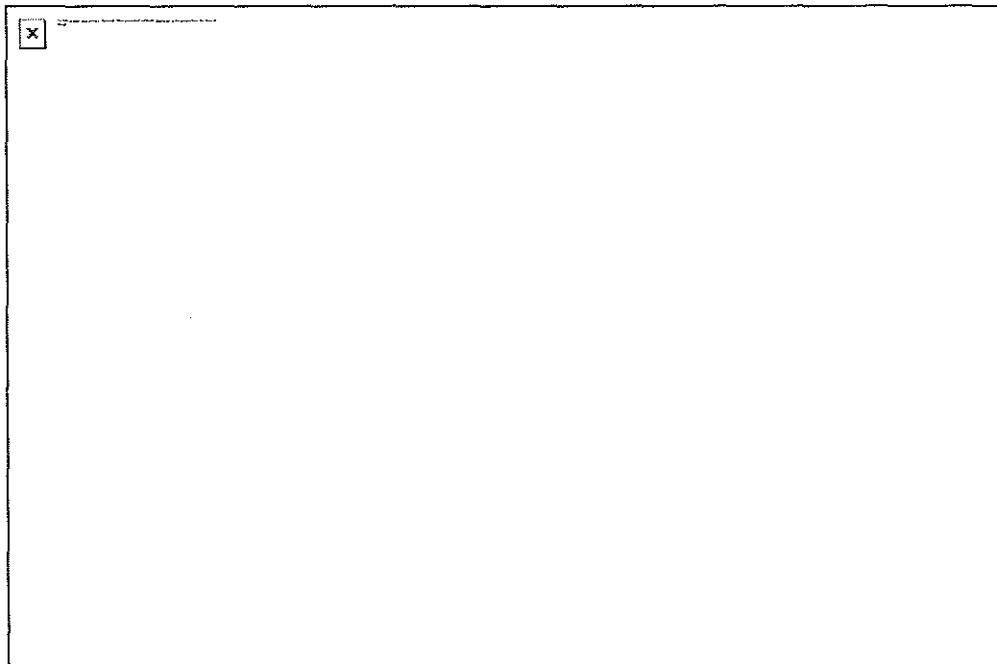
 **Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed**

 **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**



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 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

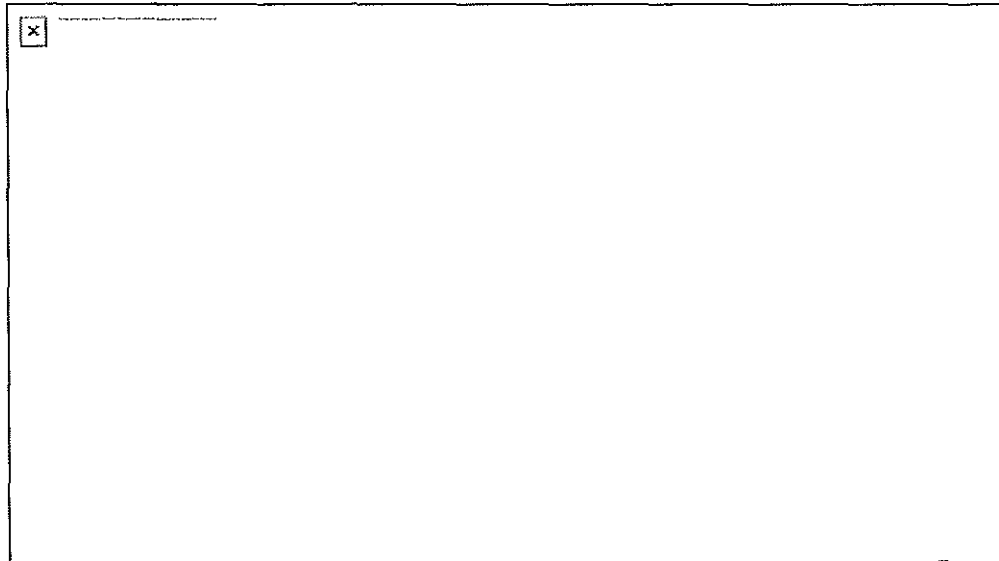
 **Read More: FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19**

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."

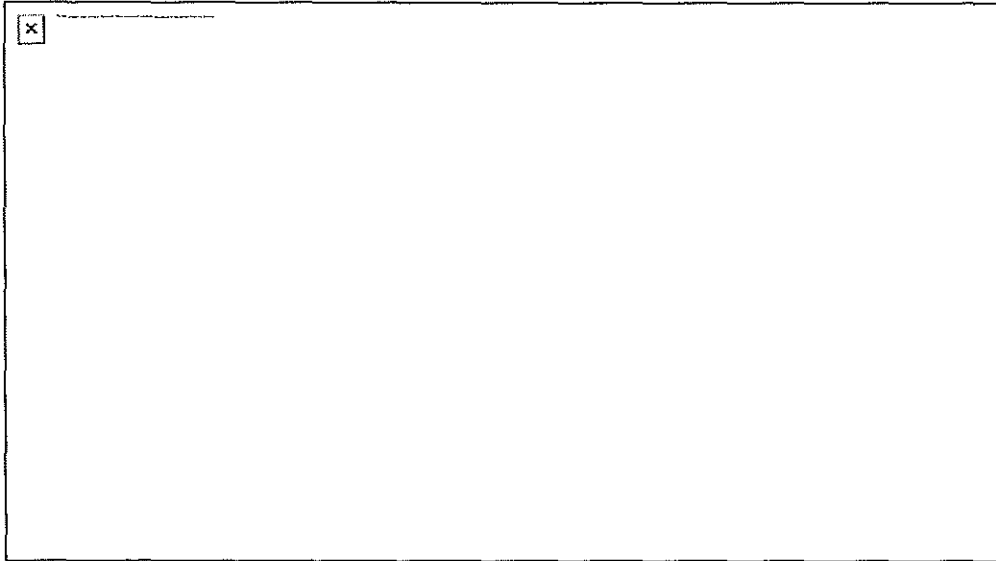
 **Read More: CMS Takes Steps to Ensure Medicare Beneficiaries Have Wide Access to COVID-19 Antibody Treatment**



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.

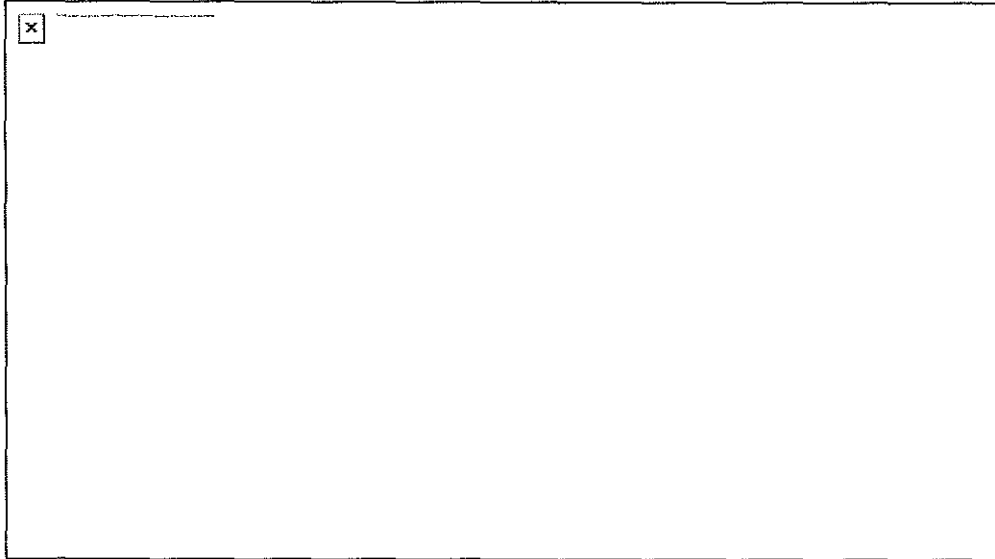


America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans.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



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

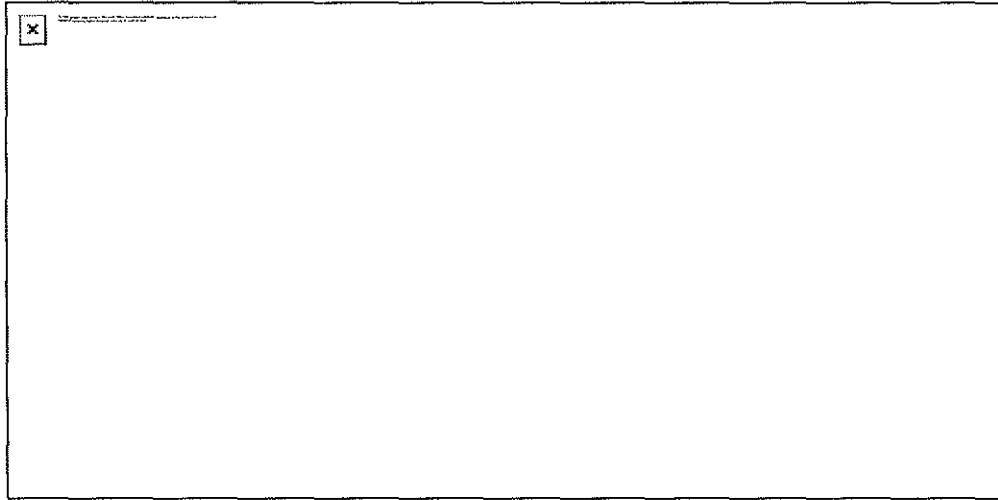
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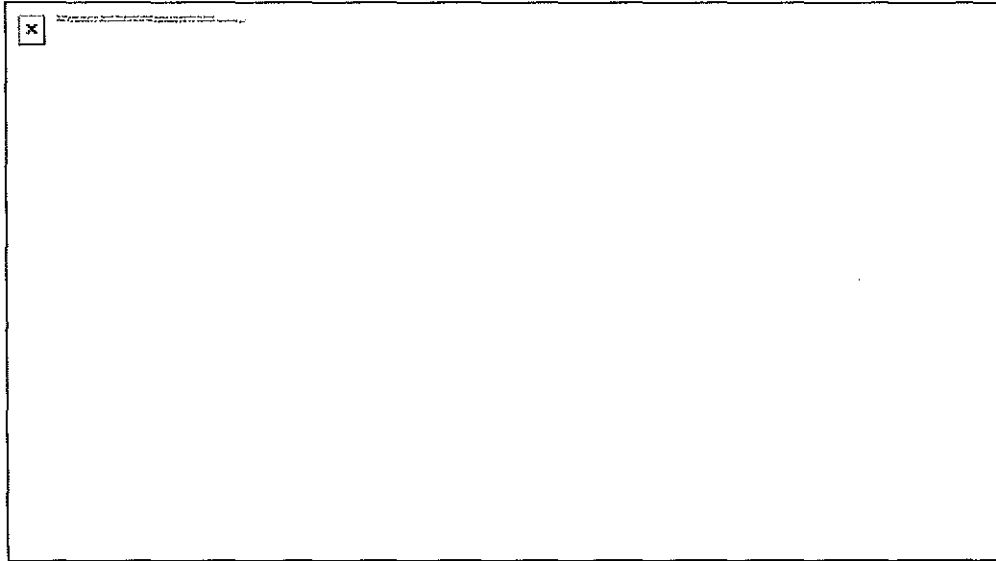
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Thank you.

