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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

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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.

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.](#)

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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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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 📧

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White House Weekly Recap

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

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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.

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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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!**



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Readout from the 43st Governors Call on COVID-19



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

 **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.

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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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