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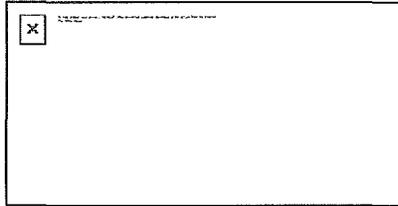
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Subject: President's Advisory 1776 Commission Issues "The 1776 Report"



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On behalf of President Trump's Advisory 1776 Commission, we wanted to alert you to today's publication of "The 1776 Report" by the President's Advisory 1776 Commission. Below is a preview of what is contained in the report and a link to the full report can be found [here](#).

1776 COMMISSION TAKES HISTORIC AND SCHOLARLY STEP TO RESTORE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREATNESS OF THE AMERICAN FOUNDING

1776 Commission – comprised of some of America's most distinguished scholars and historians – has released a report presenting a definitive chronicle of the American founding, a powerful description of the impact the principles of the Declaration of Independence have had on this nation's history, and a dispositive rebuttal to attempts that seek to reframe American history around the idea that the United States is not an exceptional country.

- The report calls for a restoration of American education grounded in history that is "accurate, honest, unifying, inspiring, and ennobling."
- The report travels through history highlighting how the principles of the Declaration have led America to Independence, impelled the abolition of slavery, guided us through Civil War and World War, laid the foundation of the righteous movement for civil rights, summoned the moral force to defeat 20th century totalitarianism in the form of fascist, Nazi and communist ideologies and regimes, and made America into what it is today, the most free, inclusive, and equal society in human history.
- The report responds to false and disparaging narratives of American history by encouraging a "scholarship of freedom" that is based on a true and honest examination of this nation's past and the heroes who have preserved the Republic since 1776.

1776 Commission report places the American family at the forefront of its call for patriotic education and issues a challenge to culture leaders to produce works that express the American spirit.

- The report recognizes families as "the first educators" of young Americans, asserting that "when families pray together, they acknowledge together the providence of the Almighty God who gave them their sacred liberty."
- The report reminds citizens that national renewal in America has always been accomplished by faith and adherence to the universal principles laid out in the Declaration of Independence and respect for the rule of law.

- The report calls on opinion shapers – including artists, authors, filmmakers, musicians, and social media influencers – to produce art and content that restores every American’s conviction “to embrace the good, lead virtuous lives, and act with an attitude of hope toward a better and bolder future.”

The 1776 Commission’s report builds on numerous recent actions that President Trump has taken to stand up for the heroes of the American founding and protect and preserve the American way of life.

- President Trump, at Mount Rushmore in July, announced the creation of the first National Garden of American Heroes, a vast outdoor park that will feature the statues of the greatest Americans to ever live.
- In the wake of anti-American riots that toppled statues of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and many other American heroes, President Trump issued an executive order establishing that demolishing a statue without permission will immediately get 10 years in prison.
- President Trump issued an executive order prohibiting critical race theory from being disseminated across the federal government.
- The President has opposed Common Core to ensure that parents – not government – can determine how best to teach their children America’s exceptional history.
- The President has promoted school choice to give parents and students more options for students to learn than failing public schools.
- The President convened the first White House Conference on American History on Constitution Day at the National Archives bringing together some of America’s most brilliant and learned historians, scholars, educators, and statesmen to fearlessly proclaim the truth about our nation’s exceptional past and expose the corrupt anti-American ideology pervading classrooms across the country that seeks to dismantle the nation’s institutions and very identity.

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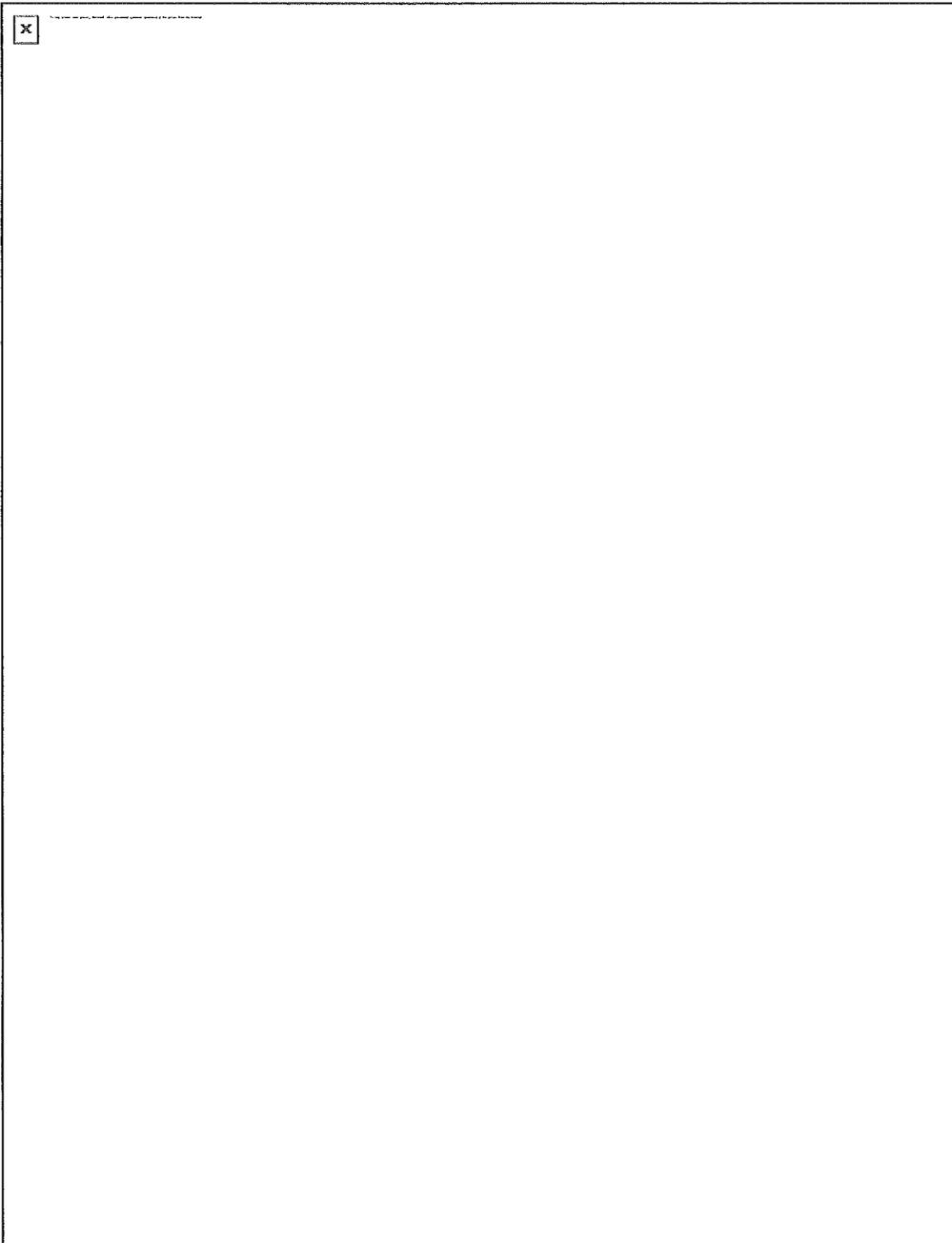


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White House Weekly Recap

for State, Local, and Tribal officials | January 15, 2021

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are providing you this final weekly recap, including a thank-you letter from Doug Hoelscher, Assistant to the President and Director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs, as well as a readout from this weeks' 49th Governors Briefing on COVID-19.



We appreciated your partnership and thank you for your service!

**Readout from the Trump Administration’s 49th Governors Briefing on
COVID-19 Response & Best Practices**

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the White House

Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, state, and federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, including the continued collaboration on vaccine and therapeutic distribution and administration execution.

The Vice President strongly encouraged governors to redouble their efforts to actively collaborate with health care professionals to ensure earlier use of monoclonal antibodies to prevent severe illness and hospitalization. This request was echoed by CDC Director Redfield who encouraged governors and health care leaders to increase access to therapeutics by better leveraging outpatient infusion centers. Seniors and individuals with co-morbidities who test positive should actively inquire with medical professionals about the use of therapeutics and ask for an explanation if they are not receiving potential life-saving therapeutics. As a reminder, NIH issued guidance for the therapeutic management of patients with COVID-19 in early December. The Vice President also encouraged governors to keep messaging on the needed vigilance with washing hands, watching our distance, and wearing a mask when distancing is not possible.

Administrator Gaynor and Brigadier General Sanford provided an update on Federal PPE and medical personnel support. The Vice President underscored that thanks to the successful efforts to modernize and bolster Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), state stockpiles, and even private sector reserves, our Nation now has multiple months of PPE reserves on top of external production and that states should be actively utilizing supplies where needed.

Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed continued collaboration at every level of government to tackle COVID-19 in partnership.

The Vice President commended those states who have gotten off to a strong start with robust programs to quickly vaccinate citizens and encouraged all governors to expand vaccine access for the most vulnerable – particularly citizens over 65 and adults with co-morbidities.

Secretary Azar provided an update on Operation Warp Speed, including efforts to expand eligibility groups to seniors and vulnerable individuals and scale access points for vaccine administration -- not just hospitals but also pharmacies, community health centers, and mass vaccination sites. The Secretary also discussed the release of additional supply given the confidence in vaccine production and discussed future allocation changes based on vaccine administration progress by state. Secretary Azar underscored that there vaccine supply currently

significantly outstrips the requests from states and health officials for vaccine orders and urged states to increase demand and get vaccine shots in arms more quickly.

Commissioner Hahn also provided an update on vaccine developments and the robust FDA approval process. CDC Director Redfield strongly urged governors and their teams to go beyond the initial Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for prioritization to focus on the most vulnerable to help scale vaccinations to available supply.

The Governors of Maine, North Dakota, and West Virginia highlighted best practices for vaccine administration as they are among the states leading the path forward on ensuring prompt vaccination.

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

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 49 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government regarding COVID-19 response, recovery, and vaccination. 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.

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

keep your constituents safe, healthy, and informed.

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

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

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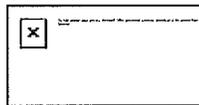


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January 10, 2021

HONORING UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a sign of respect for the service and sacrifice of United States Capitol Police Officers Brian D. Sicknick and Howard Liebengood, and all Capitol Police Officers and law enforcement across this great Nation, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, January 13, 2021. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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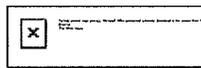


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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, Local, and Tribal officials | January 8, 2021

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

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

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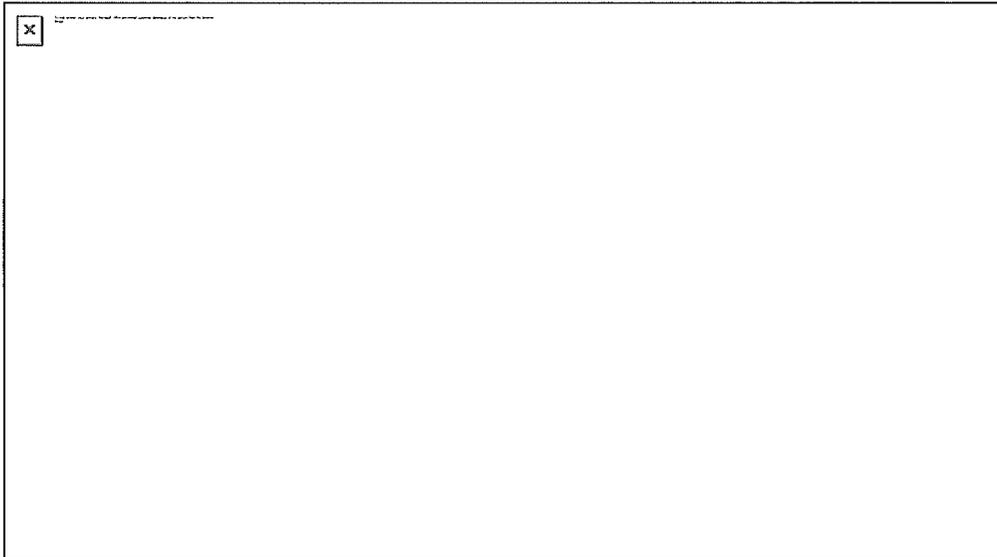
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Readout from the 33rd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

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



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

Participants on the January 6th National COVID-19 Briefing Call included:

- Dan Kowalski, *Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- ADM Brett Giroir, *Assistant Secretary of Health, HHS*
- Paul Mango, *Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, HHS*
- Lt. General Paul Ostrowski, *Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army & Director of the Army Acquisition Corps*
- Governor Jim Justice, *State of West Virginia*

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

- ✓ Wash your hands
- ✓ Watch your distance
- ✓ Wear a mask
- ✓ Ask your doctor about antibody therapies if you test positive & are 65+ or at risk for severe disease
- ✓ Get vaccinated when you can

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

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, providing coronavirus emergency response and relief. Among other provisions, **the legislation extends the deadline for the expenditure of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund monies from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021.**

On December 29, 2020, the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced that it began delivering a second round of **Economic Impact Payments** to millions of Americans as part of the implementation of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. The initial direct deposit payments began that night with paper checks to follow in the weeks ahead. This second round of payments will provide critical economic support to those who, through no fault of their own, have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more: **Treasury Is Delivering Millions of Economic Impact Payments by Prepaid Debit Card**. You and your constituents may check the status of payments at **IRS.gov/GetMyPayment**. For more information about Economic Impact Payments, please visit **IRS.gov/EIP**.

Dan noted that Treasury launched a \$25 billion **emergency rental assistance program** established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The ERAP assists households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are provided directly to States (including the District of Columbia), U.S. Territories, local governments with more than 200,000 residents, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Indian tribes (defined to include certain Alaska native corporations) or the tribally designated housing entity of an Indian tribe (collectively, “eligible grantees”). Eligible grantees must use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs. Read more **here**.

Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*: Dr. Birx provided a brief recap on her travel over the past year. She travelled the country consulting with medical professionals in every corner of States from coast to coast to help them with their pandemic response.

Dr. Birx also provided an update on trends we are currently seeing across the nation. She noted that more testing is being conducted, which is driving the high test positivity. The rate of rise in COVID-19 cases is about 2 times more than this past spring and summer. We are also possibly seeing the United Kingdom’s variant that could have a higher rate of transmission. Overall, much more aggressive actions need to take place as 30 states are now seeing high rates of

hospitalizations, particularly in AZ, CA, OK, SC, and NV to name a few. Dr. Birx's final thought on the call was that it is important for states to have pro-active vaccination plans in place for young individuals because they are often spreading the virus even unknowingly.

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

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

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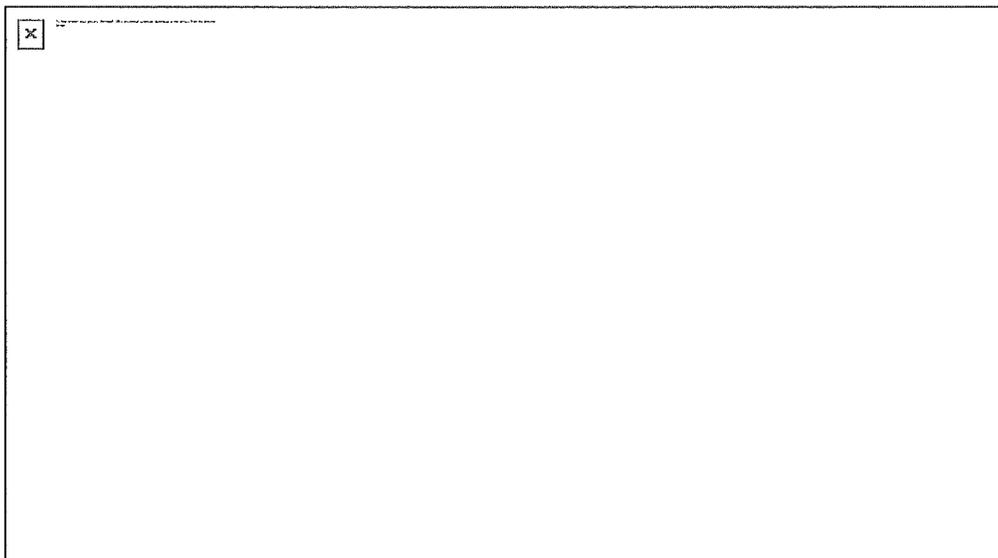
As key leaders in the operations and logistics of Operation Warp Speed, Lt. General Ostrowski and Paul Mango discussed the whole-of-America response to the COVID-19 pandemic which requires coordinated reporting to track and analyze data. This data is reported to state and jurisdictional health departments in accordance with applicable state or local law and in accordance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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

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

Watch: January 6 update from General Gustavo Perna and HHS Secretary Alex Azar

on Operation Warp Speed.