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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)

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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.

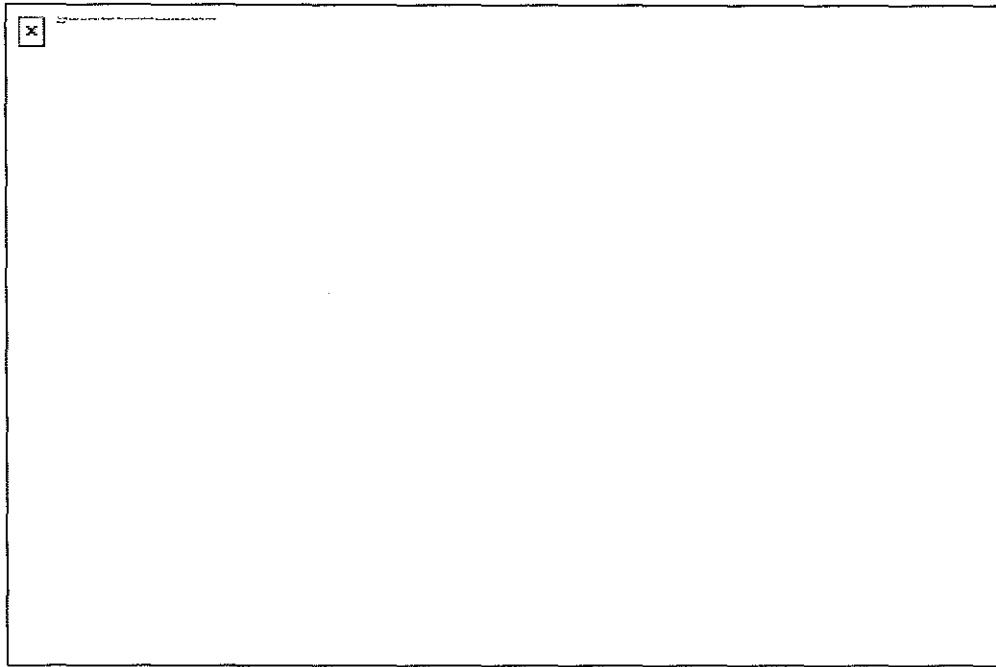
 **Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed**

 **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**



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](#)**

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 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

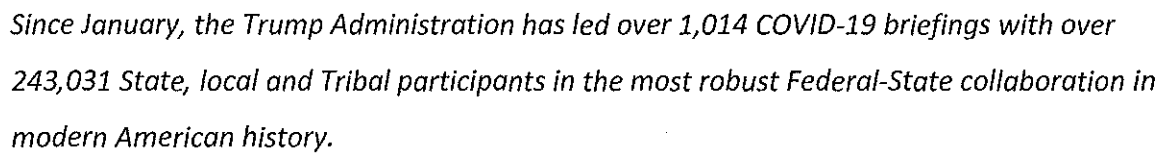
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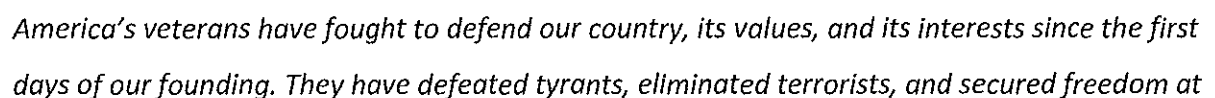
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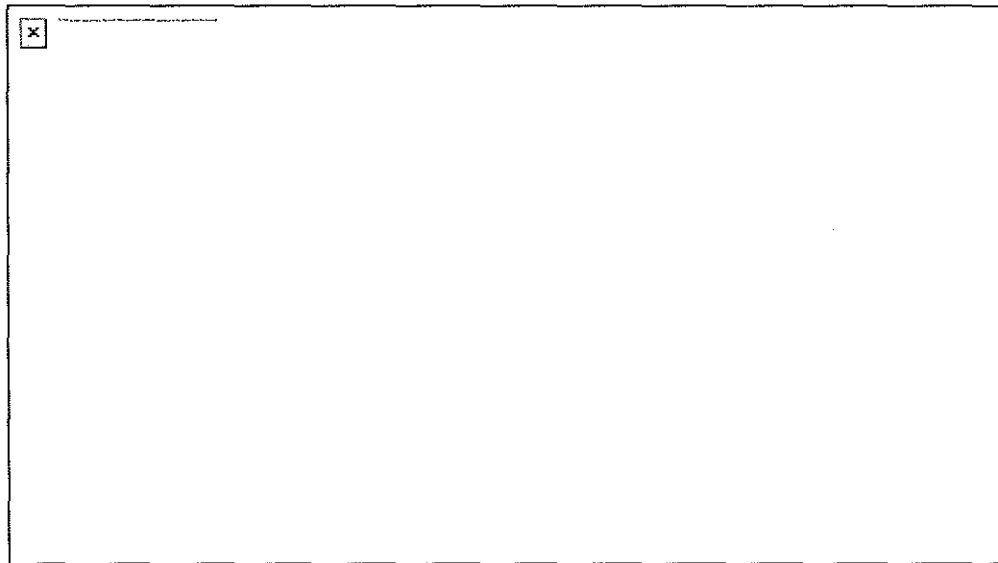


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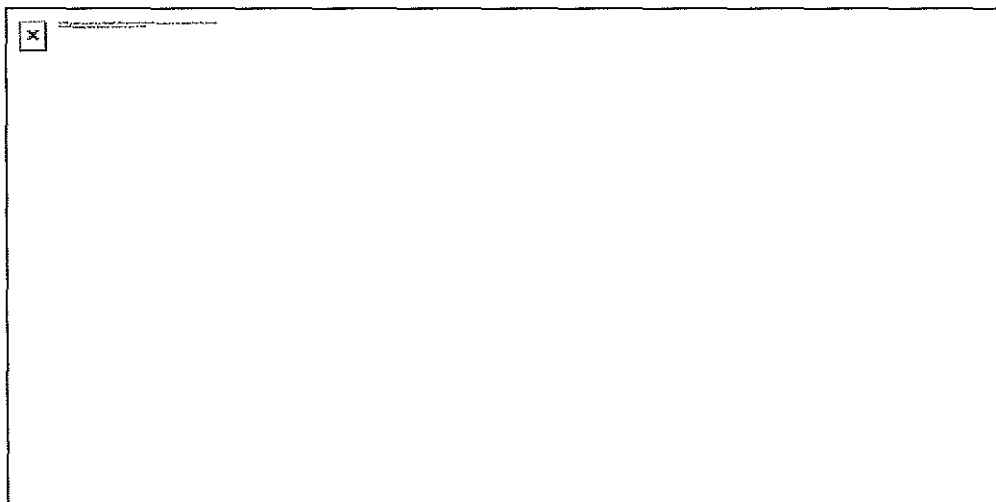
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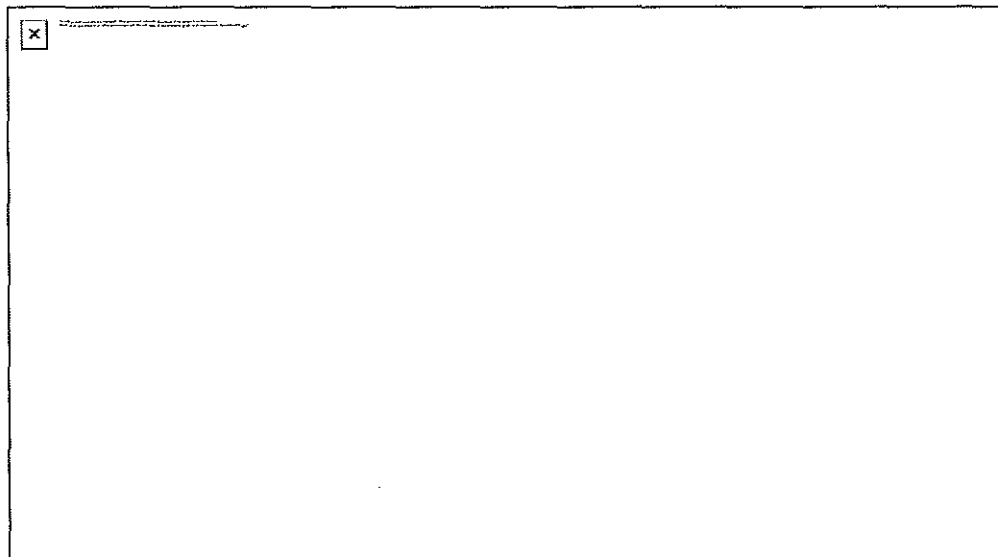
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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we wish a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

On Wednesday, November 25, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation to remember and honor the Thanksgiving holiday for all Americans.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season of generosity, hope, and gratitude, we commemorate America's founding traditions of faith, family, and friendship, and give thanks for the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy that make our country exceptional in the history of the world.

■ **Read More:** [Presidential Proclamation on Thanksgiving Day, 2020](#)

📄 **President Donald Trump:** [On behalf of the entire Trump Family, I want to wish every American a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! Today we gathered in the Rose Garden to continue a beloved annual tradition: the Official Presidential Pardon of a very fortunate Thanksgiving Turkey.](#)

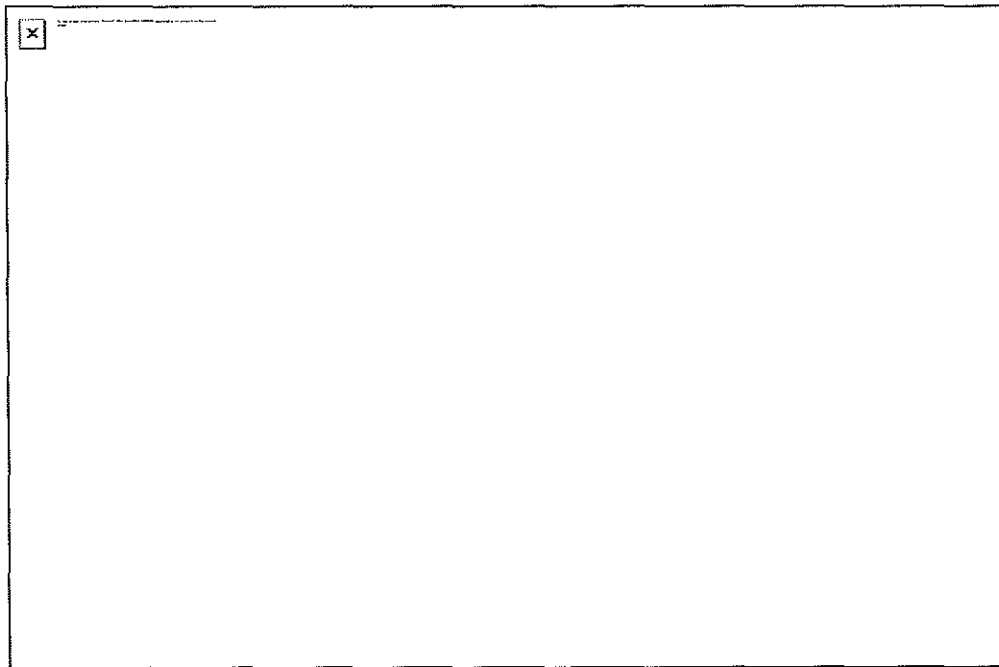
Earlier this week on Tuesday, November 24, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued a beloved annual White House tradition of issuing a Presidential pardon of the National Thanksgiving Turkey. President Trump granted Corn, the National Thanksgiving Turkey, a full pardon. After the ceremony, both Corn and Cob will retire to Iowa State University where they will be cared for by skilled veterinarians.

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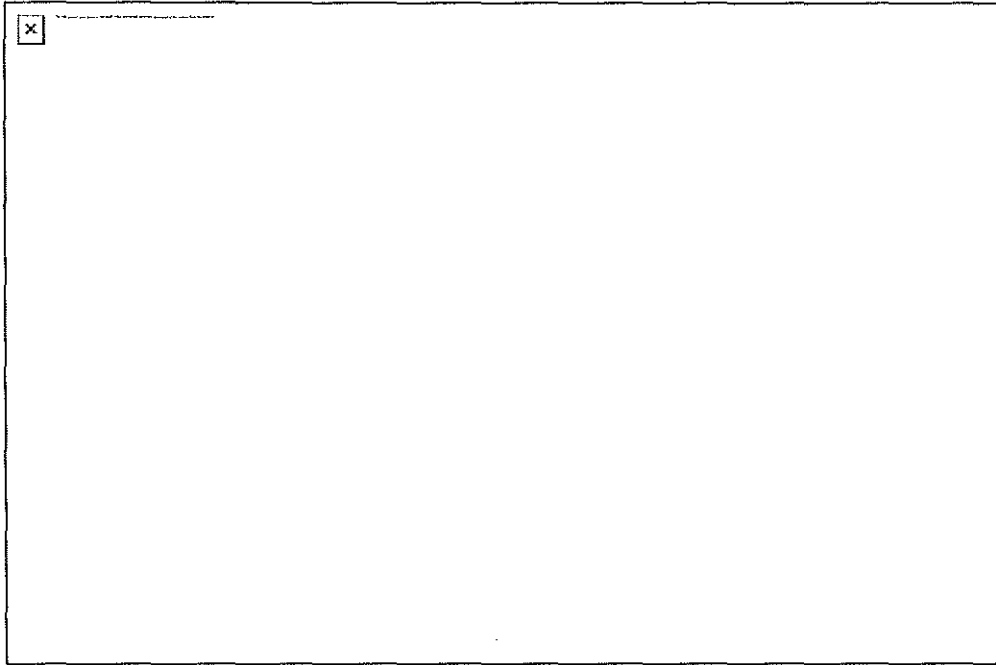
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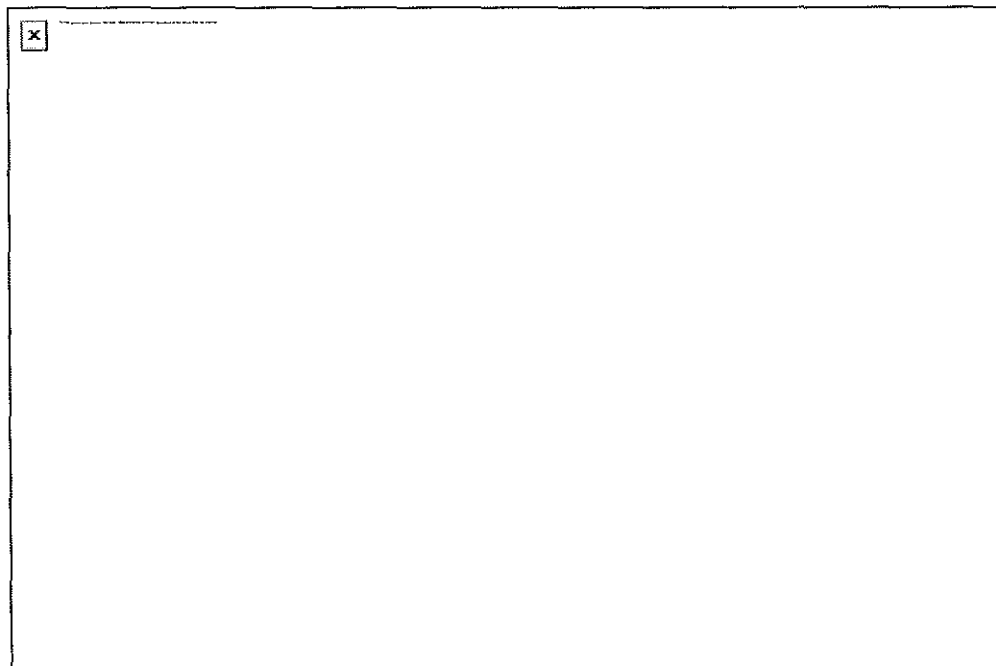
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The Presidential Turkeys arrive at The Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, ahead of Tuesday's National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony at the White House.



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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

As a reminder, you are invited to the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We will be joined by -

- **Ambassador Deborah Birx** (White House Coronavirus Task Force) for a COVID-19 trends and response update;
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci** (Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) for a vaccine approval and efficacy update;
- **Dr. Robert Redfield** (Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for a vaccine distribution update; and
- **RADM Michael Iademarco** (Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC) for a COVID-19 testing update.

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](#) (please disregard if you have previously registered)

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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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On Tuesday, December 8, President Trump will host a **Coronavirus Vaccine Summit** at the White House. The summit will bring together leaders from the federal government, State, local & Tribal governments, private sector, military, and scientific community for a comprehensive discussion as the Administration prepares to deliver life-saving vaccines to the American people. We will share additional information about the summit next week. You will be able to view the summit live [here](#).

And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to learn more and find a

location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update 🏠 Operation Warp Speed 🏠
- 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 43rd Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- November Jobs Numbers - The Rebound Continues
- Presidential Medal of Freedom for Lou Holtz
- 2020 White House Christmas Decorations 🎄

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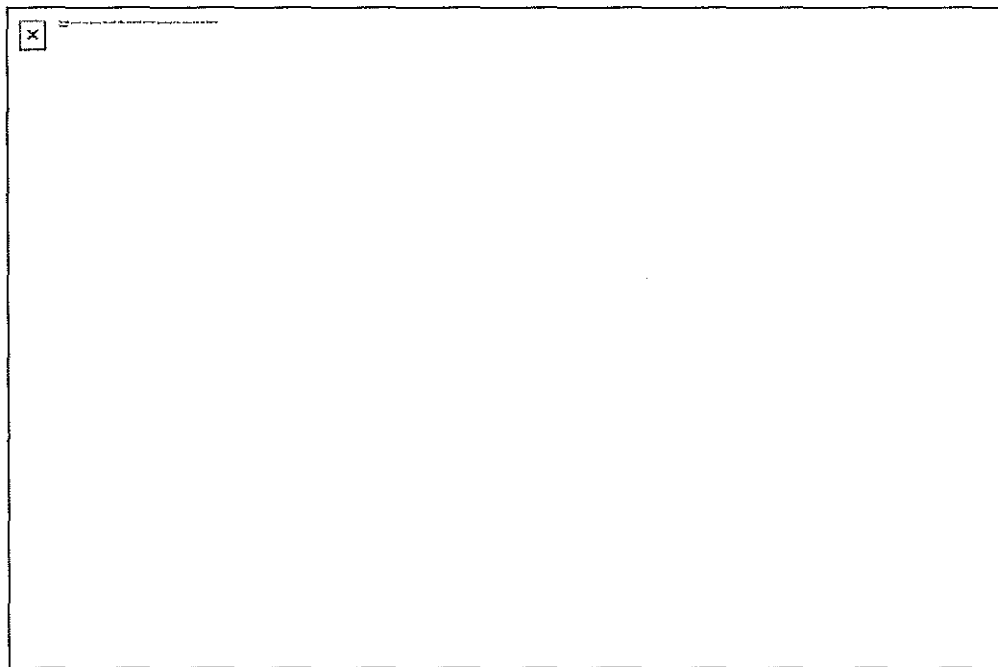
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COVID-19 Update

This week, Vice President Mike Pence traveled to Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia to highlight the work of **Operation Warp Speed** and ensuring vaccines are distributed quickly to the American people. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **delivered an update** from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics.

Operation Warp Speed is focused on the development of treatments for COVID-19 along with a safe and effective vaccine. All 64 public health jurisdictions— including the 50 states, 8 territories and 6 major metropolitan areas – submitted their vaccine distribution microplans to the CDC in October, and the CDC reviewed and provided feedback on these iterative documents. Now as the Administration moves toward distribution these 64 jurisdictions will help communicate guidance and distribute instructions to the American people. All 64 jurisdictions' plan draft executive summaries are available for review [here](#).