On Thursday, January 7, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced two upcoming actions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide **more than \$22 billion in funding to states, localities, and territories in support of the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic**, as directed by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

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

- More than \$19 billion will be allocated to jurisdictions through the existing CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) cooperative agreement. These awards will support testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation to monitor and suppress the spread of COVID-19. Award recipients will include 64 jurisdictions including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five major cities, and U.S. territories/islands. Consistent with Congressional direction, funds will be allocated by a population-based formula.
- Over \$3 billion will be made available in an initial award to jurisdictions through the existing CDC Immunization and Vaccines for Children cooperative agreement. These awards will support a range of COVID-19 vaccination activities across jurisdictions. Award recipients will include 64 jurisdictions including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five major cities, and U.S. territories/islands. Consistent with Congressional direction, funds will be allocated by a population-based formula.

Surgeon General Jerome Adams: OWS will send vaccinations to where States want to and tell us. Many have not only expanded to phases beyond 1A but are using pharmacy chains and other sites to expand vaccination locations. We will continue to work with States to expand and accelerate vaccinations!

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

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for State, local, and Tribal officials | January 4, 2020

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📧

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021

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

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

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

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

This week's recap includes:

- COVID-19 Response and Coordination Update
- Federal Appropriations, COVID-19 Relief Bills Signed
- Hospital Price Transparency Rule Upheld, Implemented
- Executive Order on Expanding Educational Opportunity Through School Choice
- President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice - Report Released
- Operation Legend - Fighting Violent Crime and Delivering Results

We appreciate your partnership over the past four years and are thankful for the opportunity to continue to work with you in 2021. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Response and Coordination Update

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

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

Operation Warp Speed (COVID-19 Vaccines)

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

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

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

- ✓ 2 @US_FDA-authorized vaccines
- ✓ 5 vaccine candidates in Phase 3 clinical trials
- ✓ 20 million first doses allocated, with the second doses on hand ready to be shipped a few weeks later.

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

CDC Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Data Tracker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Testing Update

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

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

Additional Updates

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

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

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

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

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

Colleges, Universities, and Higher Learning: CDC updated information for [colleges and universities](#) to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19.

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination: CDC updated [FAQS about COVID-19 vaccination](#).

Federal Appropriations, COVID-19 Relief Bills Signed

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

With the signing, the President released the following statement:

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

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

[Read More: Statement from the President](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible individuals may check the status of payments at [IRS.gov/GetMyPayment](https://www.irs.gov/GetMyPayment). For more information about Economic Impact Payments, please visit [IRS.gov/EIP](https://www.irs.gov/EIP).

[Read More: Treasury and IRS Begin Delivering the Second Round of Economic Impact Payments to Millions of Americans](#)

Appropriations Bill Enhances Conservation, Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Prevention

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

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

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

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

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

☐ **Read More: [President Trump Signs Omnibus Spending and COVID Relief Bill, Uplifting American Families, Investing in American Infrastructure and Enhancing American Conservation](#)**

Executive Order on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare

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

☐ **President Donald J. Trump: [Because of the Trump Administration, hospitals are now required, effective immediately, to publish their REAL PROCES, which will create](#)**

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

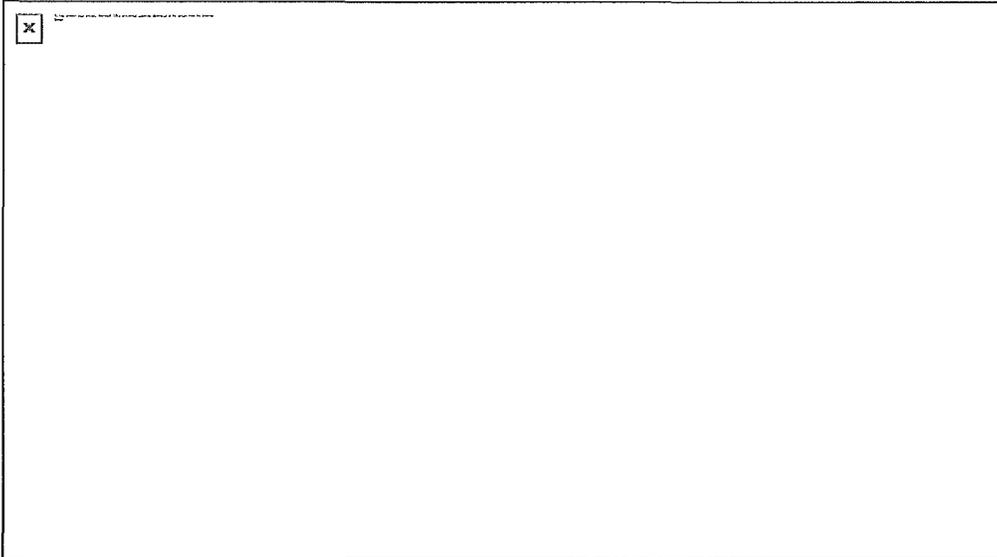
□ HHS Secretary Alex Azar: Big win for American patients today. The DC Circuit ruling is another major victory for President Trump's transformative healthcare agenda. Starting January 1, Americans will have access to the actual prices paid for the most common hospital services.

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

□ Read More: [Trump Administration Announces Historic Price Transparency Requirements to Increase Competition and Lower Healthcare Costs for All Americans \(November 15, 2019\)](#)

Executive Order on Expanding Educational Opportunity Through School Choice

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



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

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

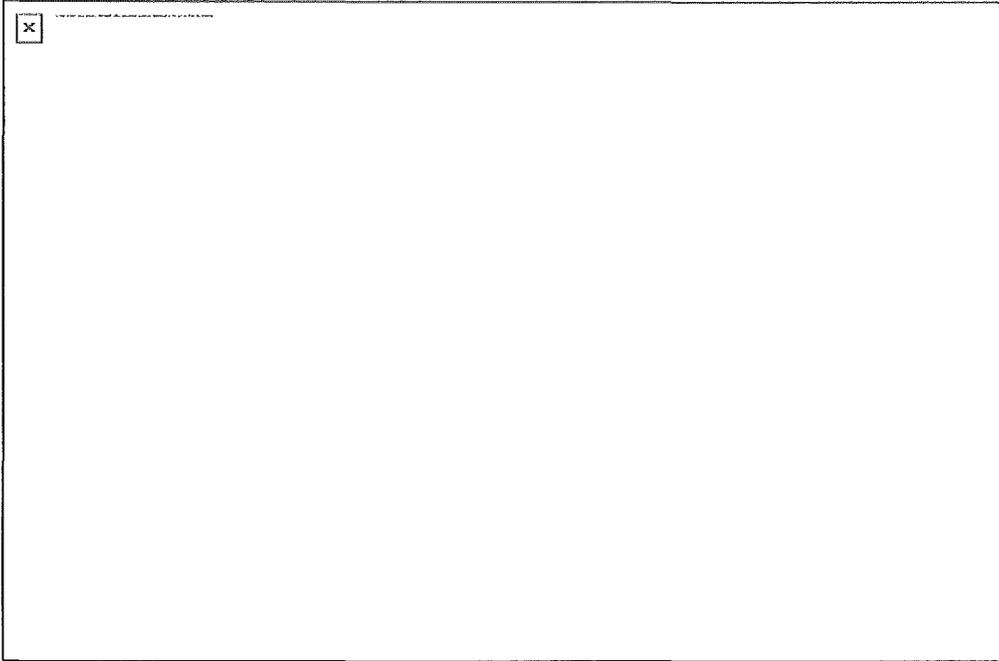
 **What You Need To Know: [President Donald J. Trump Is Expanding Educational Opportunity for America's Children and Families Impacted by the Pandemic](#)**

President's Commission on Law Enforcement - Report Released

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

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

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



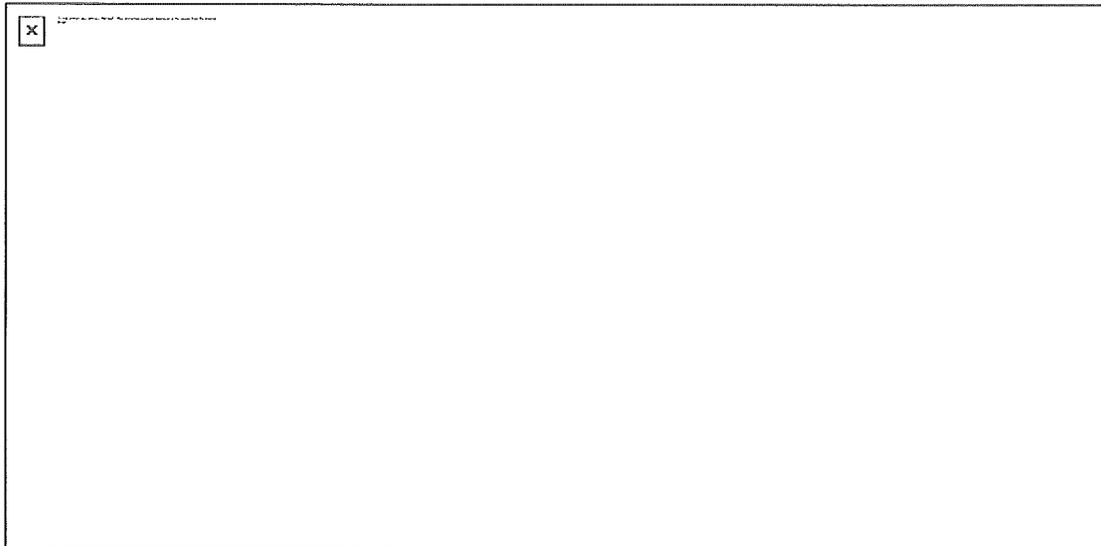
At a ceremony in **January 2020**, Attorney General Barr announced the establishment of the Commission and the individuals who would serve as commissioners. From January through July, the Commission met formally more than 50 times – adjusting to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic – with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

Operation Legend - Fighting Violent Crime and Delivering Results

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

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

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



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

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

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Cc: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO (William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov)
Subject: FW: White House Christmas Reception - December 11, 2020

The specific contact for the Christmas party is just the social secretary email, but they have responded very quickly.

You could also contact William Crozer – William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov

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Dear Attorney General Brnovich,

Please see your invitation below for a White House Christmas Reception on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

This invitation is for you plus 1 guest and is non-transferable.

Please accept or regret using the linked invitation below. When submitting your RSVP, you must use the email address in which you received this invitation to register yourself as the primary attendee. Once you have registered yourself, you will have the option to 'Submit & Add Guest' to then register your guest.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, December 7, 2020.



The President and Mrs. Trump
request the pleasure of your company
at a Holiday Reception
to be held at
The White House
on Friday, December 11, 2020
at seven o'clock

Please respond via this link
for yourself and your guest
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Merry Christmas

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we wish you and your family and loved ones a merry, happy, and healthy Christmas. Despite the challenges posed by this year's global pandemic, the American people continue to display incredible courage and patriotism as we collectively work to defeat the virus. As State, local, and Tribal leaders, we appreciate your partnership.

 **First Lady Melania Trump (video message): [@POTUS & I send our warmest wishes to all as we celebrate #Christmas. May the love we share with our family & friends fill our hearts with peace & joy!](#)** (view on Facebook [here](#))

 **The White House: [Merry Christmas Eve! On the final day of the White House Advent Calendar, learn all about the selection of the official White House Christmas Tree!](#)** (view the calendar [here](#) and on Facebook [here](#))

 **Watch (President Donald J. Trump): ["To every family across our Nation, the First Lady and I want to wish you all a very, very merry Christmas." Even amid challenging times, this Christmas we have many reasons to thank God and be hopeful for the future!"](#)**

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

NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center is also operational and can be reached at 1 (877) HI-NORAD [[1 \(877\) 446-6723](tel:18774466723)] for information on Santa's location.

[📖 Read More: USDA Clears Santa's Reindeer for Entry into the United States](#)

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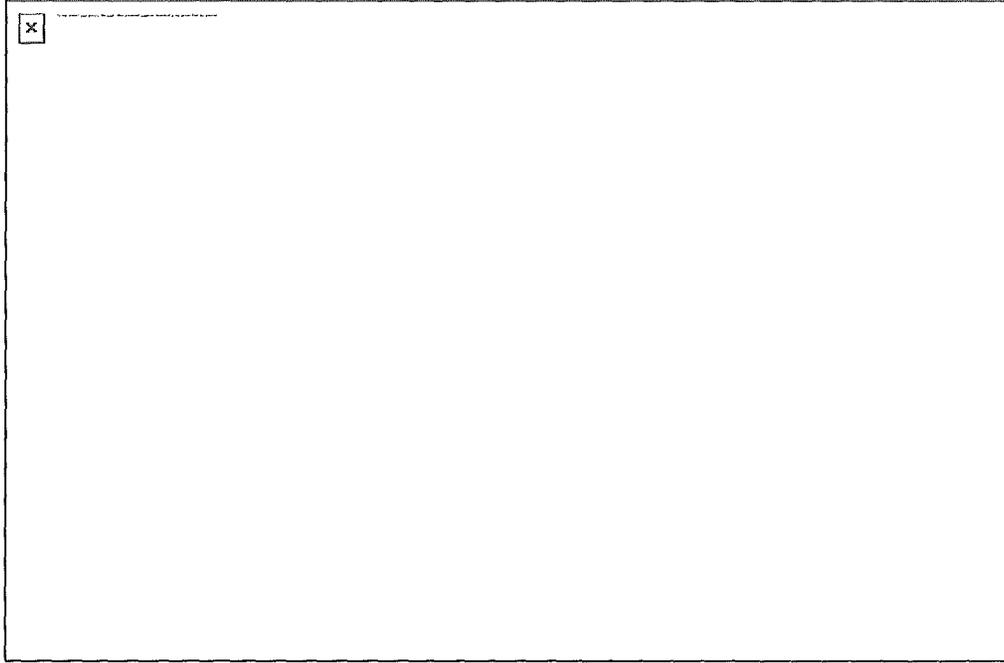
Christmas at the White House, 2020

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

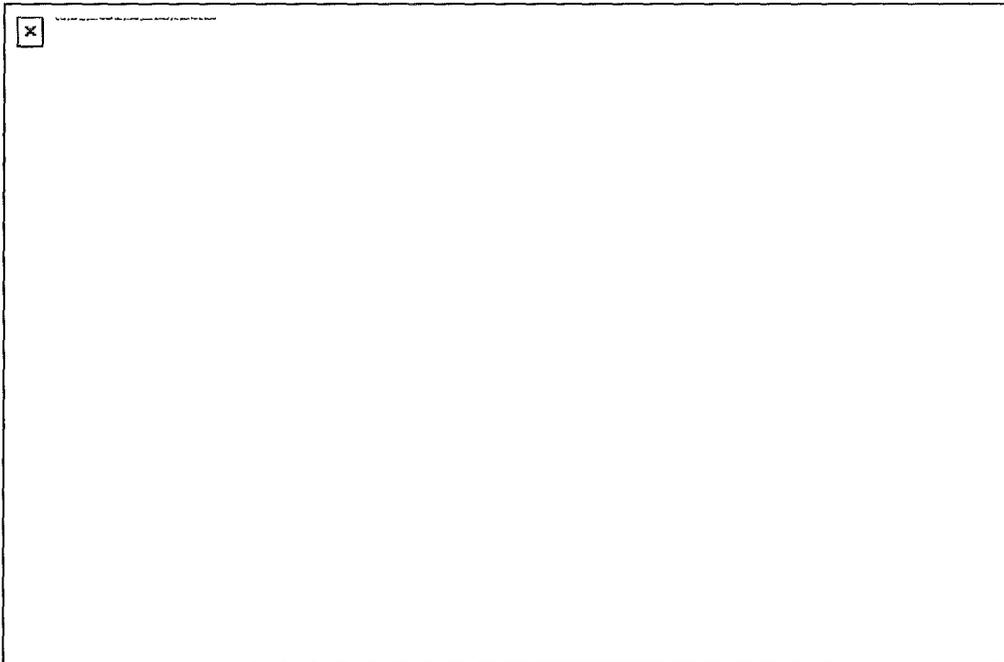
[📖 Read More: First Lady Melania Trump Unveils the 2020 White House Christmas Décor](#)