On Thursday, December 3, Vice President Pence and HHS Secretary Azar traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to meet with

Governor Bill Lee and participate in a roundtable highlighting Operation Warp Speed and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine distribution program, and Tennessee's plan to operationalize vaccinations once approved.

 **Vice President Pence: Pleased to be joined**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Readout from the 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

In addition to the readout, we would like to highlight that on Thursday, December 3,

President Trump approved a federal funding extension for the National Guard's COVID-19 relief work through the end of March 2021. The extension reflects President Trump's consistent recognition of the important role the men and women of the National Guard play in the response to and economic recovery from COVID-19. President Trump's extension of federal funding for the National Guard is yet another unprecedented, proactive step in providing State's with the resources they need in their response to COVID-19.

Participants on the December 2nd call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
- Dr. Robert Redfield, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- RADM Michael Iademarco, *Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC*

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator: Ambassador Birx provided an update on trends observed from her travel across the country meeting with State, local, and Tribal leaders. Dr. Birx noted the rise in cases and hospitalizations across the country. Where cases had risen in the Rocky Mountains, Northern plains, and in the heartland states - which recently received cold temperatures - these regions have shown COVID-19 cases stabilizing prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. These states will be a helpful indicator as data reporting becomes available in the coming weeks to determine any potential surge from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Birx encouraged individuals who may not have closely followed mitigation measures to get tested. Dr. Birx noted the importance of testing in identifying asymptomatic cases.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH: Dr. Fauci provided an update on the Government's Federal efforts on vaccine planning and distribution. The Federal Government has been working in coordination with State and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine to the American people in record time. Dr. Fauci indicated that the speed of which a vaccine has become available is a reflection of the extraordinary technological advances that started nearly a decade ago, which has led to the

utilization of the scientific data today. This speed is a result of the investment of billions of dollars from Operation Warp Speed that provided funding at once, rather than over time.

The process of determining a safe and effective vaccine has been a sound process free from outside influence. Career scientists who analyze the data are an independent body and work hand-in-hand with the FDA allowing for full transparency.

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dr. Redfield provided an update on the distribution plan for the 64 jurisdictions. Within the jurisdictions, there is a micro-jurisdiction plan, which emphasizes the importance of supporting each community through the Coronavirus pandemic. This week, the CDC completed exercises with all jurisdictions that simulated the distribution plan and addressed any potential glitches. On this micro-level, Governors and their states will help determine and facilitate how to best distribute and apply the vaccines.

Along with Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx is asking all States and local communities to begin using their BinaxNow COVID-19 tests that have already been sent to States. Dr. Birx emphasized that if communities can get 20-25 county workers to get tested, it will make a significant impact.

Additionally, Dr. Redfield announced that HHS is laying the necessary groundwork for the distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine by ensuring that all tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations have the choice on how they receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On December 1, 2020, HHS announced that all tribal health programs and UIOs (Urban Indian Organizations) have chosen their preferred method for receiving the vaccine. Tribal health programs and UIOs had the option of receiving the vaccine either through the Indian Health Service or their respective state. Once available, COVID-19 vaccines will be allocated to jurisdictions, including the IHS, who will then distribute to tribal health programs and UIOs.

Finally, the CDC announced on December 2, 2020 options to reduce quarantine for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others. It also ensures that persons who become symptomatic or are otherwise diagnosed during quarantine can be rapidly brought to care and evaluated. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose personal burdens that may

affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Based on local circumstances and resources, CDC finds the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable to the recommended 14 days.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
 - With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
 - With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.

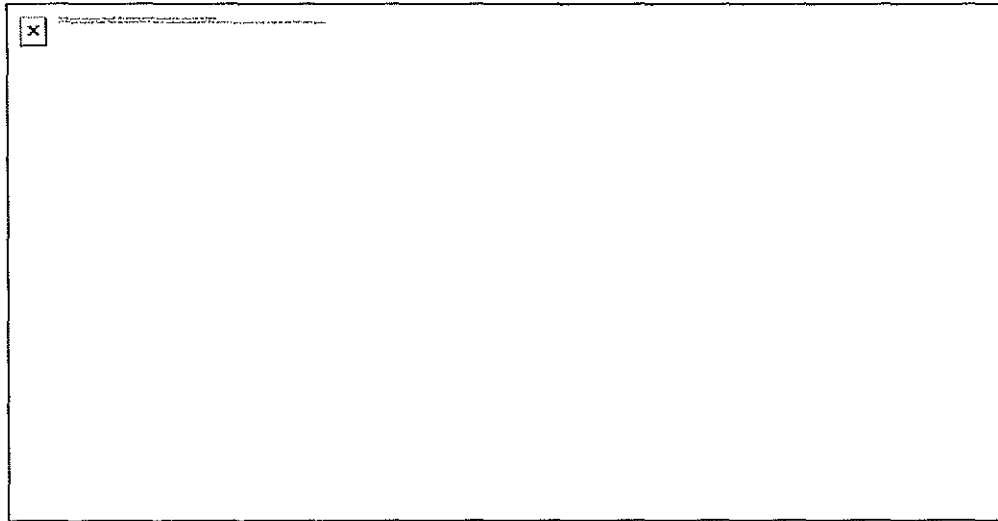
■ **Read More: Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing**

RADM Michael Iademarco, Director, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, CDC: RADM Michael F. Iademarco, MD, MPH is Director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who discussed the importance of the successful Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit that has been authorized by the FDA for home use provides the ability to efficiently track and monitor results.

Also do not forget that if you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more [here](#).

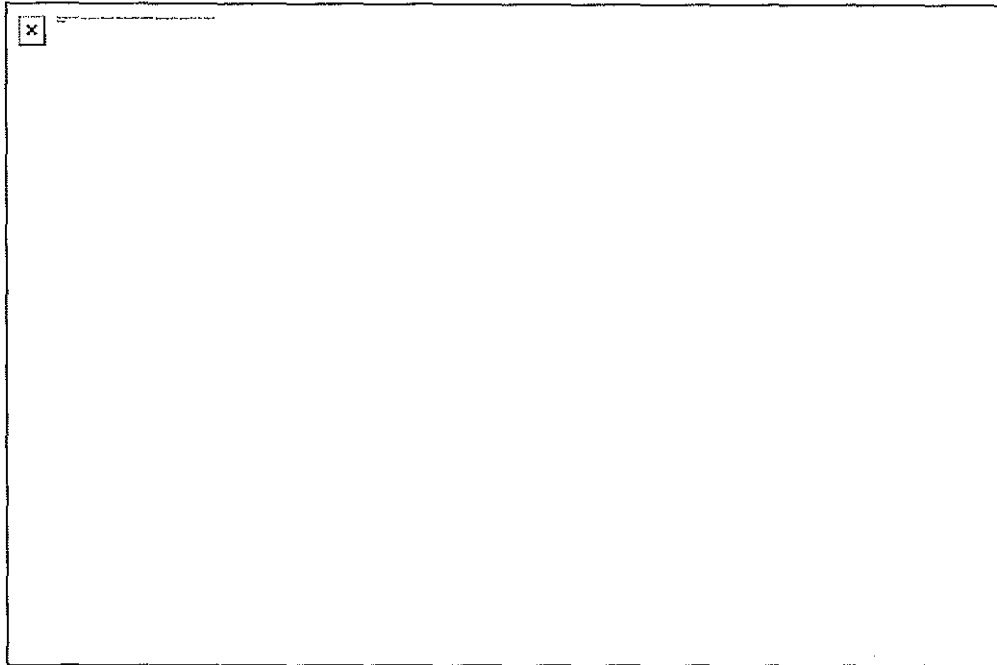
To find where you can donate source plasma, visit donatingplasma.org and coronavirus.gov.

 **Surgeon General Jerome Adams: Been previously diagnosed with #COVID19 & fortunate enough to have recovered? Well you can help others recover too, by donating your plasma. It has antibodies that could literally save a life. Find out where you can donate at <http://thefightisinus.org>. Because the fight is in YOU!**



The White House has hosted 31 National COVID-19 Briefing Calls reaching more than 70,000 State, local, and Tribal officials in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Readout from the 43st Governors Call on COVID-19



On Monday, November 30, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts including the continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

 Vice President Pence: In August, President @realDonaldTrump said we would have a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year, and today, American companies have produced 2 Vaccines in RECORD TIME! Once approved, we will inoculate millions by years end! Help is on the Way America! 

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Vice President Mike Pence
- Secretary Alex Azar, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator
- General Gustave F. Perna, Chief Operation Officer, Operation Warp Speed (OWS)
- Director Anthony Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, HHS
- Director Robert Redfield, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS
- Commissioner Stephen Hahn, M.D., Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS

- Brigadier General David Sanford, Defense Supply Center & Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
- Assistant Administrator David Bibo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Vice President discussed with governors the ongoing whole-of-government effort to mitigate and respond to COVID-19, ongoing robust partnership to prepare in distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine with our nation's governors and public health jurisdictions, and provided an update on key state and federal medical supply chain management efforts. Governors, including Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, highlighted their best practices on distributing and administering a safe and effective vaccine.

The Vice President also noted that the Federal government has worked towards 90-day Federal stockpile for PPE and supplies, and establishing ongoing mechanism to replenish the stockpile.

 **FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor: This morning I participated in an Agency Review Team briefing on current needs and status of PPE and #COVID19 supplies. Thank you to @DHSgov and @HHSgov for your ongoing partnership in the ongoing response efforts.**

FDA Commissioner Dr. Hahn and Dr. Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments, and reminded governors about the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process. Specifically, Dr. Hahn reiterated that the rigorous standards of the approval process—even in the context of an expedited timeline created by Operation Warp Speed—leads to no cut corners.

General Perna provided an update on vaccine distribution and administration planning efforts including reviewing outstanding State-Federal needs, ongoing table top exercises with public and private partners, and ongoing communication with state partners. Further, General Perna called on governors to ensure that healthcare providers are included in State distribution plans to increase States' operational effectiveness.

Secretary Azar provided on update on Moderna's vaccine trial and the impending submission of the company's EUA application. Additionally, Secretary Azar provided an update on an aspect of

Operation Warp Speed that has resulted in 99% of nursing homes partnering with private pharmacies to ensure the safe and effective delivery of vaccines to nursing home residents.