[📺 First Lady Melania Trump \(video\): During this special time of the year, I am delighted](#)

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



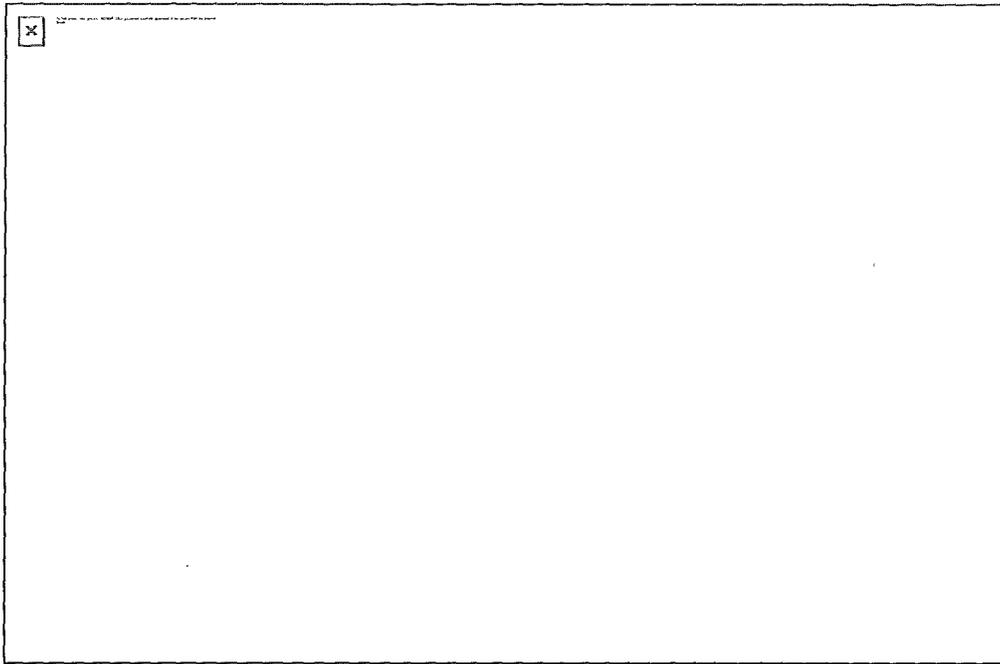
Per tradition, the official White House Christmas Tree was delivered to the North Portico via horse-drawn carriage and received by the First Lady. This Fraser fir comes from West Virginia and stands 18' 5" tall! Click [here](#) to watch a brief video.



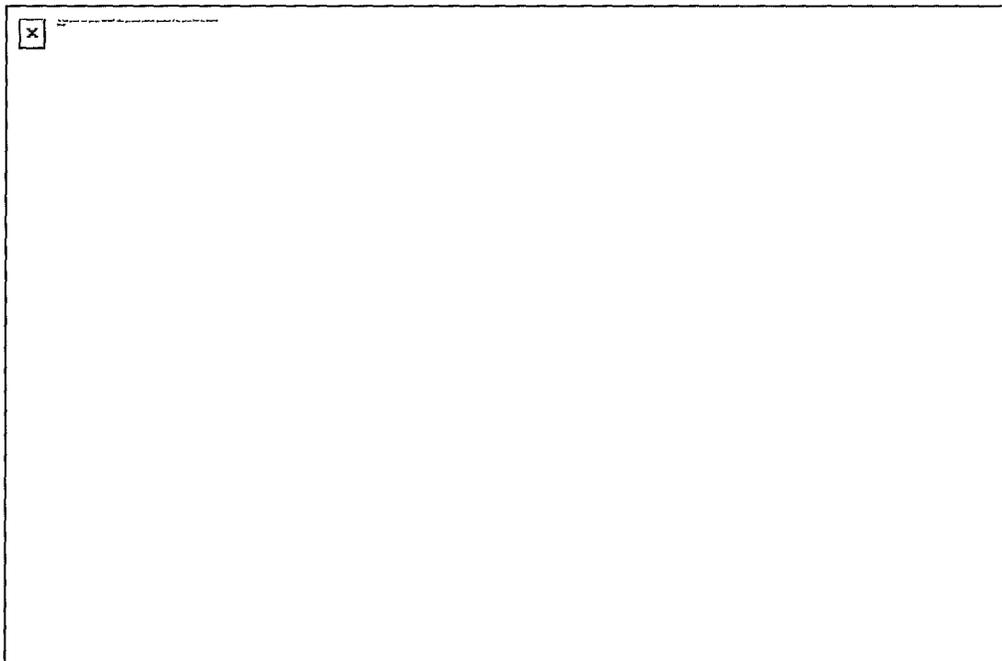
President Donald J. Trump, joined by First Lady Melania Trump, delivers remarks during the pre-recorded National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, on the Blue Room Balcony of the White House. Watch the virtual ceremony [here](#).



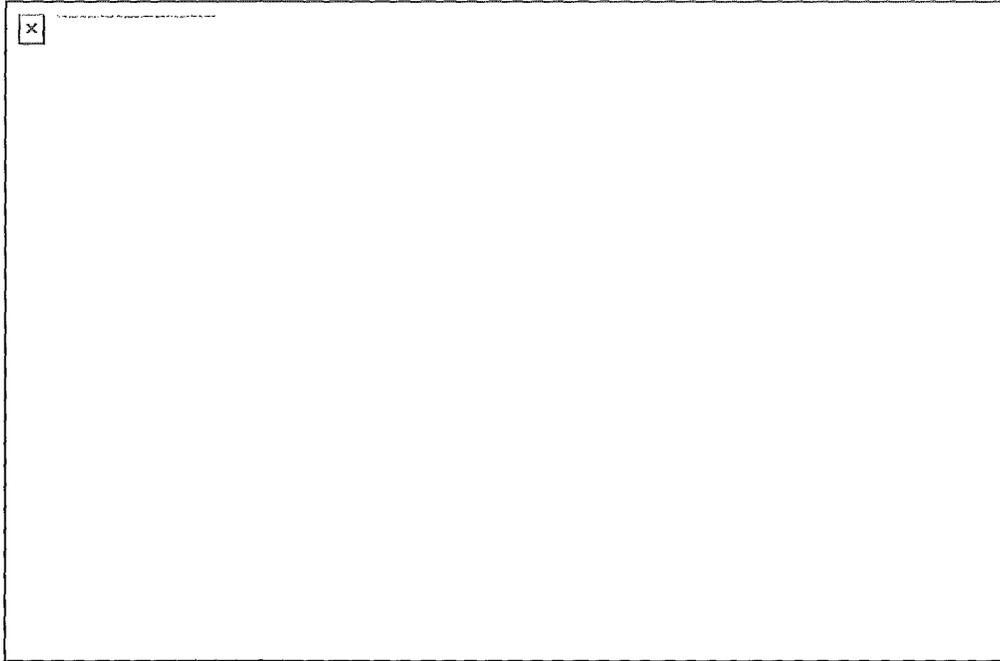
Upon entering the East Wing, visitors are welcomed by The Gold Star Family Tree, an annual tradition among the holiday decorations. Draped in blue, the color of perseverance and justice, it pays tribute to our American heroes and their families who walk beside them in service. This year, families who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



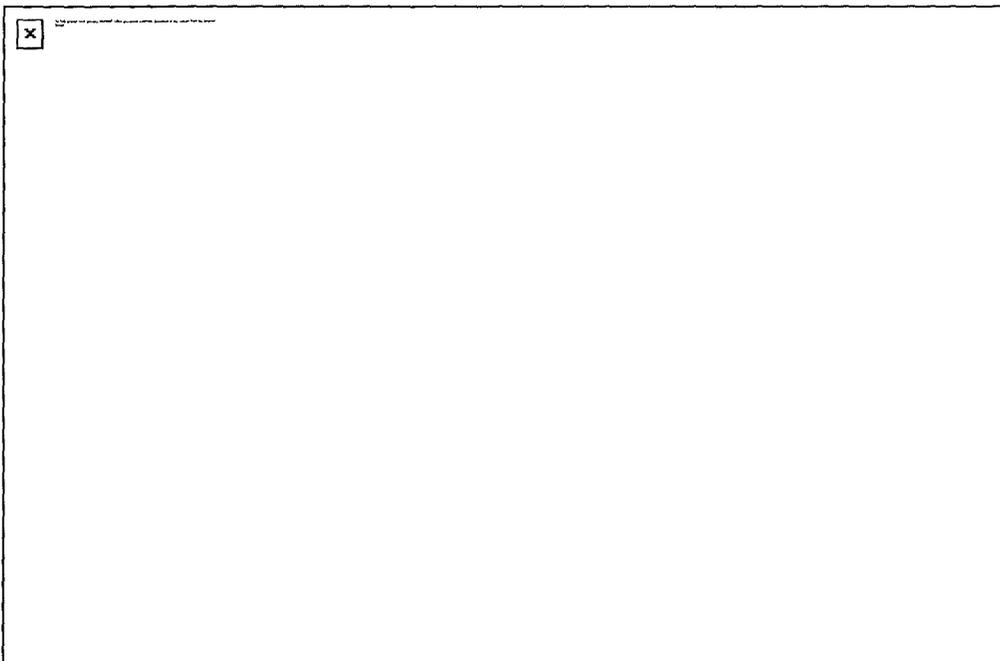
The White House Cross Hall & Grand Foyer overflow with love, joy, peace, hope & faith, revealing the most important gifts of the season. The scene reminds us of the many blessings in our own lives & how grateful we are to call this beautiful land our home.



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

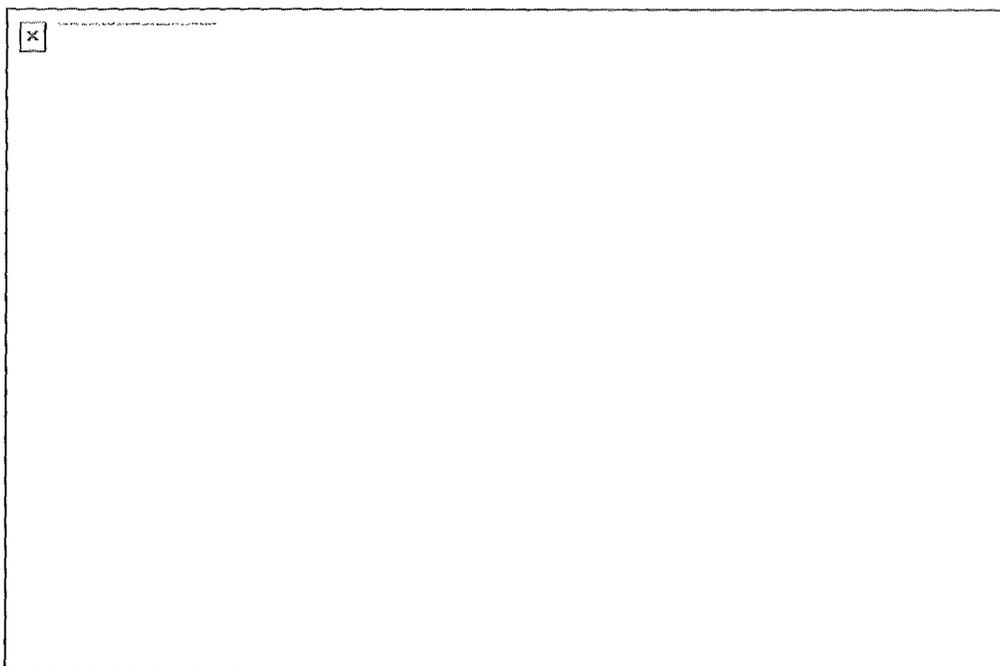


Décor in the White House Library celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Trees are adorned with ornaments featuring notable women in our Nation's history & center tables showcase children's art from the First Lady's #BuildingtheMovement exhibit.

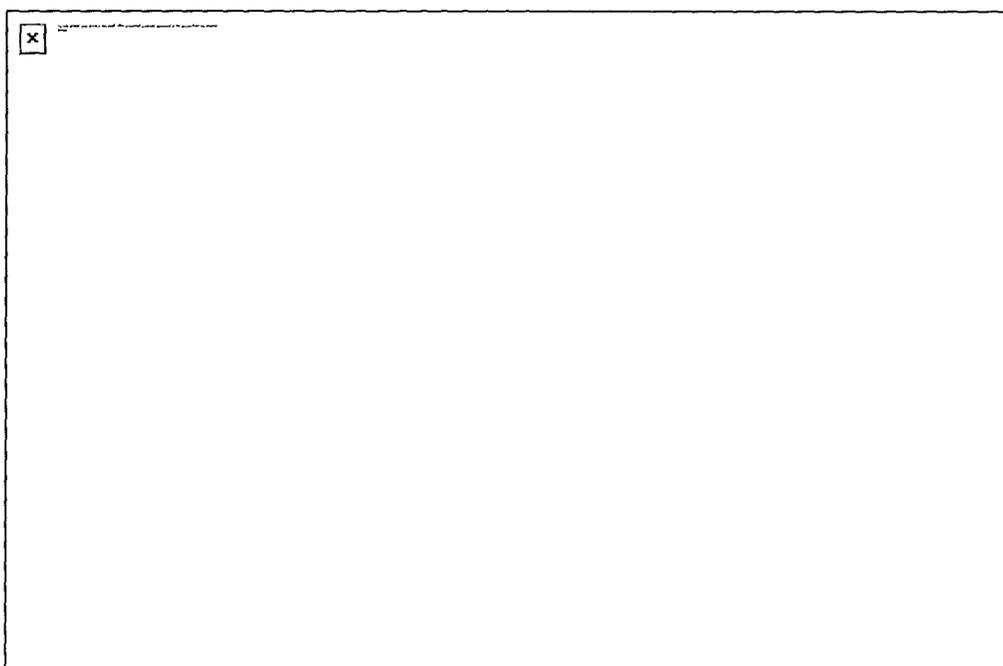


The White House Green Room showcases the diversity of creatures that call our country home. From birds to butterflies, the beauty of American wildlife shines through the décor, and vignettes

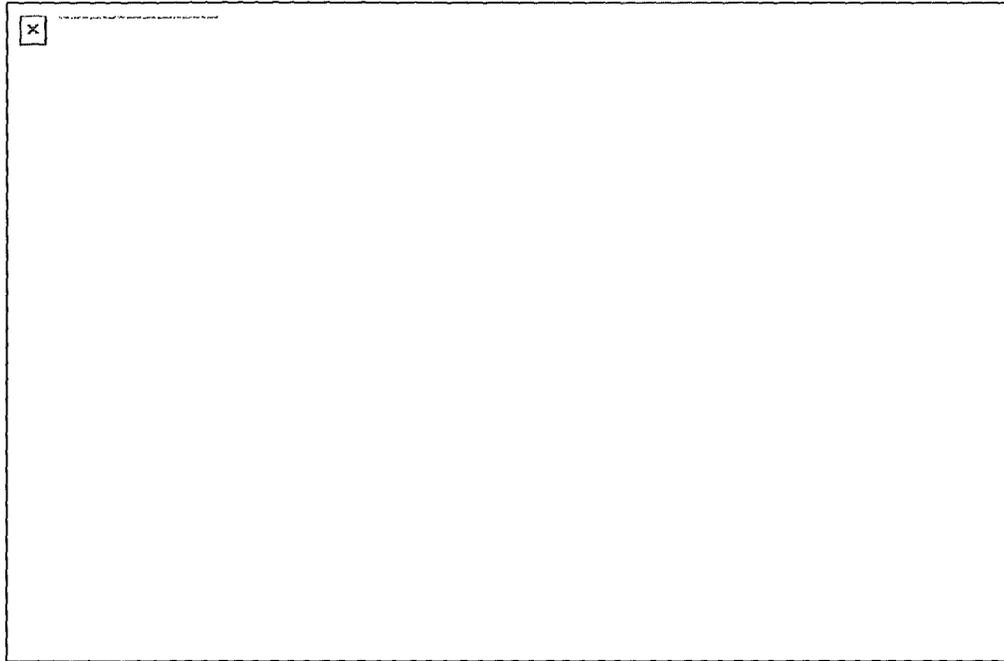
in the windows showcase wildlife that can find refuge among our native landscape.