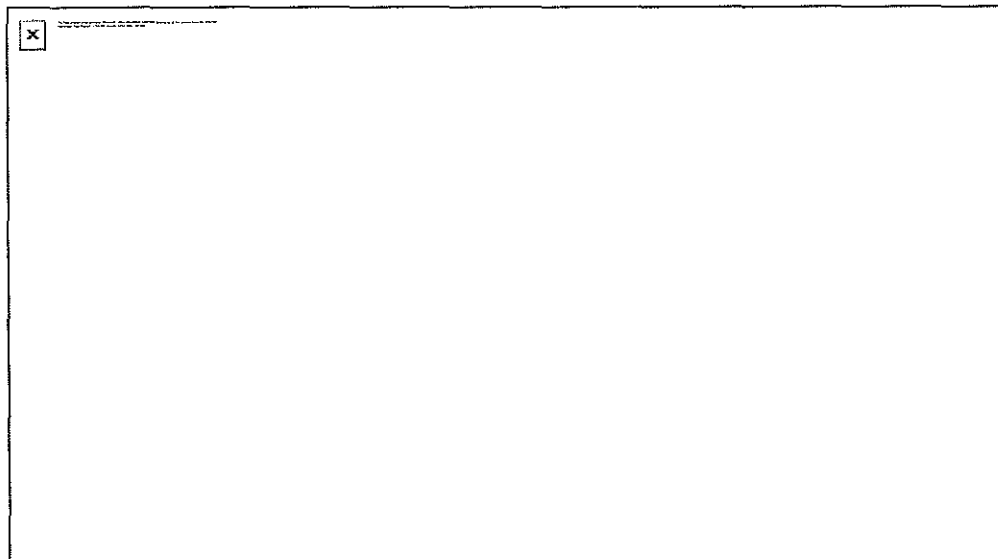
Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine planning and CDC planning activities. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution interim plans to the CDC earlier in October, the CDC reviewed these iterative documents providing feedback to states recently, and states are working to finalize their plans in the coming days.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed engagement meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 43 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

November Jobs Numbers - Economy Continues Rebound

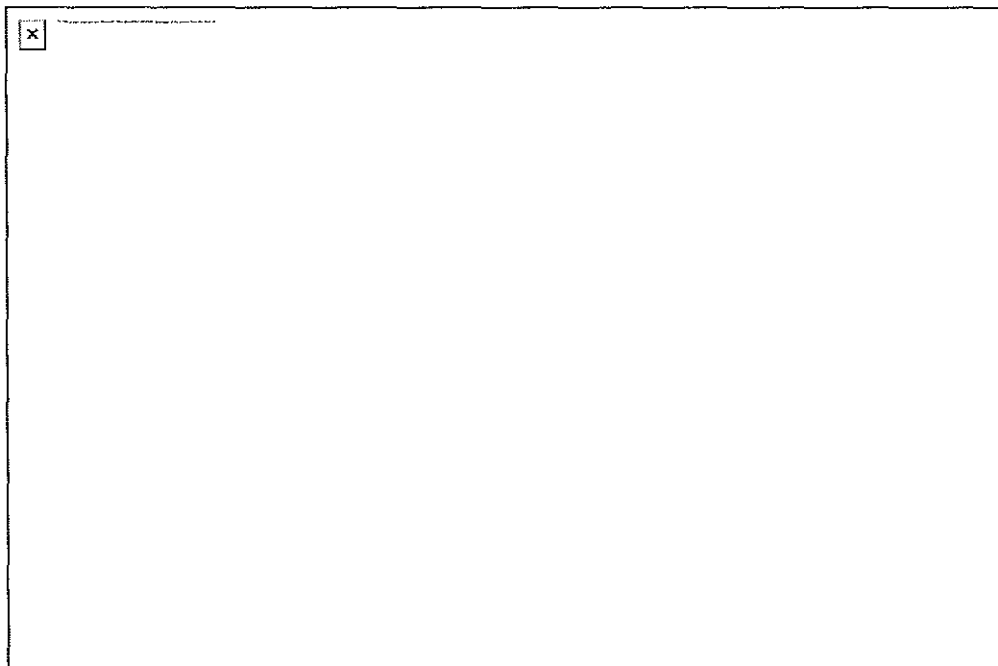
On Friday, December 4, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics released jobs numbers showing the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in November with the unemployment rate dropping by 0.2 percent to 6.7 percent. The net 245,000 jobs added in November included an increase of 344,000 jobs in the private sector.



Per the Council of Economic Advisors, since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.3 million jobs. This is 4 million more jobs than predicted by the Congressional Budget Office in July. The economy has now recovered roughly 6 in 10 (56%) of pandemic job losses in just 7 months. Roughly two-thirds (66.8%) of jobs gains over the past 7 months occurred in the retail, leisure & hospitality, and education & health services sectors.

■ **Read More: [The White House Favors a Bridge to Recovery](#)**

President Trump Awards the Medal of Freedom to Lou Holtz



On Thursday, December 4, 2020, **President Donald J. Trump awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Louis Leo Holtz**. This prestigious award is the Nation's highest civilian honor, which may be awarded by the President to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

America recognizes Lou Holtz as one of the greatest football coaches of all time for his unmatched accomplishments on the gridiron, but he is also a philanthropist, author, and true American patriot. After growing up in a small town in West Virginia, Holtz attended Kent State University, becoming the first member of his family to enroll in college. At Kent State, Holtz played football, studied history, and joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. For the

next 7 years, he honorably served as an Officer in the United States Army Reserves. When asked about his service during an interview with the American Legion, Holtz said, "I was taught at an early age that I had an obligation to serve my country."

 **Watch: [Congratulations @CoachLouHoltz88!](#)**

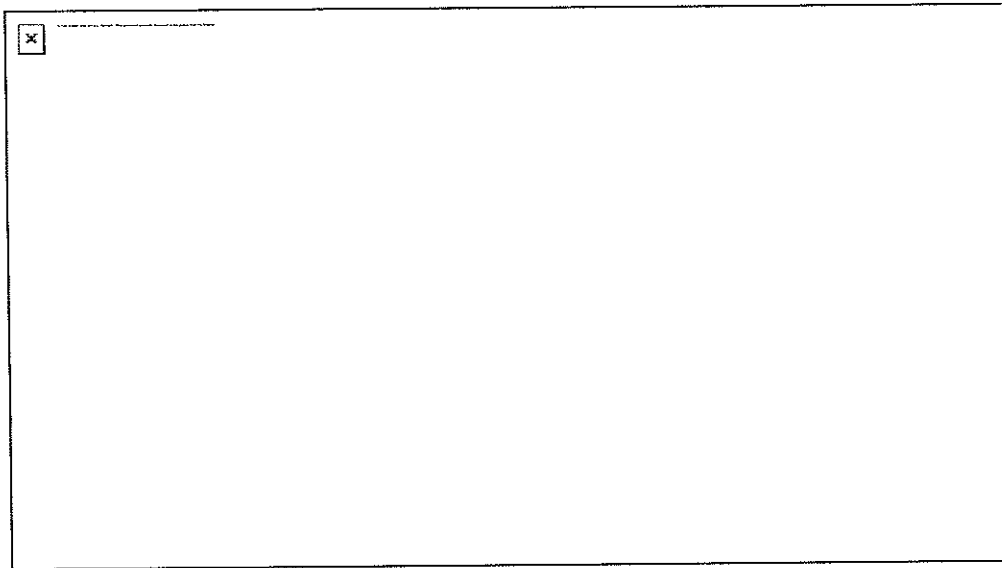
Upon graduating from Kent State, Holtz began his historic coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa before landing his first head-coaching job at the College of William and Mary, leading the team to the Southern Conference Title and an appearance in the Tangerine Bowl. Over the next 35 years, Holtz led successful college and professional football teams, including North Carolina State, the University of Arkansas, the New York Jets, the University of Minnesota, and the University of South Carolina, compiling an impressive overall record of 249-132-7. Most notably, Holtz earned an outstanding 100-30-2 record in 11 seasons at the University of Notre Dame. His 1988 team earned a perfect 12-0 record and were crowned national champions. Most importantly, he inspired generations of young athletes along the way.

Since his retirement from coaching, Holtz has authored several books, contributed to ESPN and CBS as a sports analyst, and continues to give back to his community through two of his own charities, the Holtz Charitable Foundation and the Holtz's Heroes Foundation. In commemoration of his outstanding accomplishments both on and off the football field, Holtz was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Notre Dame, the University of South Carolina, Trine University, and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He was also elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, and the Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame, among many other well-deserved accolades.

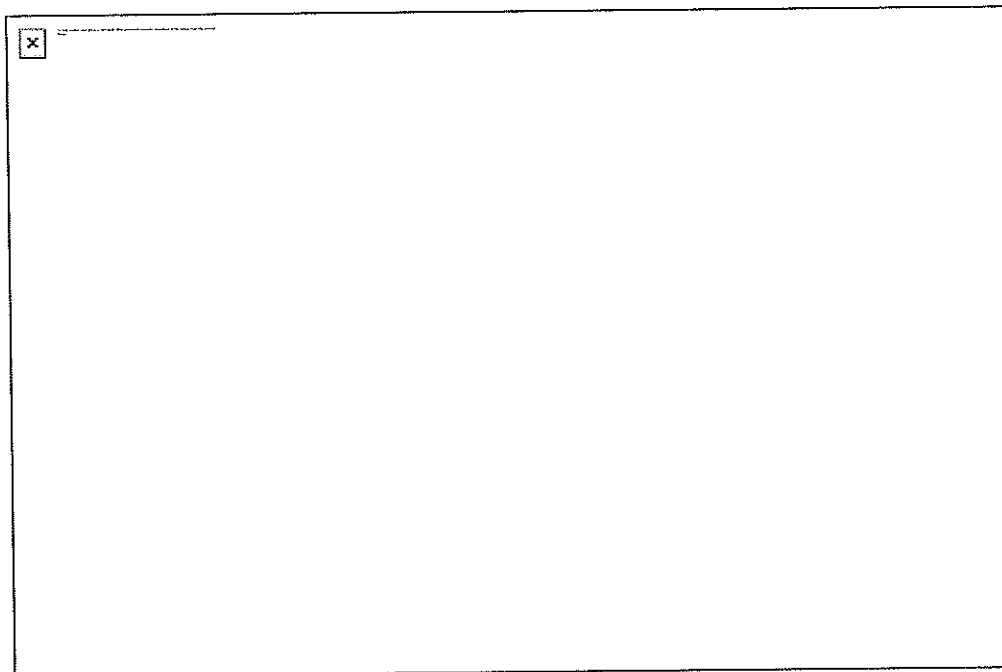
2020 White House Christmas Decorations

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

 First Lady Melania Trump: During this special time of the year, I am delighted to share “America the Beautiful” and pay tribute to the majesty of our great Nation. Together, we celebrate this land we are all proud to call home. #WHChristmas



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



First Lady Melania Trump tours young, talented children around the White House to unveil the art they depicted of what makes their state beautiful by highlighting the people, places, and things that capture the spirit of the state in which they call home. The First Lady's BE BEST initiative focuses on building a brighter future for America's children. Learn more [here](#).



First Lady Melania Trump: Décor in the @WhiteHouse Library celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Trees are adorned with ornaments featuring notable women in our Nation's history & center tables showcase children's art from @Flotus #BuildingtheMovement exhibit #WHChristmas.

On Thursday, December 3, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump continued the tradition started by President Calvin Coolidge in 1923, of the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Watch the virtual ceremony [here](#).



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

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update - Operation Warp Speed

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to participate in an **Operation Warp Speed briefing call TODAY, Monday, December 7th at 5 PM Eastern** with Senior Administration officials. The call will preview the upcoming Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Summit at the White House on Tuesday, December 8th and provide an update on the rapid development and distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine to save millions of American lives. Find call registration and additional information about the Summit and Operation Warp Speed below.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Monday, December 7th, 2020

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

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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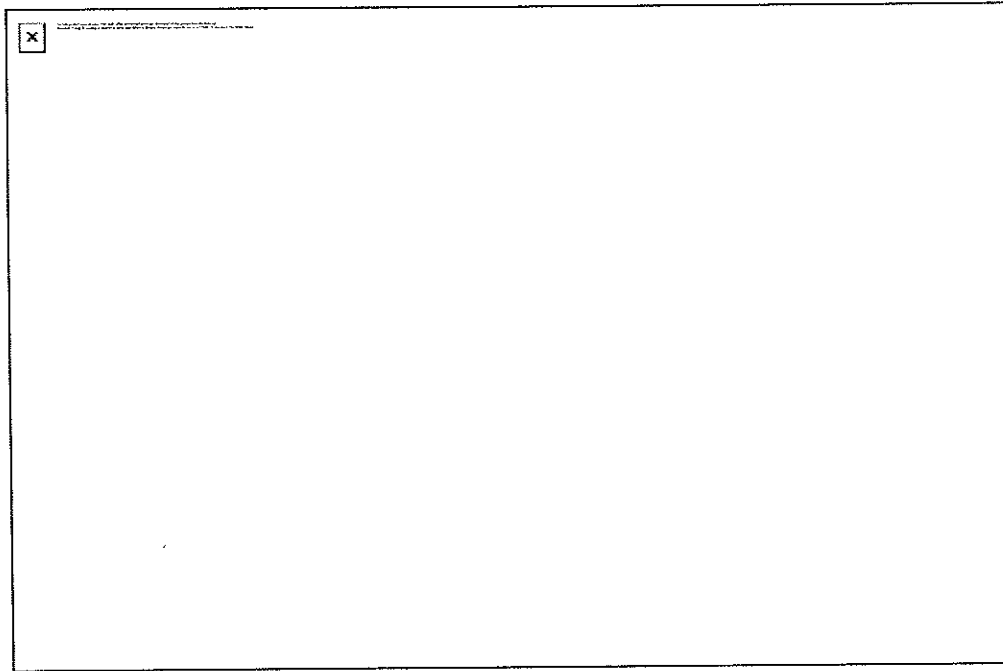
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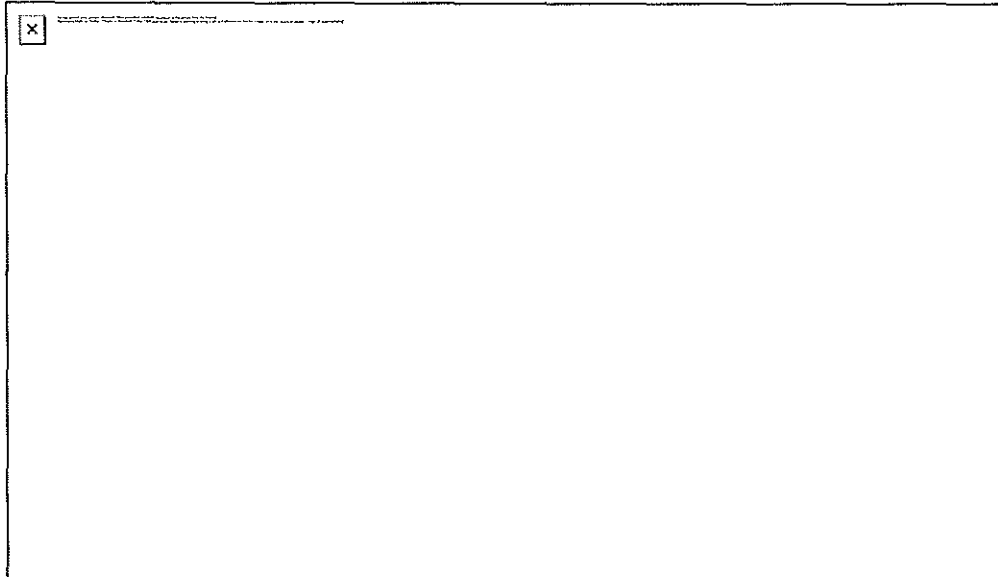
Operation Warp Speed



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

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

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

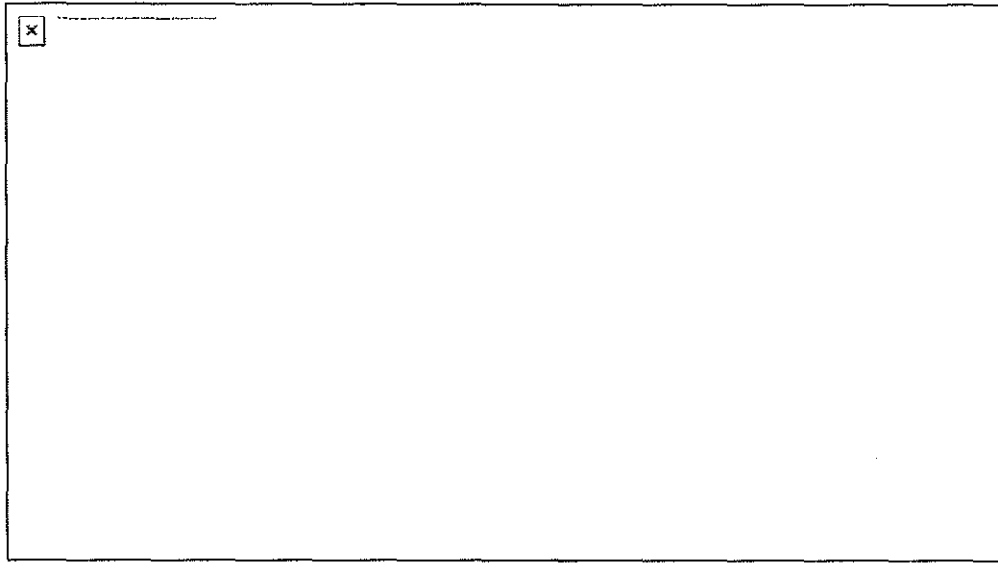


President Trump is committed to providing free or low-cost COVID-19 countermeasures to the American people as soon as possible. On Friday, November 13, President Trump **announced** from the Rose Garden that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December (followed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

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

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

here.



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

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

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

are taking place across the country (learn more [here](#)).

Additional Information

- **Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed** ([here](#))
- **CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations (Version 2.0).** You can find the full [Interim Playbook Here](#).
- **State-Submitted Vaccine Distribution Draft Plans** ([here](#))
- **Overview from the Factory to the Frontlines – The Operation Warp Speed Strategy for Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine** (*11 pages*; [here](#))
- **Dr. Slaoui, Dr. Greene, & Dr. Woodcock Op-Ed in the New England Journal of Medicine: Bridging the Gap at Warp Speed — Delivering Options for Preventing and Treating Covid-19** ([here](#))
- **Dr. Hahn & Dr. Marks Op-Ed: The FDA's Scientific and Regulatory Oversight of Vaccines is Vital to Public Health** ([here](#))
- **HHS Secretary Azar Op-Ed: How We're Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at 'Warp Speed'** ([here](#))
- **FDA Commissioner Hahn Op-Ed: No Matter What, Only a Safe, Effective Vaccine Will Get Our Approval** ([here](#))
- **Equitable Allocation of a COVID-19 Vaccine Draft Framework:** At the request of the NIH and CDC, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine has released draft framework for equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine ([here](#))
- **Encourage Participation in Clinical Trials:** The Vice President has asked State and local officials to encourage citizens to participate in clinical trials. For more information, visit [CoronavirusPreventionNetwork.org](https://www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org)

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Operation Lady Justice Briefing Call

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), you are invited to join a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials for an update on Operation Lady Justice, including a report from the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report, which follows consultations with Tribal governments, is available [here](#).

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

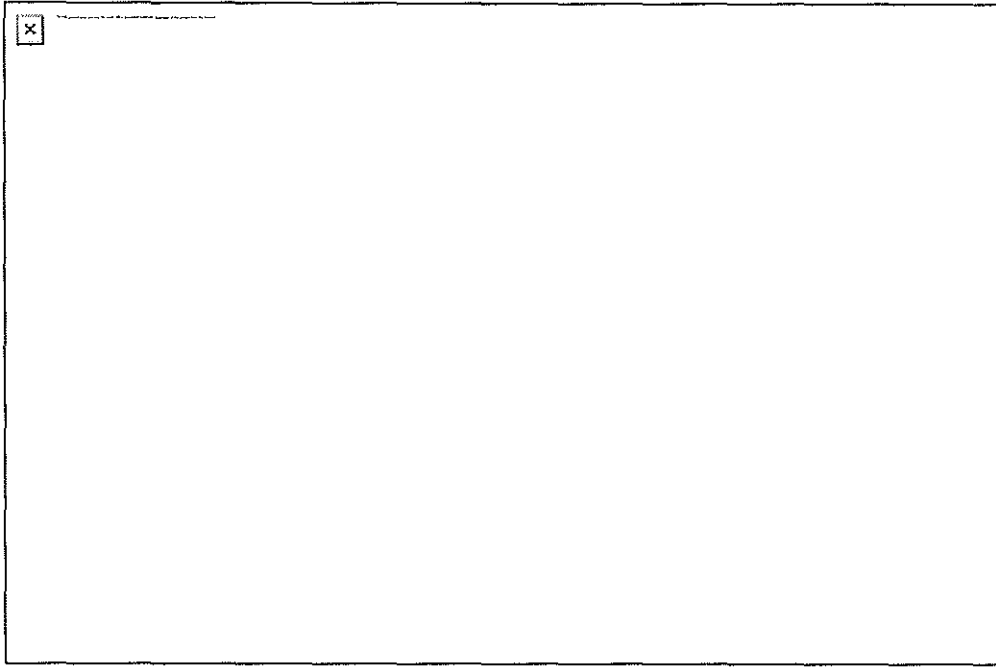
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President Trump, joined by Tribal leaders, signs the Executive Order on Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives on November 26, 2019.