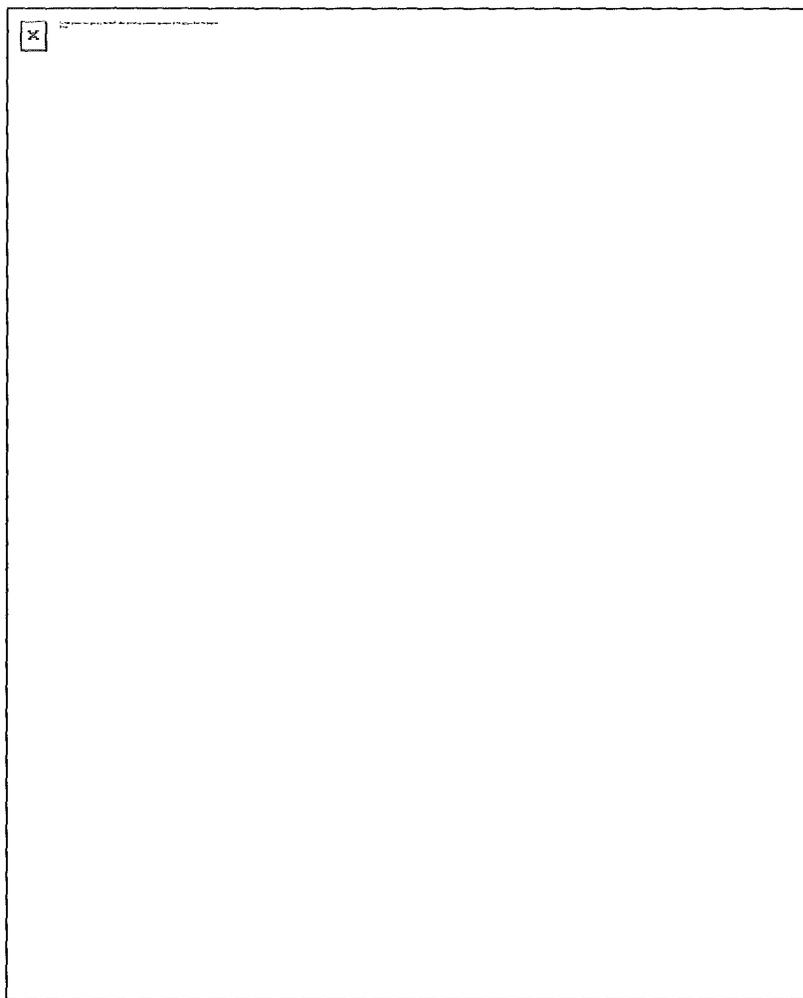
This year's White House Christmas tree illuminates the Blue Room, featuring ornaments designed by students. The theme of the ornaments is "America Celebrates." The students' ornaments depict what makes each of their states beautiful by highlighting the people, places, and things that capture the spirit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



Our Nation's heroes are embedded in our hearts & they are truly what make America beautiful. The handmade ornaments in this year's White House Red Room salute the countless frontline workers, first responders & others who serve their communities.



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



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

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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📧

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2020

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

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

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

This week's recap includes:

- COVID-19 Update 📧 First Vaccine Administered; Second Vaccine Authorized; Vice President Pence Receives Vaccine 📧
- 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 44th Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Executive Order on Increasing Economic and Geographic Mobility
- Safe Policing for Safe Communities HHS Report Released

- President Trump Signs Legislation Authorizing Women's Suffrage Monument
- Regulatory Definition of "Habitat" Under Endangered Species Act Finalized

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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(U) COVID-19 Vaccines Update (U)

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

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

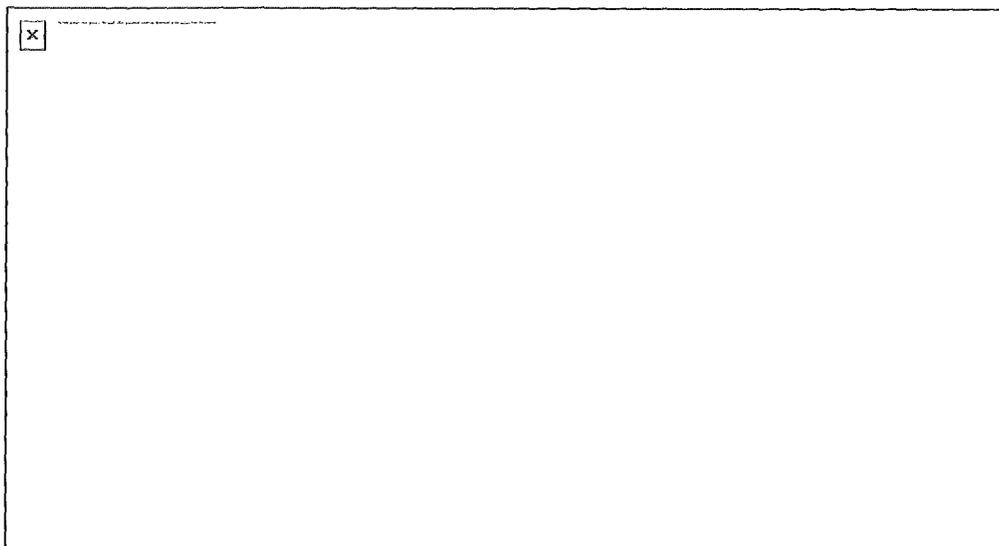
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

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

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

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

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



Click [here](#) to watch President Trump's address.

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

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

📌 [Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say](#)

📌 [HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly \\$227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities](#)

📌 [HHS Extends Coverage for Qualified National Guard Personnel to Administer Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

📌 [Indian Health Service Allocates Vaccines for Urban Indian Organizations](#)

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

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

Second COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

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

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

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

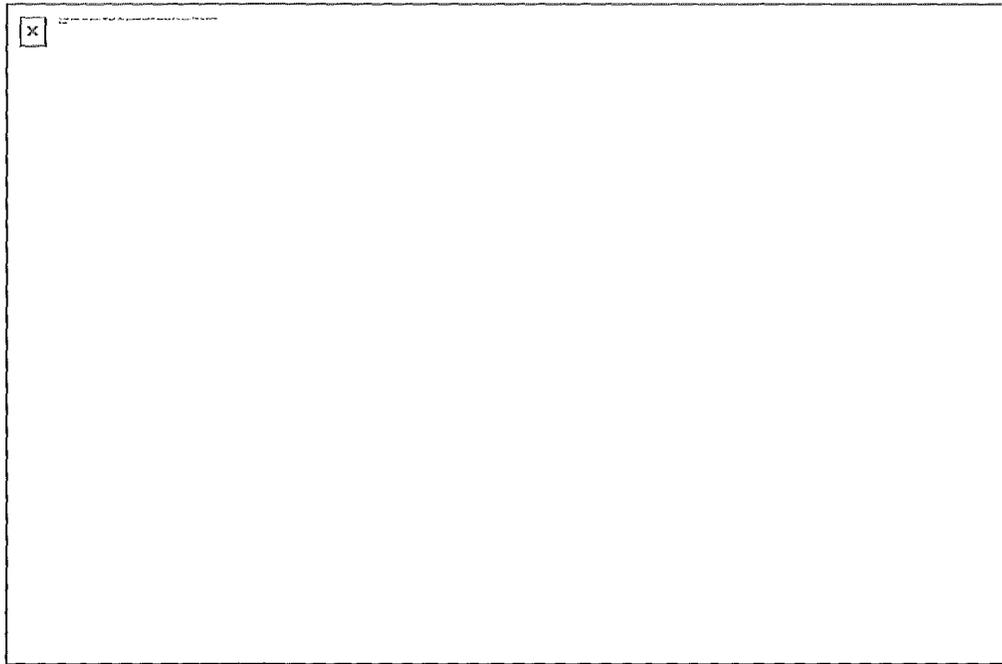
HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

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

Vice President Pence Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

On Friday, December 18, Vice President Mike Pence, joined by Second Lady Karen Pence and U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, **publicly received** a COVID-19 vaccine to promote the

safety and efficacy of the vaccine and build confidence among the American people.



 **Read More: [Remarks by Vice President Pence at a Safe and Effective Vaccine Confidence Event](#)**

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

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

 **Watch: [Vice President Pence Gives Remarks Before Receiving Vaccine](#)**

Readout from the 32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

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

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

Participants on the December 16th call included:

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

Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator:

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

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

Paul Mango, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Paul Mango provided an update covering the first Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine on December 11 and the first vaccination occurring on December 14th. Comparing the success of Operation Warp Speed in producing and distributing a vaccine to Roger Bannister's breaking the 4 minute mile in 1954, Mango stated the equivalent would be Operation Warp Speed running a 45 second mile. While vaccines typically take years to develop and approve, by comparison, the Pfizer was produced, authorized, and distributed in only 10 months. 3 Million vaccines will have been delivered to front line workers and vulnerable populations across the country and another 8 million will be delivered next week. Joint vaccine operations continue in

both Atlanta and Washington, D.C. tracking the vaccine distribution in real time. Mango also highlighted that two other promising vaccines candidates from Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca are also in the development pipeline.

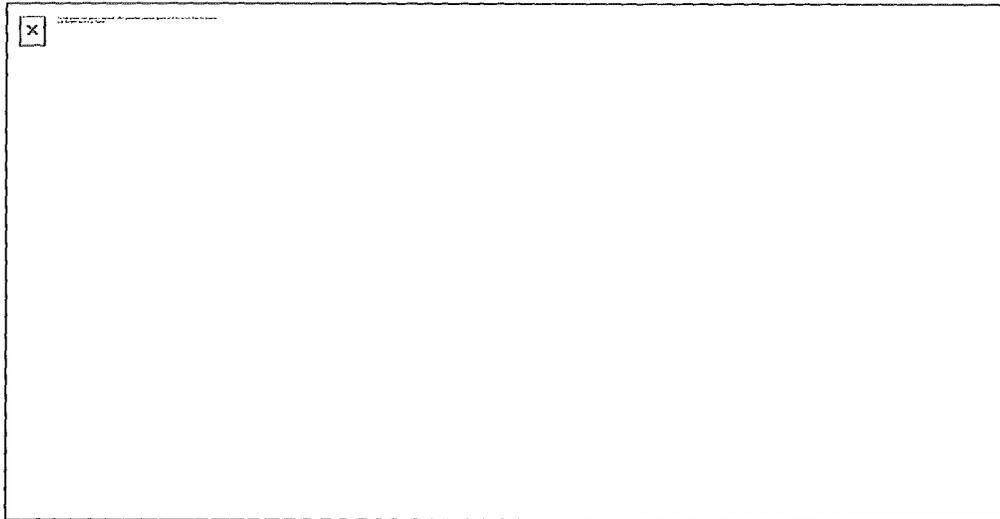
Stephen Hahn, M.D., Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration: On Friday, December 11, 2020 the FDA provided Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 vaccine after upholding safety and science to continue to uphold the FDA's reputation as the gold standard in medicinal approval. While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

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

[☐ READ MORE: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Antigen Test as First Over-the-Counter Fully At-Home Diagnostic Test for COVID-19](#)

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

To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **[donatingplasma.org](#)** and **[coronavirus.gov](#)**.



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Readout from the 44th Governors Call on COVID-19

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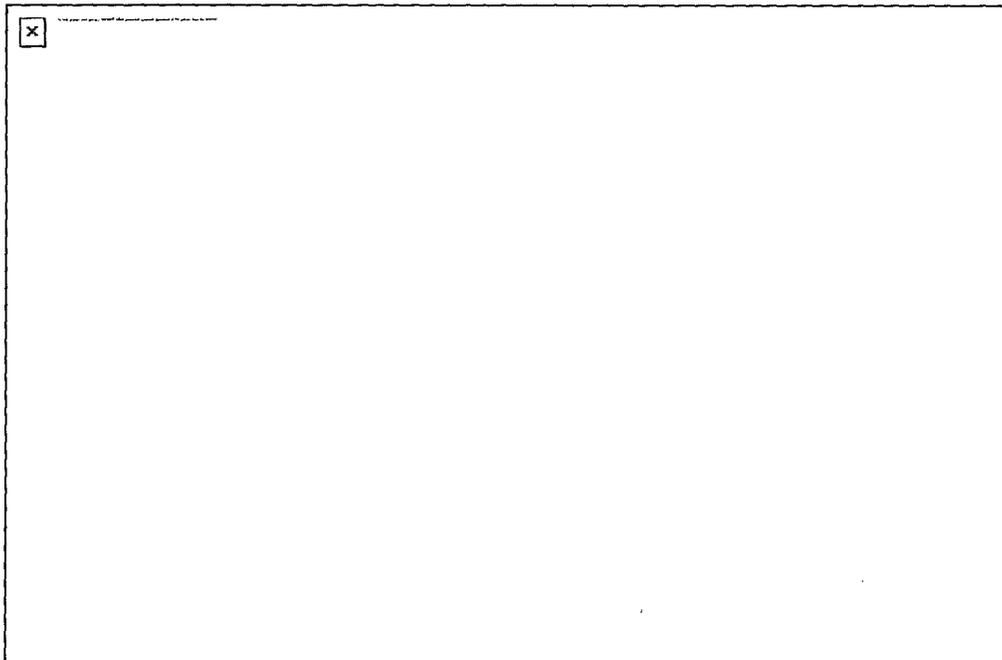
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President Donald J. Trump signs an executive order on safe policing for safe communities Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in the Rose Garden of the White House.