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

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

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

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**The Trump Administration Is Supporting Native American and Alaska
Native Communities**

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

President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country centered on five core principles to empower and lift all communities.

- The policy vision - **Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!** - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country to lift all communities and outlines an ambitious agenda to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities
- White House and Senior Administration officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

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

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

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

- President Trump **signed** legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia and **announced** support for the federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, which has sought federal recognition for over 130 years.

- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- **Repatriated** a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.
- **Advanced** systematic efforts to collaborate and consult with tribal leaders to identify further opportunities to repatriate culturally important items. More [here](#).
- **Advanced** an updated eagle remains policy allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

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

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

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

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a **proclamation** in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

Awareness Day. The President signed a second **proclamation** on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.

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

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

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.

- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, President Trump signed into law the **Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill)** which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- Invested nearly **\$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

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And remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to learn more and find a location near you.

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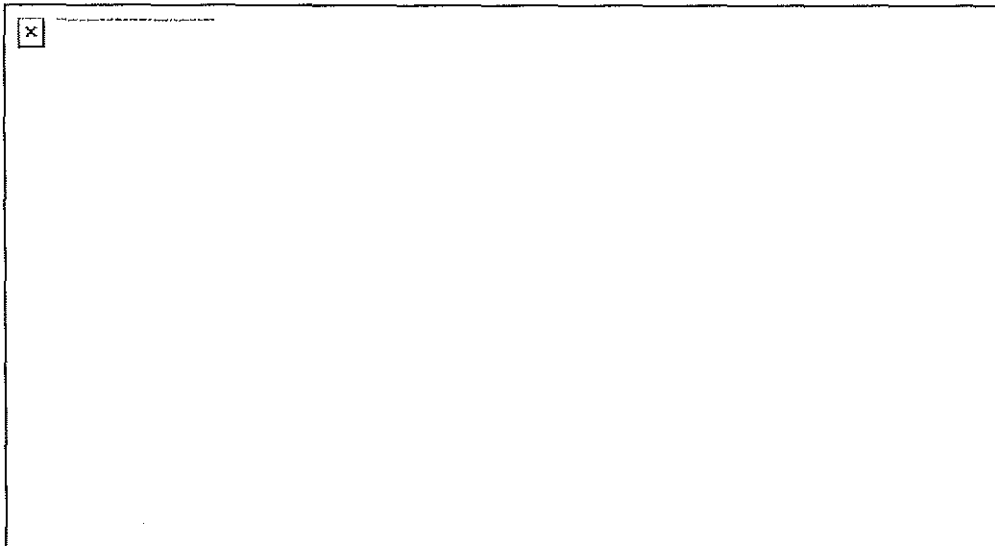
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BREAKING NEWS: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine

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

 **[Read More: FDA Takes Key Action in Fight Against COVID-19 By Issuing Emergency Use Authorization for First COVID-19 Vaccine](#)**



Click [here](#) to watch President Trump's address.

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

Read more tweets from HHS Secretary Azar [here](#).

A link to the full FDA press release is [here](#). The press release also provides information and discussion on available safety and effectiveness data.

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

Operation Warp Speed and private sector partners now begin distributing the first allocation of

doses to sites designated by the public health jurisdictions and five federal agencies with which OWS and CDC have been working to plan distribution. HHS Secretary Azar and Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller have issued statements on this next step, and they can be viewed [here](#).

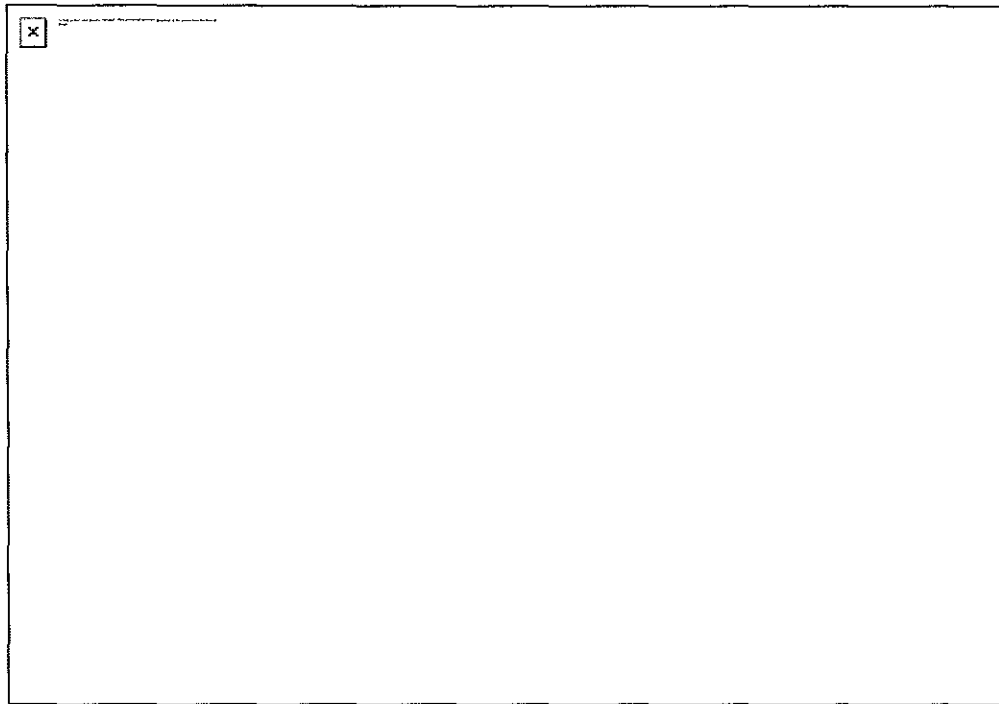
For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, the EUA process, and guidance to industry for developing a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)
- [Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Summit

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Americans.

100 Million Additional Doses of Moderna Vaccine Purchased

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

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

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

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

DOD Announces Vaccine Distribution Plan

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

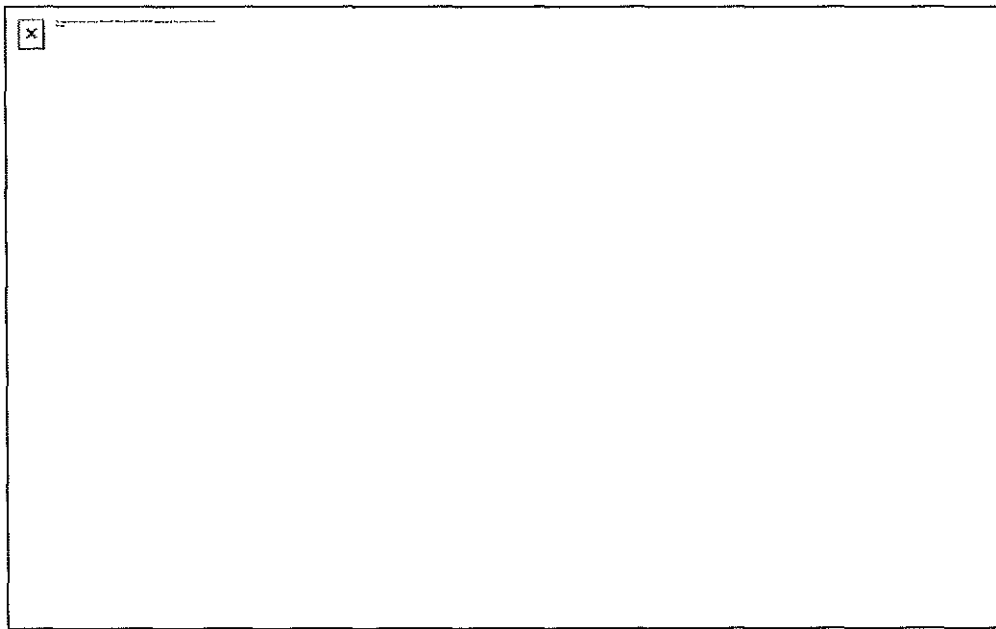
The distribution of the allocated COVID-19 vaccines will begin once the U.S. Federal Drug Administration authorizes the COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use and in accordance with Operation Warp Speed guidance.

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

■ Read More: [Memo on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccine Guidance](#)

Vice President's COVID-19 Travel Engagements

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



Click the [video](#) above to watch the full roundtable discussion on vaccine progress under Operation Warp Speed.

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

■ Read More: [Remarks by Vice President Pence on Vaccine Progress](#)

Statements from our Nation's Governors

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

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

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

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

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

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- President Donald J. Trump

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

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

- The United States has led and will continue to lead the world's public health and humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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

- From the outset of the pandemic, President Trump and his Administration have worked tirelessly to combat COVID-19 and protect Americans.
- President Trump took early and aggressive action to prevent spread of the virus in America and reacted quickly to completely revolutionize America's testing system for COVID-19.
- The President has leveraged the Defense Production Act to expedite production and delivery of critically-needed medical equipment such as ventilators and personal protective equipment.

- The President and his Administration have always followed a strategy rooted in the bedrock objective of saving lives and helping our country safely reopen, and stay open.
- President Trump has rejected pursuing across-the-board shutdowns, mandates, and restrictions, which inflict more harm on the American people and United States economy than they would prevent.

National News Clips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local News Clips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABC WXYZ Detroit: Rochester Hills mayor recaps White House summit on COVID-19 vaccine
News Radio 1080 KRLD: Fort Worth Mayor to attend COVID-19 vaccine distribution summit

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,029 COVID-19 briefings with over 257,965 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

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32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

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

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

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🏔 First COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized & Administered 🏔

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

 **[President Donald J. Trump: First Vaccine Administered. Congratulations USA!](#)**

Congratulations WORLD!