 **SAMHSA: Dr. McCance-Katz, Asst Secy for Mental Health and Substance Use, participated in the @WhiteHouse presentation of the Safe Policing for Safe Communities report, a very important step in advancing evidence-based treatment for mental illness in**

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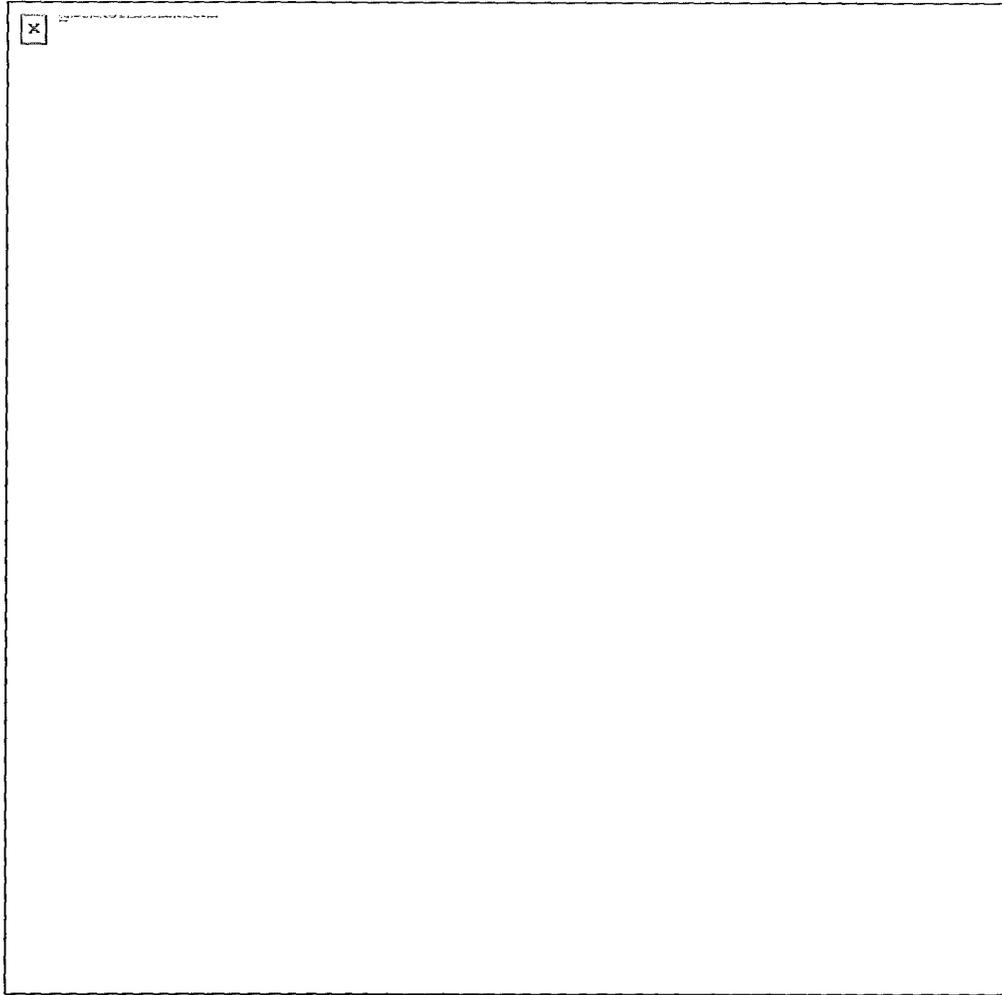
Background: Signed by President Trump in June 2016, the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities directs the Administration to seek reforms that improve the relationship between law enforcement and all communities. The Executive Order represents a commitment by the President and the Administration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

📖 READ MORE: [Executive Order Safe Policing for Safe Communities: Addressing Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction Report](#)

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

President Trump Signs Legislation Authorizing Women's Suffrage Monument



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

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

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

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

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

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

Regulatory Definition of "Habitat" Under Endangered Species Act Finalized

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

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

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

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

Definition of Habitat Under Endangered Species Act

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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, January 6.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2020

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

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

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

This week's recap includes:

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

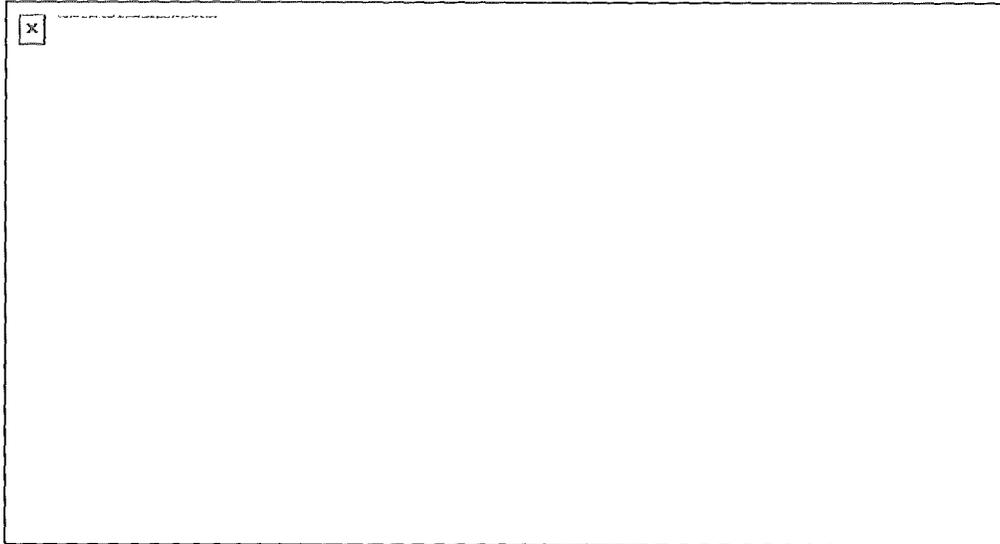
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

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

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

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

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



Click [here](#) to watch President Trump's address.

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

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

[Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Is Off to Successful Start, Officials Say](#)

[HHS Announces that CDC will Award Nearly \\$227 Million for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness and Response Activities](#)

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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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- [Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for Industry](#)
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Second COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

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

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

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

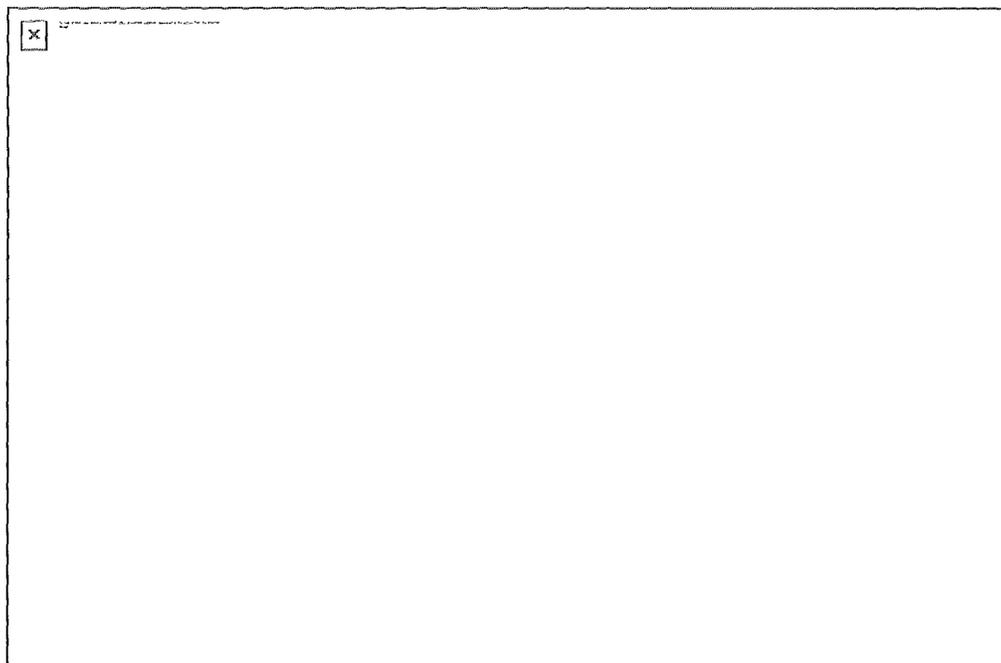
HHS and DoD Statements on FDA Authorization of Moderna Vaccine

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Vice President Pence Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

On Friday, December 18, Vice President Mike Pence, joined by Second Lady Karen Pence and U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, publicly received a COVID-19 vaccine to promote the

safety and efficacy of the vaccine and build confidence among the American people.



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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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- Stephen Hahn, M.D., *Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration*
- Nancy Messonnier, M.D., *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC*

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

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

Paul Mango, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Paul Mango provided an update covering the first Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine on December 11 and the first vaccination occurring on December 14th. Comparing the success of Operation Warp Speed in producing and distributing a vaccine to Roger Bannister's breaking the 4 minute mile in 1954, Mango stated the equivalent would be Operation Warp Speed running a 45 second mile. While vaccines typically take years to develop and approve, by comparison, the Pfizer was produced, authorized, and distributed in only 10 months. 3 Million vaccines will have been delivered to front line workers and vulnerable populations across the country and another 8 million will be delivered next week. Joint vaccine operations continue in

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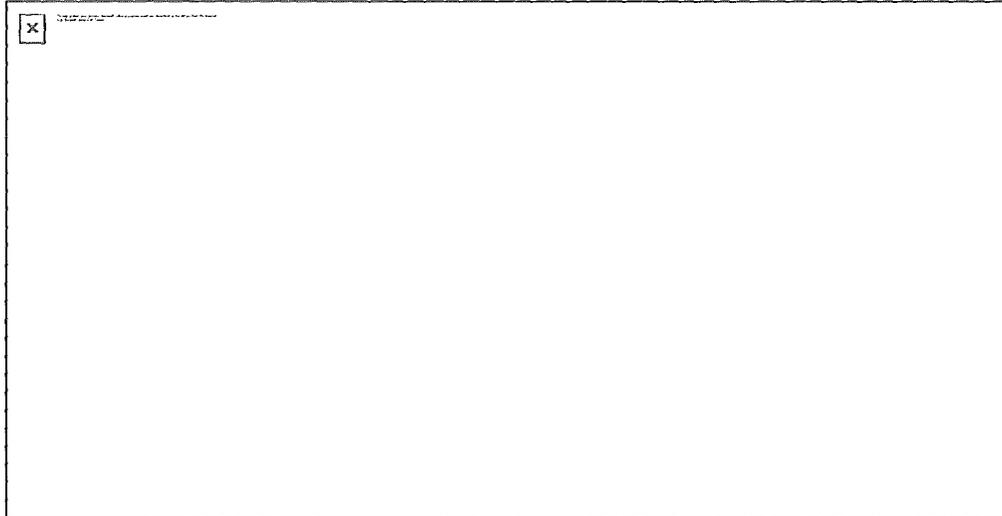
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An additional achievement is the FDA approval of an at-home test for COVID-19. While these developments are promising, continued hand washing, mask usage, and social distancing is essential for the remainder of the pandemic.

[☐ READ MORE: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Antigen Test as First Over-the-Counter Fully At-Home Diagnostic Test for COVID-19](#)

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

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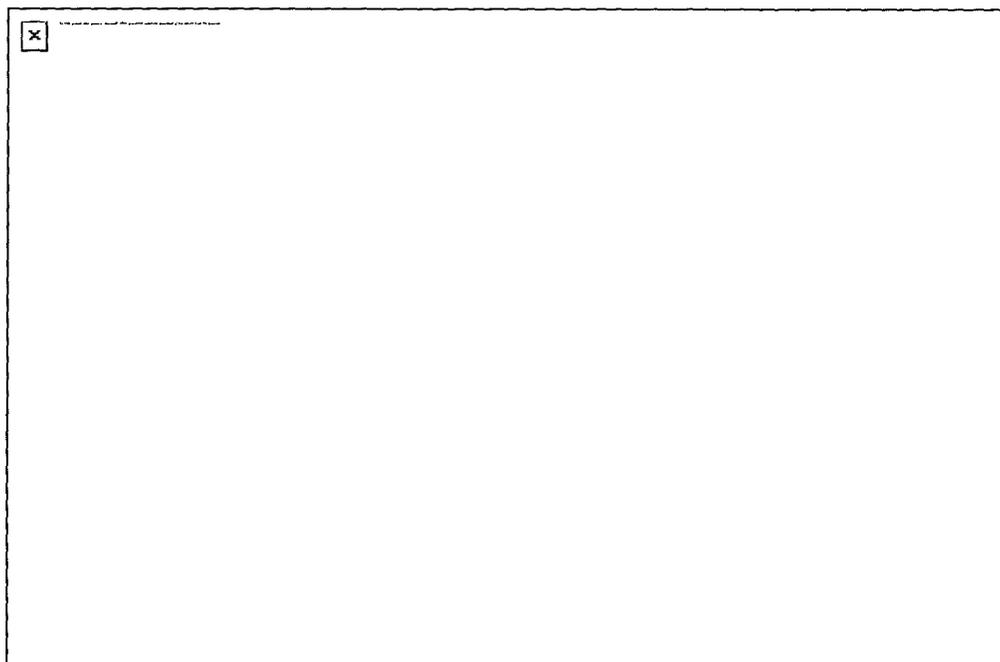
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Safe Policing for Safe Communities HHS Report Released

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

 [SAMHSA: Dr. McCance-Katz, Asst Secy for Mental Health and Substance Use, participated in the @WhiteHouse presentation of the Safe Policing for Safe Communities report, a very important step in advancing evidence-based treatment for mental illness in](#)

communities <https://go.usa.gov/xAgka>

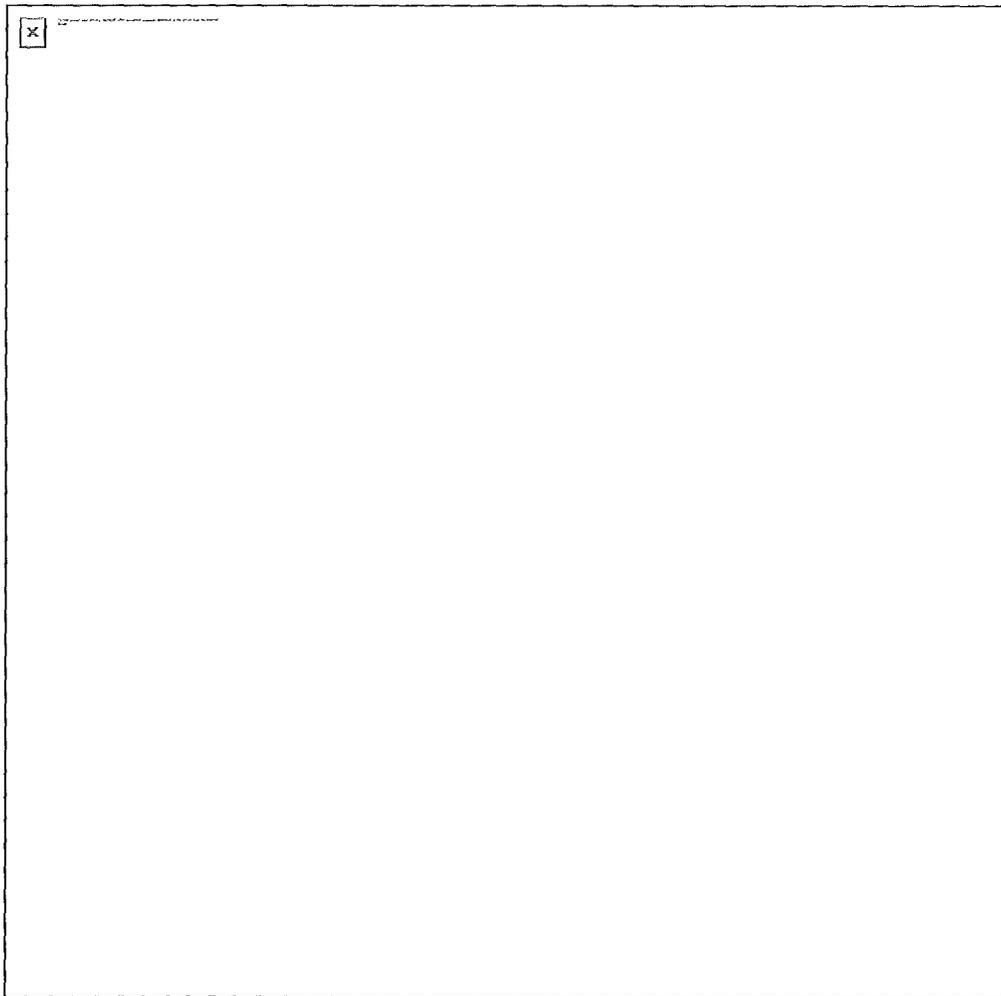
Background: Signed by President Trump in June 2016, the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities directs the Administration to seek reforms that improve the relationship between law enforcement and all communities. The Executive Order represents a commitment by the President and the Administration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

📖 READ MORE: [Executive Order Safe Policing for Safe Communities: Addressing Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction Report](#)

📖 READ MORE: [The Department of Justice Announces Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

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

President Trump Signs Legislation Authorizing Women's Suffrage Monument



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

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

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

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

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

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

Regulatory Definition of "Habitat" Under Endangered Species Act Finalized

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

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

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

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

Definition of Habitat Under Endangered Species Act

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From: Anderson, Ryan
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Subject: Supreme Court Ballot Harvesting Case - Heritage

Mr. Meadows –

I wanted to make sure you saw Heritage's recent report on Arizona's ballot harvesting case before SCOTUS:

<https://www.heritage.org/election-integrity/report/brnovich-v-dnc-the-supreme-court-should-correct-the-ninth-circuits>

Ryan Anderson

From: Anderson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:29 PM
To: 'cos45@who.eop.gov'
Subject: (AZ) Board of Supervisor Hand Audit Letter from AZAG

Mr. Meadows –

Attached (and via link below), please see the November 4, 2020 letter from the Arizona Attorney General's Office to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors requesting an increase in the statutory audit from 2% to 5%.

Statute requires a minimum 2% audit of ballots cast per county, however nothing in AZ law prohibits the Board of Supervisor's from increasing the audit threshold.

Our request was promptly rejected by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Link: https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/2020-11-04%20Letter%20to%20Hon.%20Hickman%20RE-Hand%20Count%20Audit_0.pdf

Thanks,

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Subject: Reminder: White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call (12/16 @ 1 PM ET) 📧



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32nd National COVID-19 Briefing Call

for State, local, and Tribal officials

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📧

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

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

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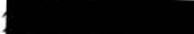
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 First COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized & Administered 

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!

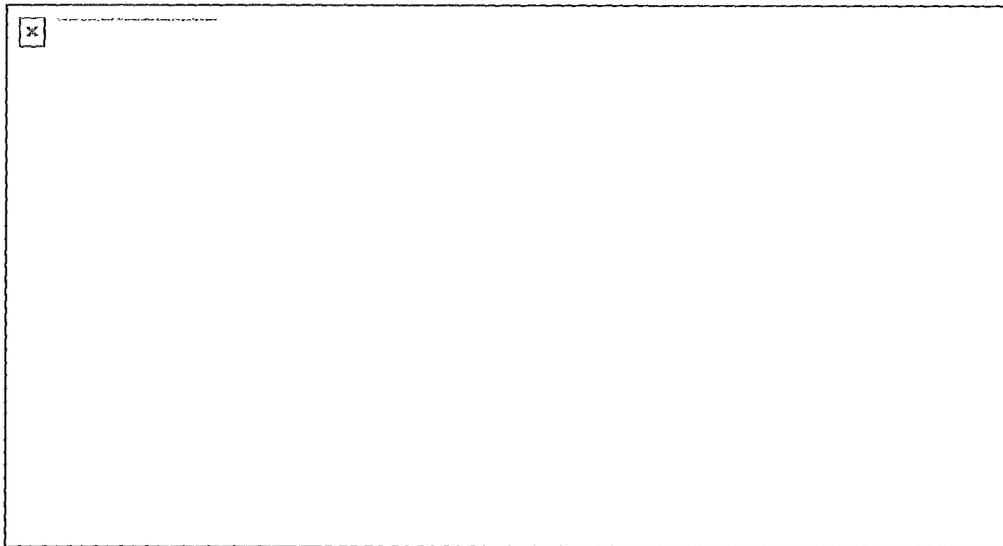
 Vice President Mike Pence: While we have a ways to go, and all of us have a role to play, every American should take pride in Operation Warp Speed...a Historic Medical Achievement. ONLY IN AMERICA.

▪ 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.

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**](#)
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- [**Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19; Guidance for**](#)

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

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National Briefing Call on Safe Policing for Safe Communities

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

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

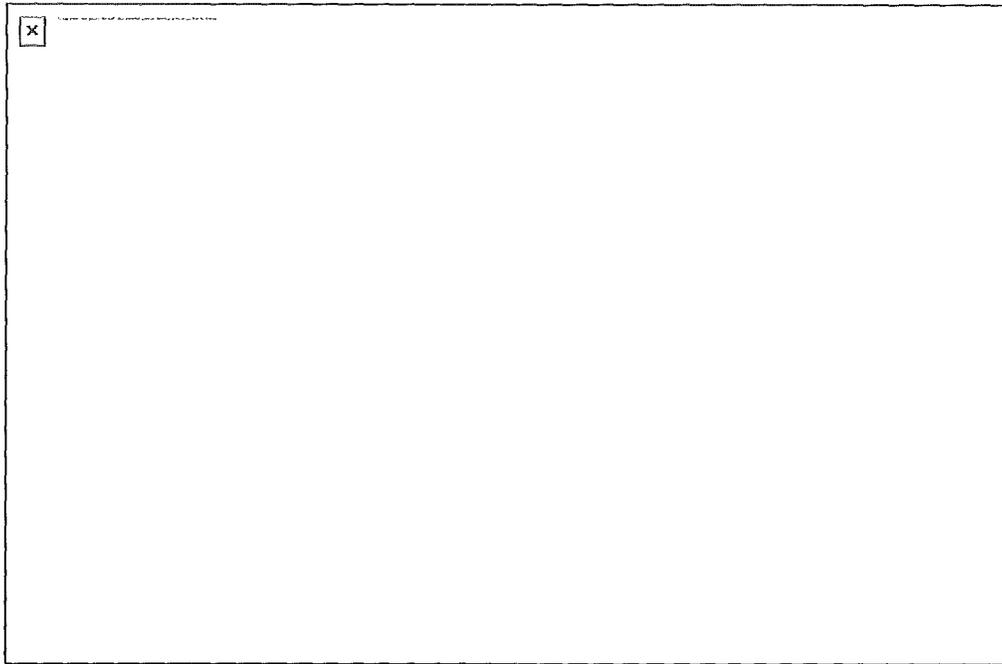
Safe Policing for Safe Communities Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Subject: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine · National COVID-19 Call Invite 📧



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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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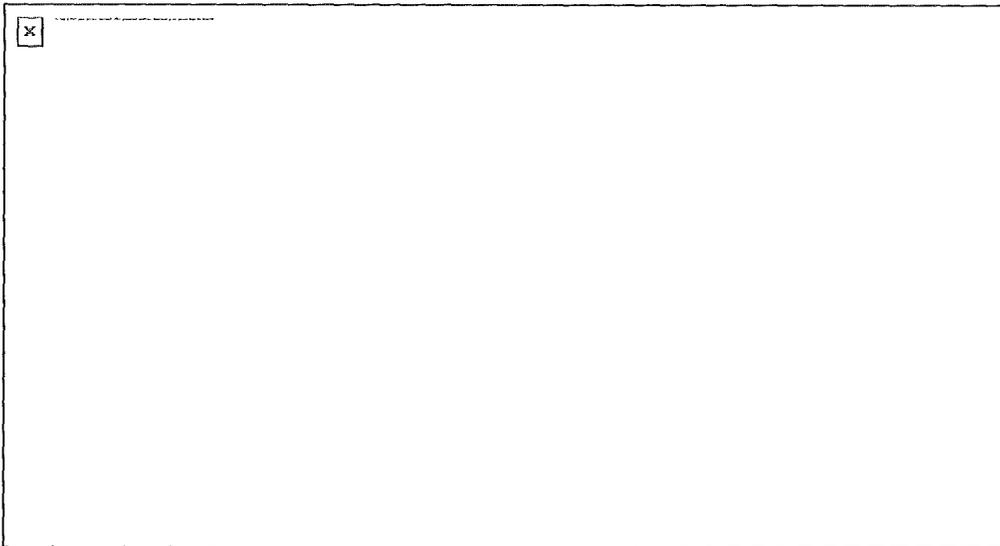
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 BREAKING NEWS: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Vaccine 

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](#)



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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](#).

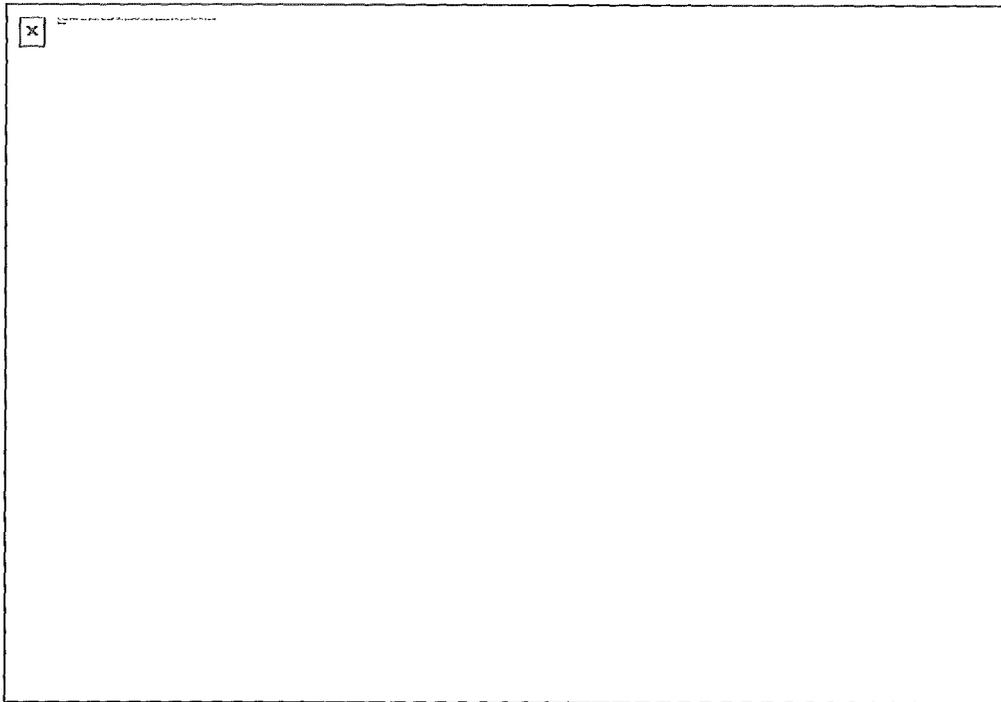
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COVID-19 Vaccine Summit

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.

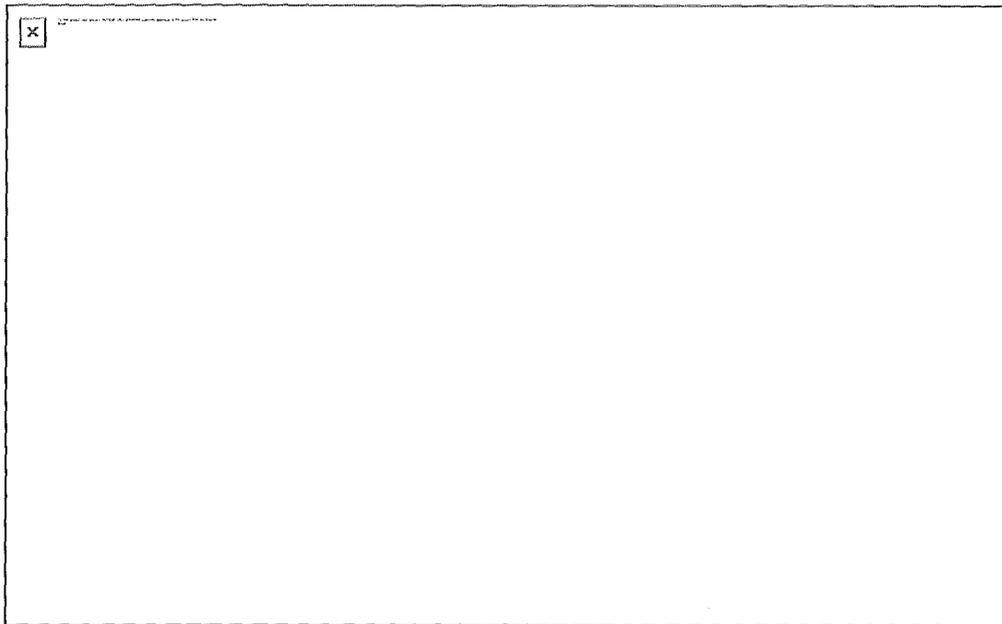
[Read More: DOD Vaccine Distribution Plan and Population Schema](#)

[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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From: 2020 Christmas Reception 16 <2020ChristmasReception16@WHO.eop.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:39 AM
Subject: Reminder: COVID-19 Precautions - White House Christmas Reception

Good afternoon,

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

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

Sincerely,
The White House Social Office

From: Barbknecht, Nick EOP/WHO <Nicolas.Barbknecht2@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 9:44 AM
To: 'thebrno@gmail.com'; Lumpp, Rachelle
Cc: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Photo from Oval Office
Attachments: P20201210JB-0052.jpg

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

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



Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Operation Lady Justice Briefing Call

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

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

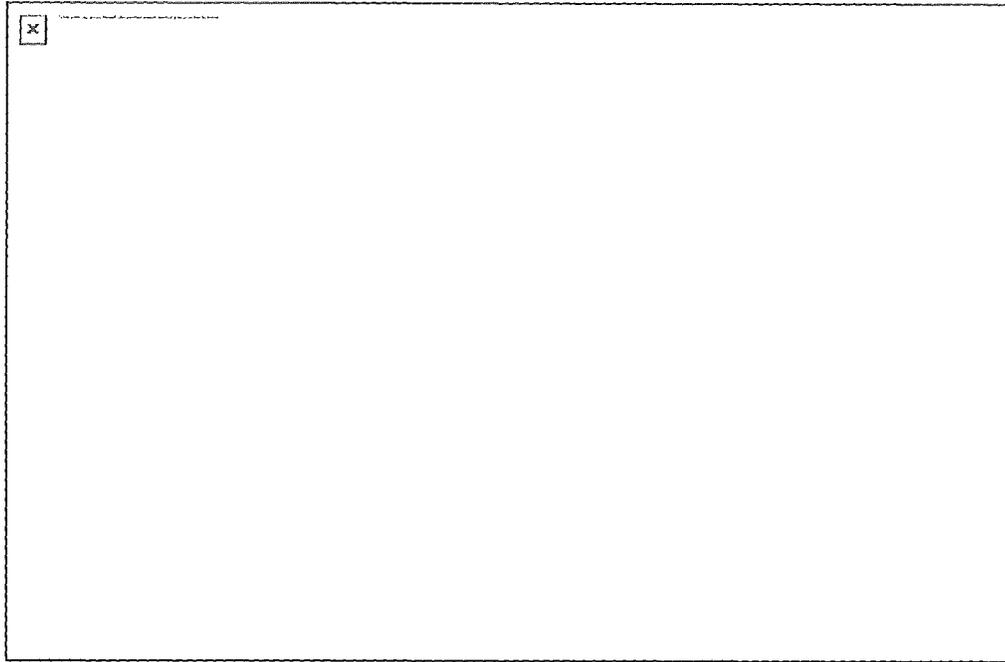
Briefing Call Registration

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

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

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.



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.

Sincerely,

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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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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Brnovich, Mark
Cc: Lumpp, Rachelle
Subject: RE: Invitation: White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General (12/10)



THE WHITE HOUSE

Attorney General Brnovich,

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

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

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Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:17 AM
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Cc: 'Rachelle.lumpp@azag.gov' <Rachelle.lumpp@azag.gov>
Subject: Invitation: White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General (12/10)



THE WHITE HOUSE

You are cordially invited to join President Donald J. Trump at the White House for a luncheon on Thursday, December 10 at 12:45 p.m. Eastern. Please find pertinent registration information and other details below, including COVID-19 arrival and testing protocols. Note that this invitation is non-transferable and we are unable to accommodate additional staff or security.

White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General

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

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

Arrival Location: 17th Street NW and State Place NW

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

COVID-19 Testing and Protocols: Per CDC guidance, we ask that you please wear a mask upon arrival. If you have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms, we ask that you please decline from attending. After you clear security screening, please proceed to Room 180/180A in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. From there, we will escort you for COVID-19 testing at the White House Medical Unit.

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

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

Day-of Point of Contact: Nick Barbknecht ([REDACTED])

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From: 2020 Christmas Reception 16 <2020ChristmasReception16@WHO.eop.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Russell, Bradley
Subject: RE: WH Christmas for AGs
Attachments: Guest Access Map.pdf

Good morning,

We have attached a Guest Access Map for your convenience. The drop-off location will be at 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place NW across from the Willard Hotel. Feel free to contact us again should you have any further questions or concerns and we will be happy to help.

Sincerely,

The White House Social Office

From: Russell, Bradley
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 10:17 AM
To: 2020 Christmas Reception 16
Subject: WH Christmas for AGs

Good morning. This is Special Agent Brad Russell with Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich's protection detail. I am inquiring as to where the entry point is for me to drop him for the event. Could you please advise at your earliest convenience.

I can also be contacted at 602-██████████ I am in town.

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From: 2020 Christmas Reception 16 <2020ChristmasReception16@WHO.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Lumpp, Rachelle
Subject: RE: Christmas Party Dress Code?

Good afternoon,

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

Sincerely,

The White House Social Office

From: Lumpp, Rachelle <Rachelle.Lumpp@azag.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:22 PM
To: 2020 Christmas Reception 16 <2020ChristmasReception16@WHO.eop.gov>
Subject: Christmas Party Dress Code?