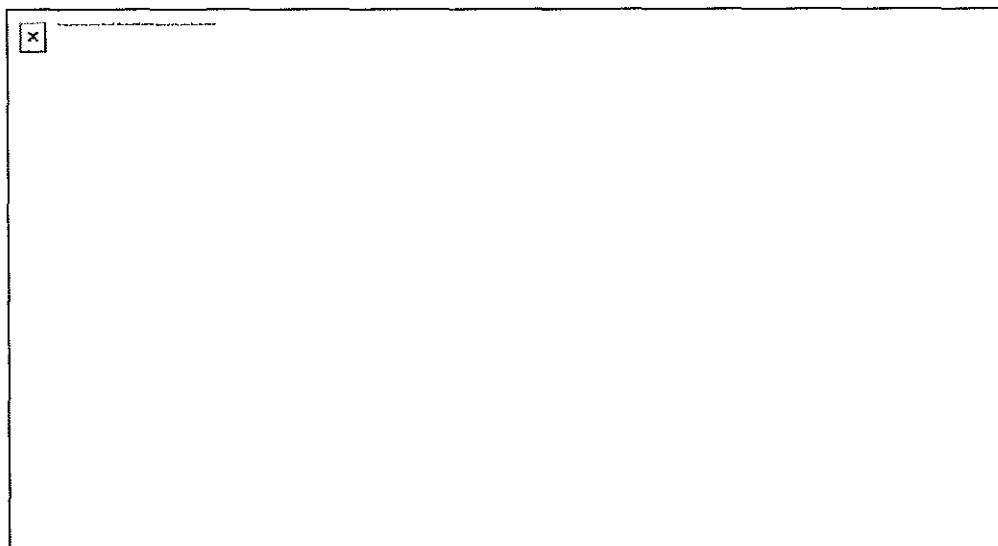
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

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

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

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

- **[COVID-19 Vaccines](#)**
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Would you like to send the email, or would you like me to?

Thank you,
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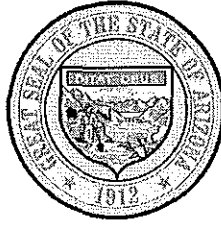
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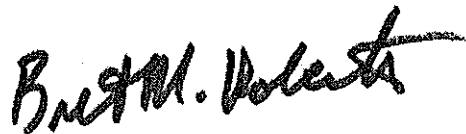
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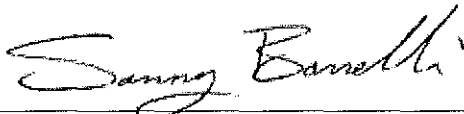
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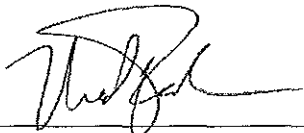
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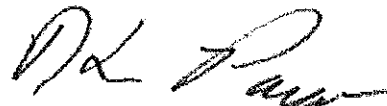
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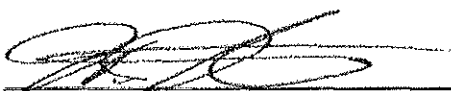
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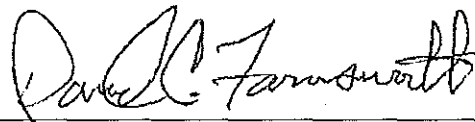
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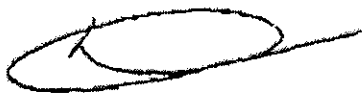
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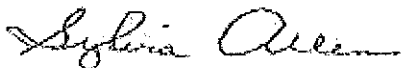
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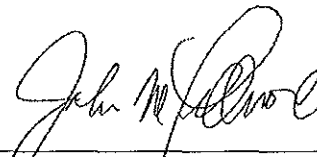
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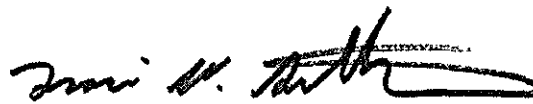
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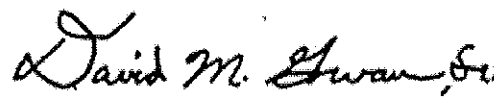
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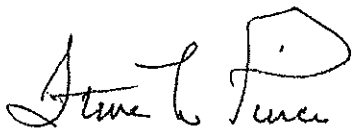
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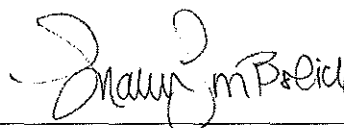
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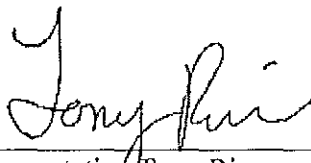
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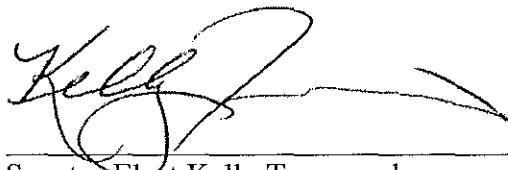
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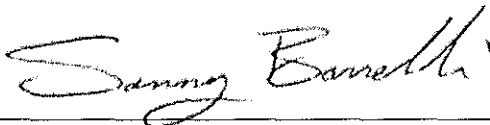
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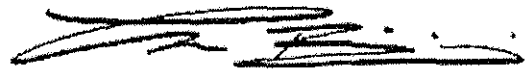
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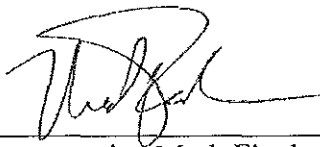
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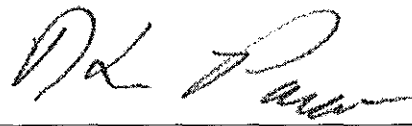
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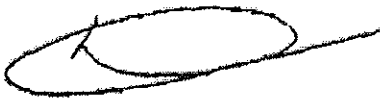
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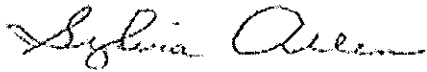
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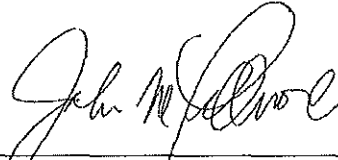
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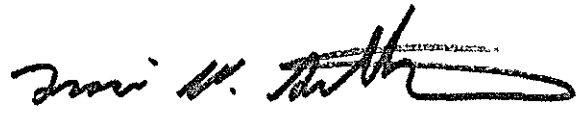
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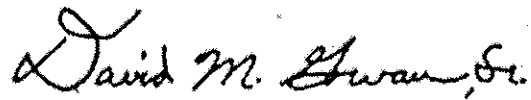
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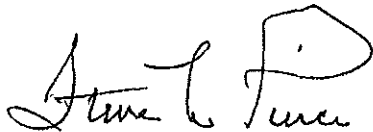
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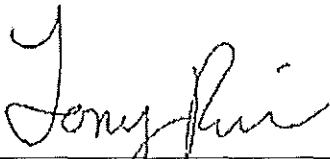
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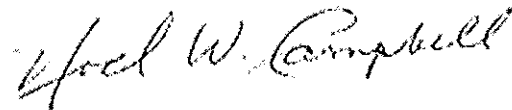
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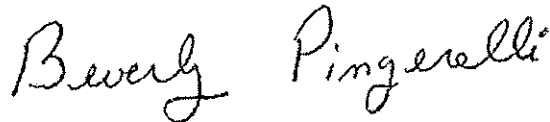
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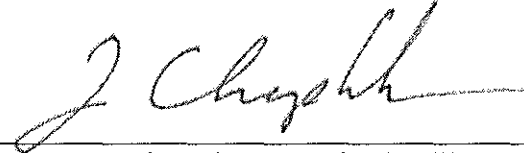
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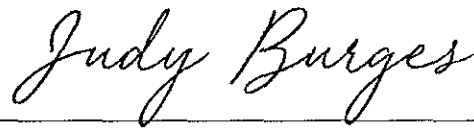
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Senator Elect Wendy Rogers, Lt Col, USAF (ret)
Legislative District 6



Representative Elect Quang Nguyen
Legislative District 1

Addendum permitted and forthcoming, pending the authorization of additional members.
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Ashley McIver

From: KayRee Kubat
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Kelly Townsend
Subject: RE: Need email address to send AZ Resolution to VP Pence

Perfect! ●

From: Kelly Townsend <ktownsend@azleg.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Kelly Townsend <ktownsend@azleg.gov>; KayRee Kubat <KKubat@azleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Need email address to send AZ Resolution to VP Pence

Got it. Thanks!!!

Thank you,

Kelly J. Townsend
Chair – Elections Committee
Member, Legislative District 16
Arizona House of Representatives
602.926.4467
ktownsend@azleg.gov

From: Kelly Townsend <ktownsend@azleg.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Brennan, Caroline <Caroline.Brennan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Kelly Townsend <ktownsend@azleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Need email address to send AZ Resolution to VP Pence

Thank you very much, Caroline.

I appreciate your prompt response and will reach out to Mr. Hodgson.

Respectfully,

KayRee Kubat on behalf of Senator-Elect Kelly Townsend
Administrative Assistant to
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Chair of Elections Committee
Arizona House of Representatives
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From: Brennan, Caroline <Caroline.Brennan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Kelly Townsend <ktownsend@azleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Need email address to send AZ Resolution to VP Pence

Hi Kelly,

Chris Hodgson is the Director of Legislative Affairs for OVP: Christopher.M.Hodgson@ovp.eop.gov

Best,
Caroline

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From: Kelly Townsend <ktownsend@azleg.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Brennan, Caroline <Caroline.Brennan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Need email address to send AZ Resolution to VP Pence
Importance: High

Hello Caroline,

I'm hoping you can help me.

Senator Elect Kelly Townsend is having trouble finding the best email address(es) to send a resolution from the 54th Legislature of Arizona to the 116th Congress, Office of the President of the Senate, Presiding, that 21 members and 8 members-elect concurring signed on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Do you have an email for Vice President Mike Pence? Or someone who can get this resolution to him?

If you have any questions, feel free to call me on my personal cell phone at

Thank you, in advance, for any help you can offer.

Respectfully,

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