Good afternoon,
General Brnovich has RSVP'd for the reception, could you please let me know what the dress code is?
Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Flanagan, Allyson
Subject: Call Invite: COVID-19 Vaccine Update; White House Vaccine Summit Preview - TODAY (12/7) @ 5 PM Eastern



Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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.

Sincerely,

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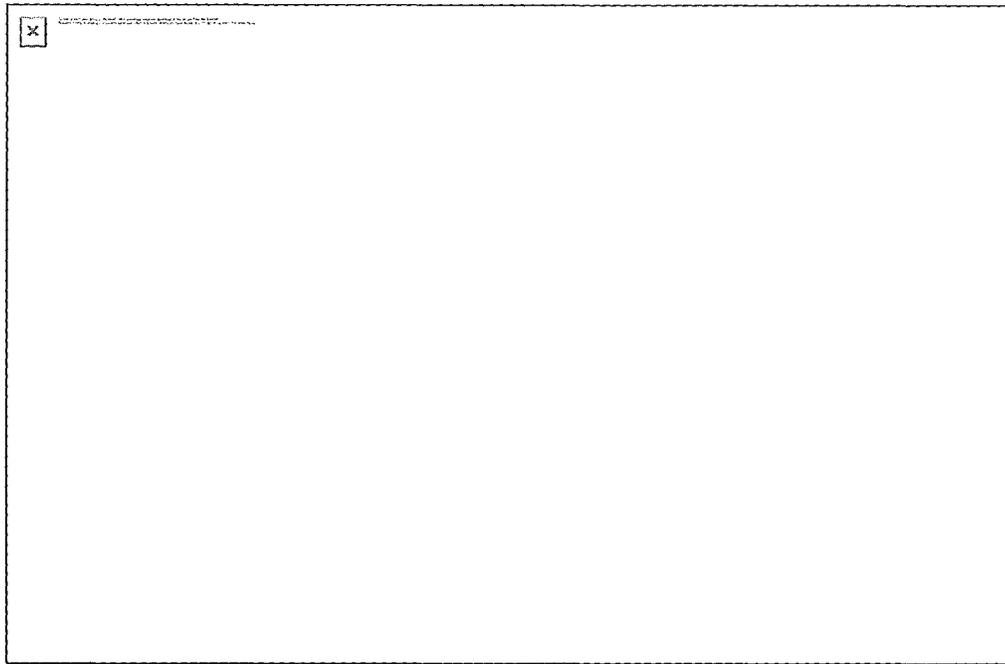
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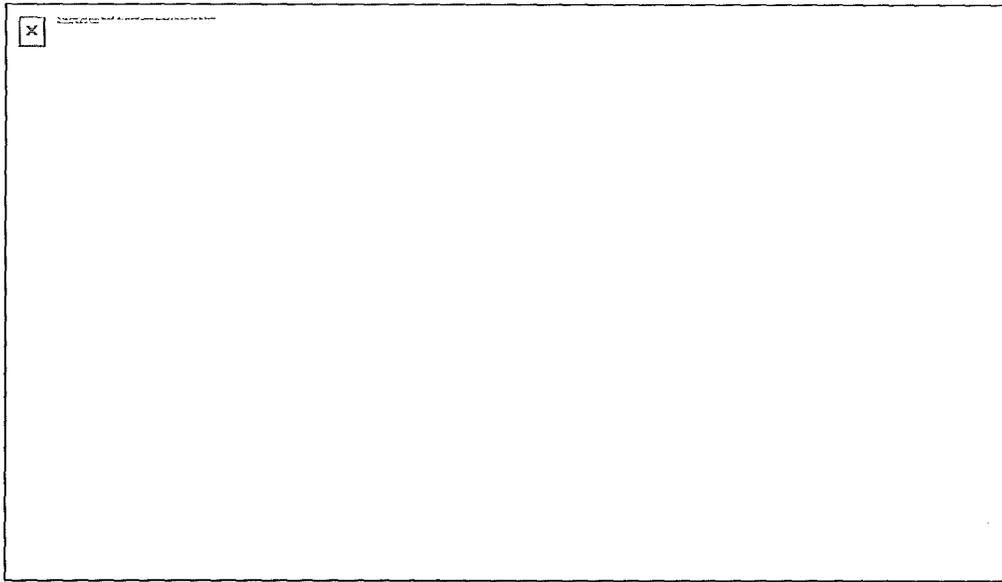
Operation Warp Speed



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.**

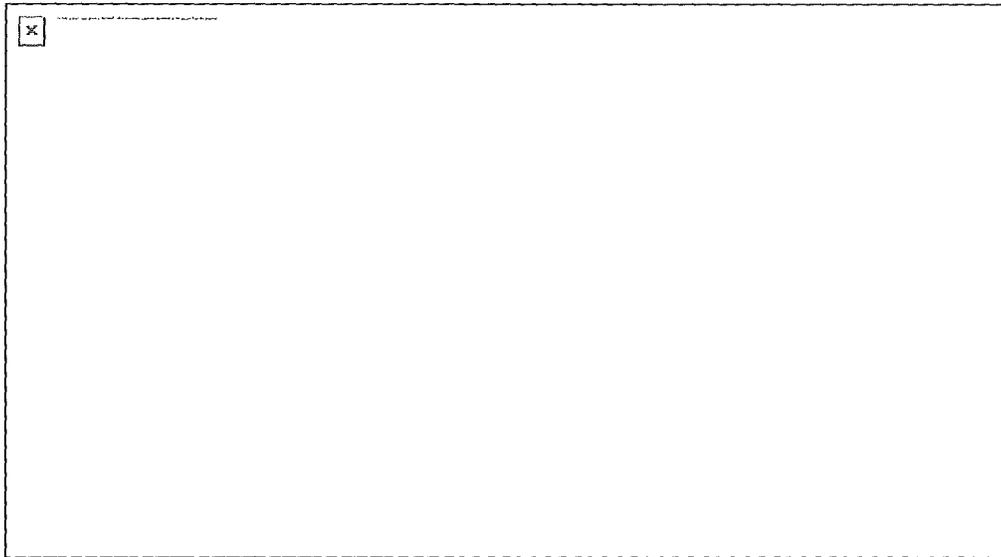
✓ **Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed**



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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Subject: White House IGA Weekly Recap · National COVID-19 Call Invite 📧



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](#)

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

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

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

location near you.

This week's recap includes updates on:

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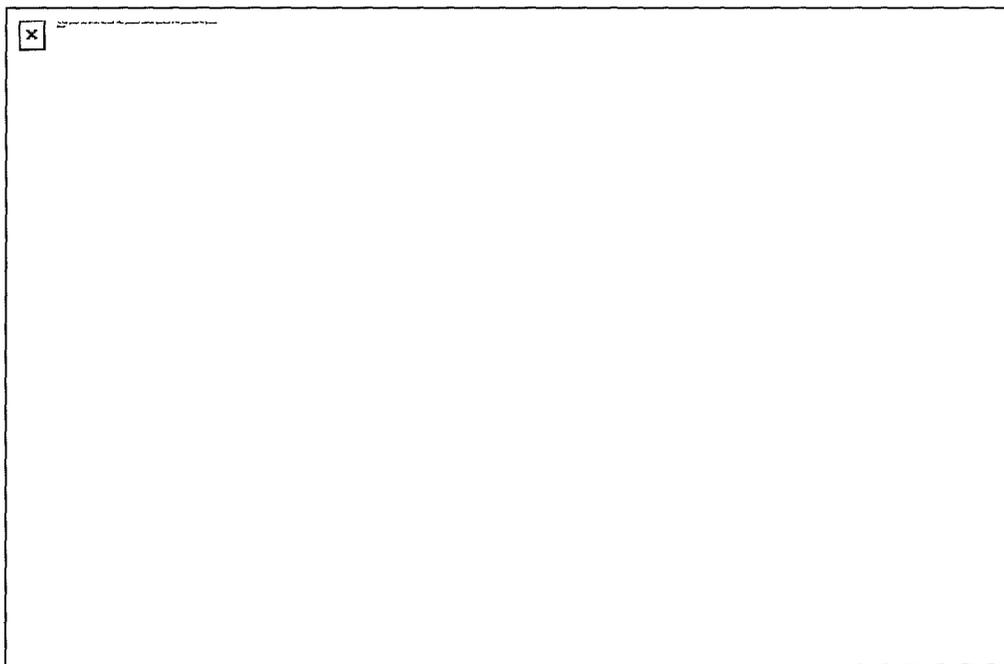
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COVID-19 Update

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%.

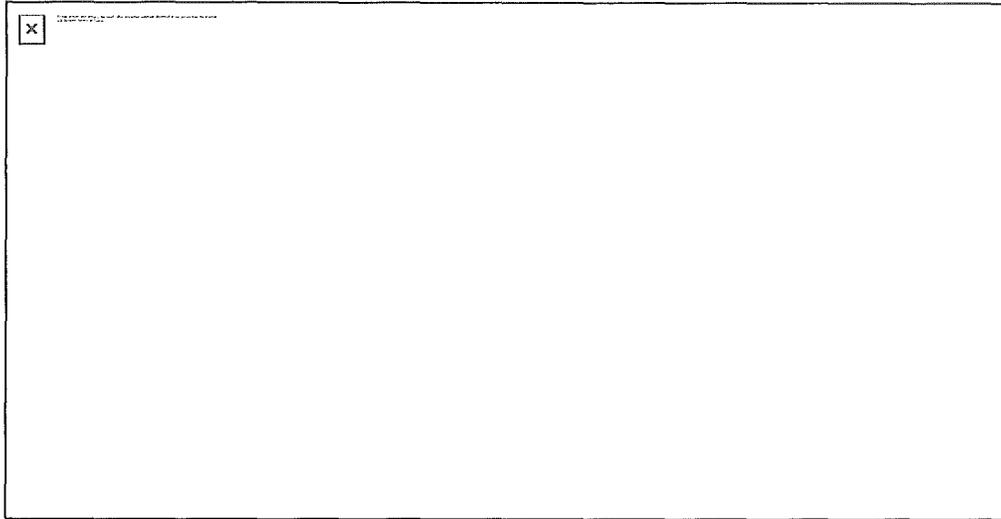
☐ Read More: [Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing](#)

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**.

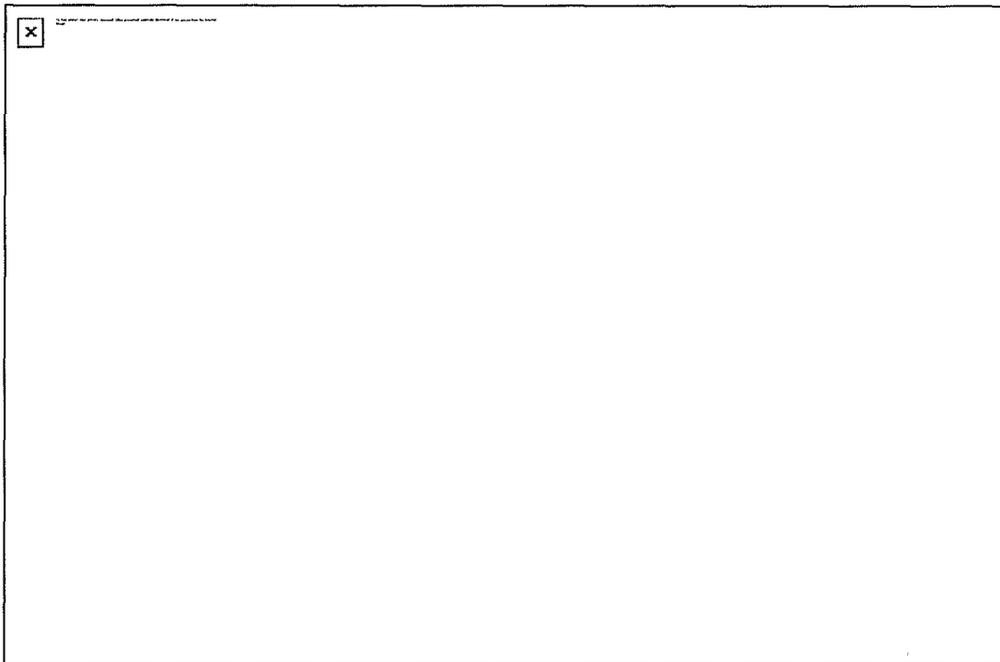
To find where you can donate source plasma, visit **donatingplasma.org** and **coronavirus.gov**.

☒ 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!](#)



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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.

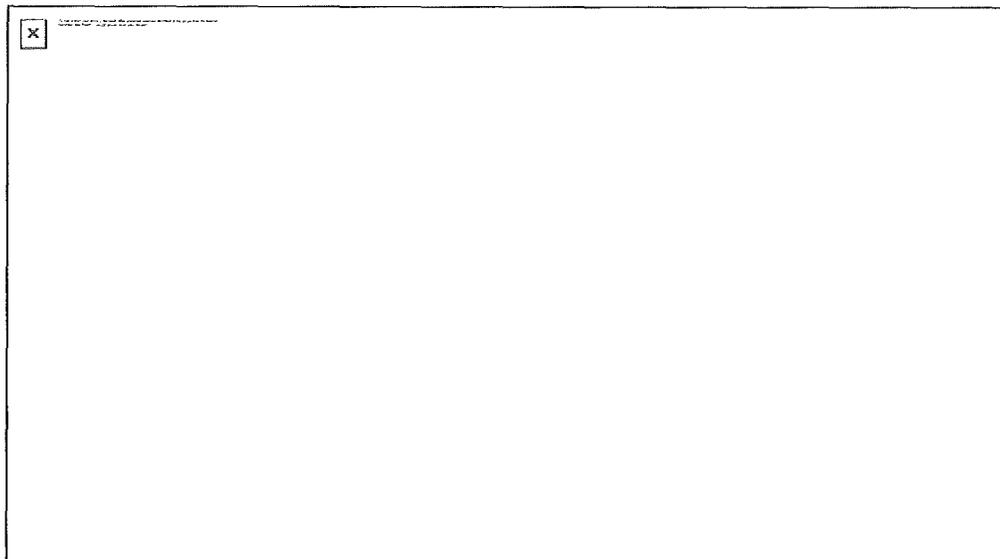
Director Redfield provided an update on state vaccine planning and CDC planning activities. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution interim plans to the CDC earlier in October, the CDC reviewed these iterative documents providing feedback to states recently, and states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

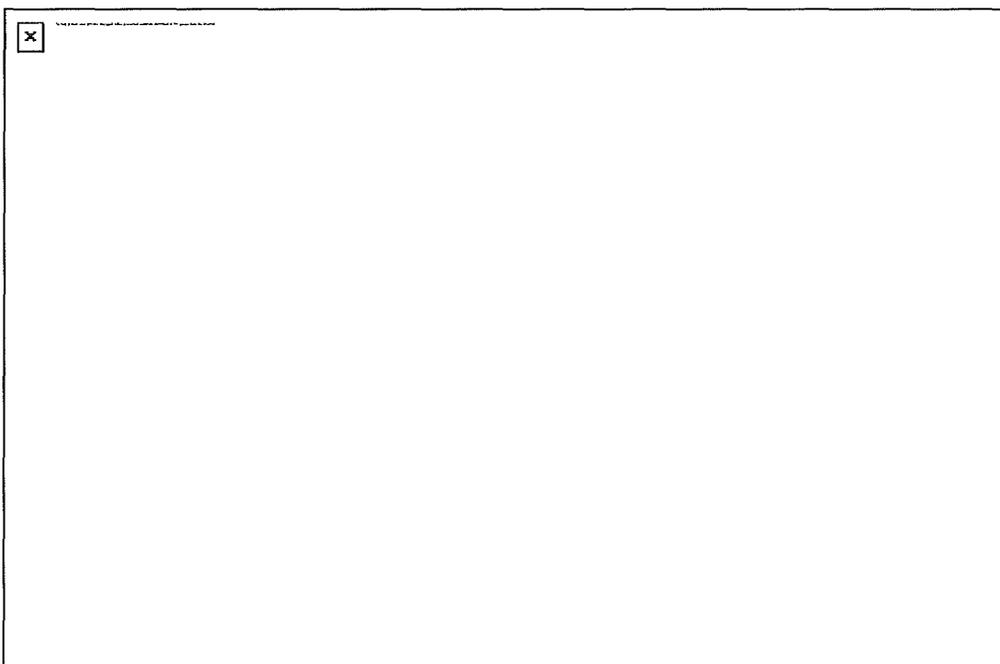
On Friday, December 4, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics released jobs numbers showing the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in November with the unemployment rate dropping by 0.2 percent to 6.7 percent. The net 245,000 jobs added in November included an increase of 344,000 jobs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



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.

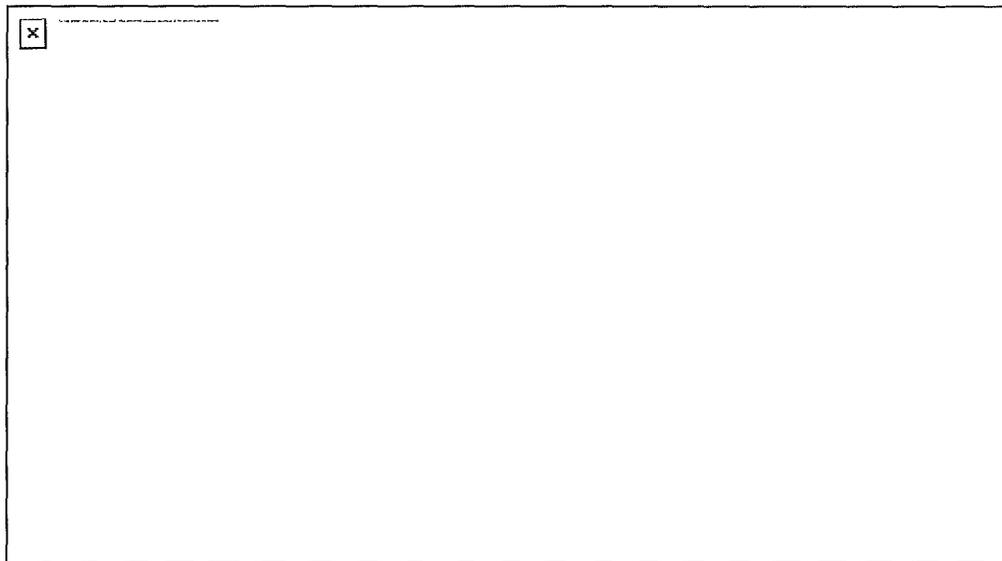
Since his retirement from coaching, Holtz has authored several books, contributed to ESPN and CBS as a sports analyst, and continues to give back to his community through two of his own charities, the Holtz Charitable Foundation and the Holtz's Heroes Foundation. In commemoration of his outstanding accomplishments 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.

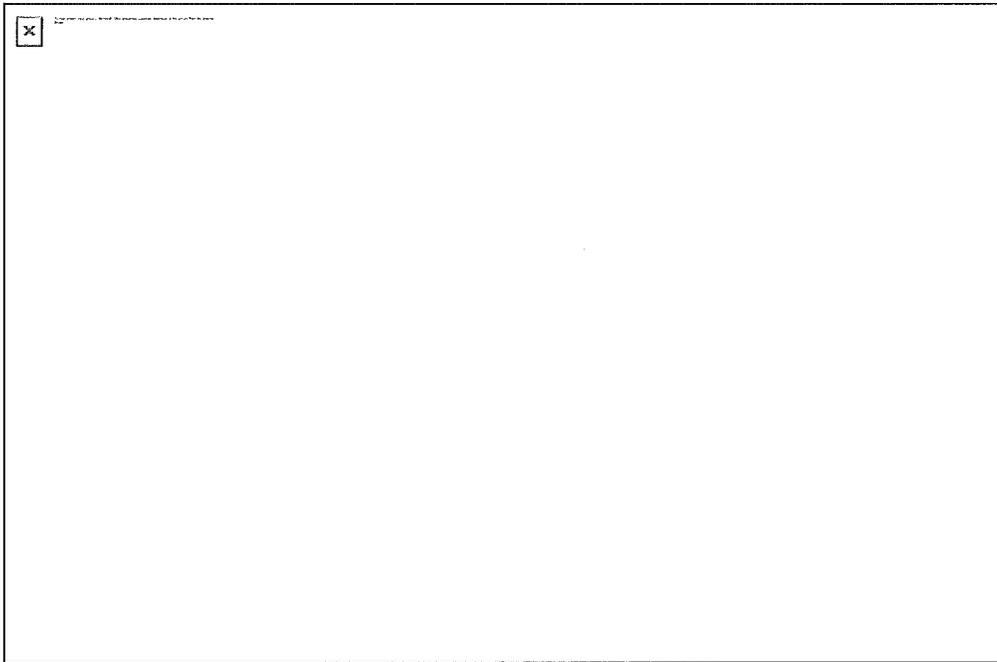
2020 White House Christmas Decorations 🎄

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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William,
Thank you for the clarification. The AG is looking forward to attending.
Happy holidays!

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White House Luncheon with State Attorneys General

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Arrival Date/Time: Thursday, December 10, 11:15 a.m. Eastern (note arrival time)

Arrival Location: 17th Street NW and State Place NW

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Dear Mark,

Thank you for submitting your RSVP. We have received your information. Please reach out to your point of contact with any questions.

Per the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control, we are politely asking you or your guests to abstain from your White House visit if you or the guest are exhibiting any flu-like symptoms including, but not limited to, fever, chills, cough, running nose, sneezing, nausea, or vomiting. For more information, visit the CDC website.

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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)

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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

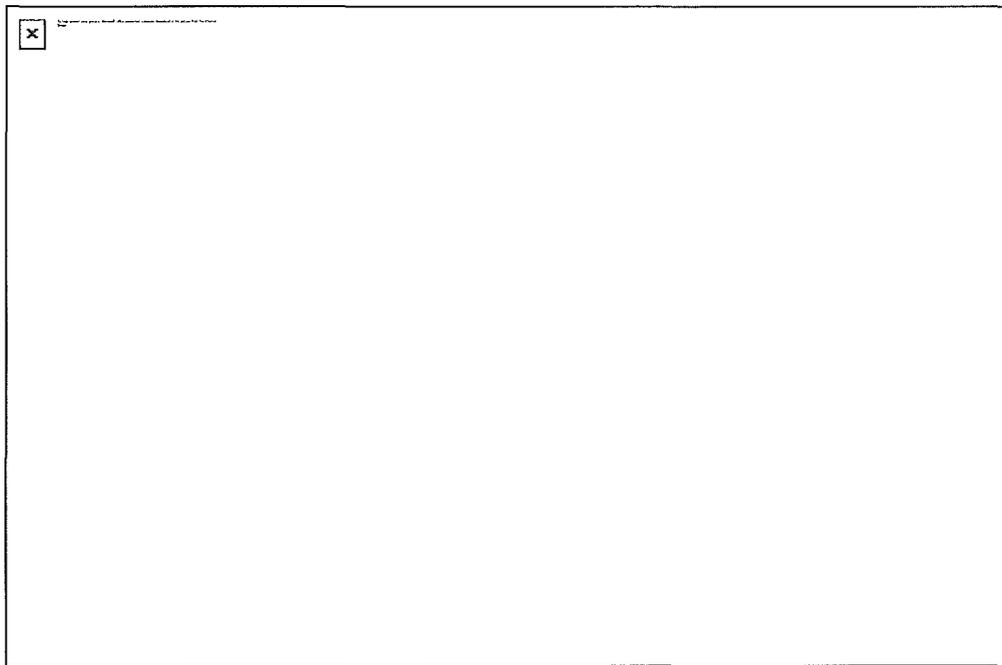
where they will be cared for by skilled veterinarians.

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.

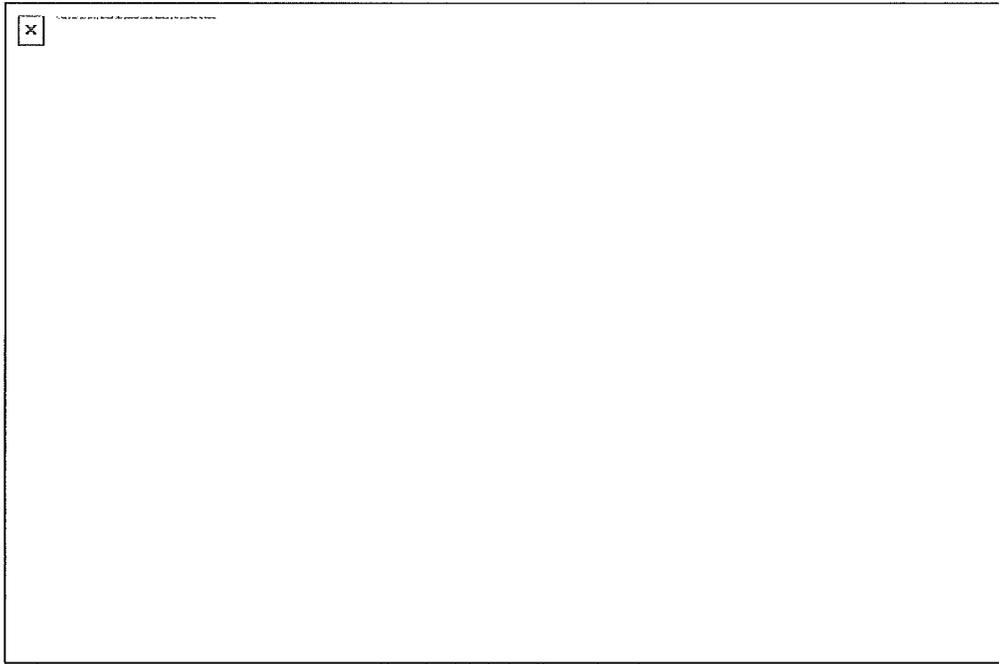
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📄 The White House: [Learn more about Corn and Cob's journey.](#)

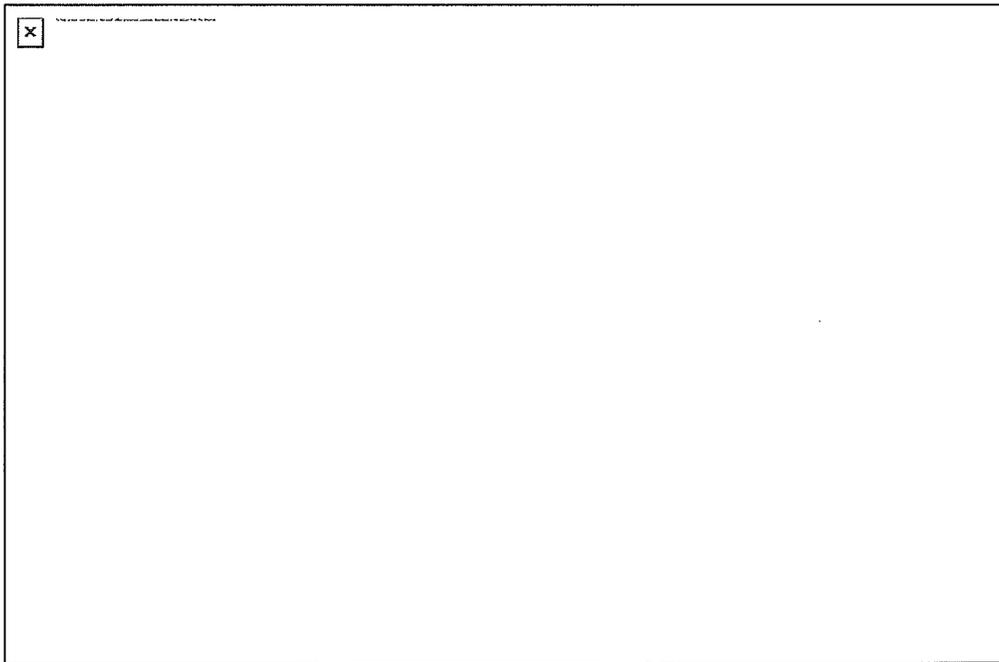
📖 Read More: [Remarks by President Trump at the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony](#)



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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Attorneys General –

Please note that invitations for the White House Christmas Party on December 11 have been sent via email through the White House Social Office.

Don't forget to RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Attorneys General –

On behalf of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, we are glad that you are able to join for a White House Christmas Reception on Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.

You are confirmed to attend and will have a +1. Please note that this email is not a formal RSVP. The White House Social Office will send you an official invitation to this email address in the near future. You will formally RSVP through that invitation, which will have additional details.

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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📧

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

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

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](#).

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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!](#)

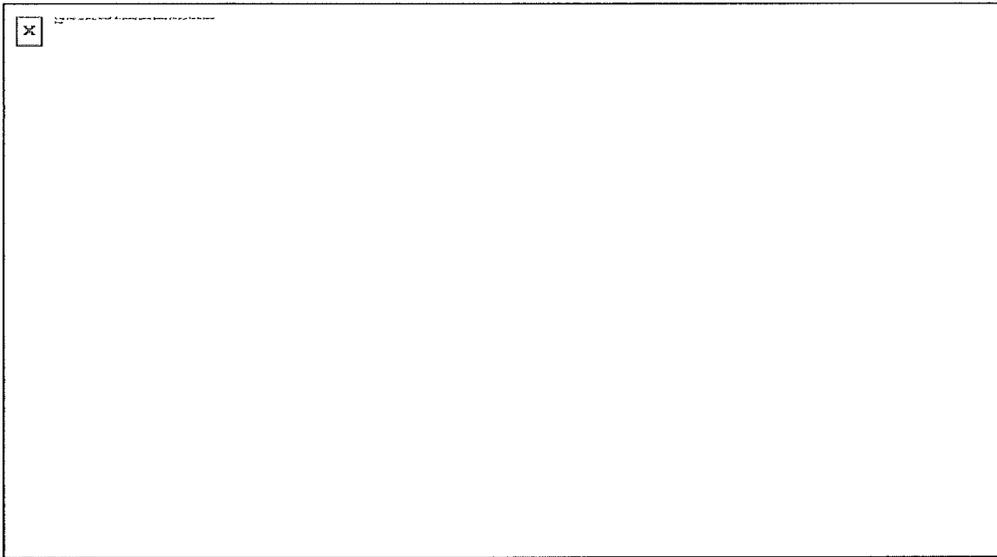
Vice President Pence: [We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.](#)

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.

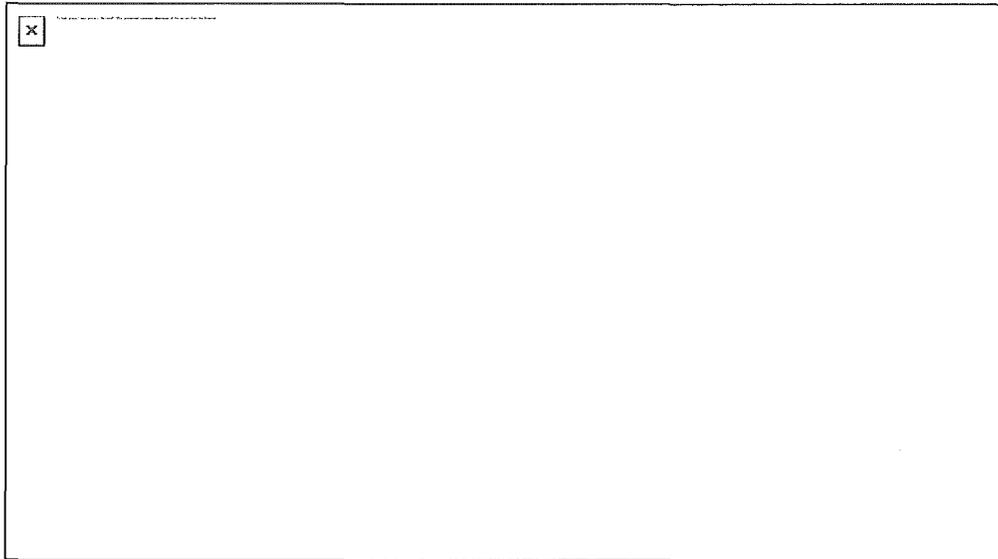
For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an at-home test. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

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.

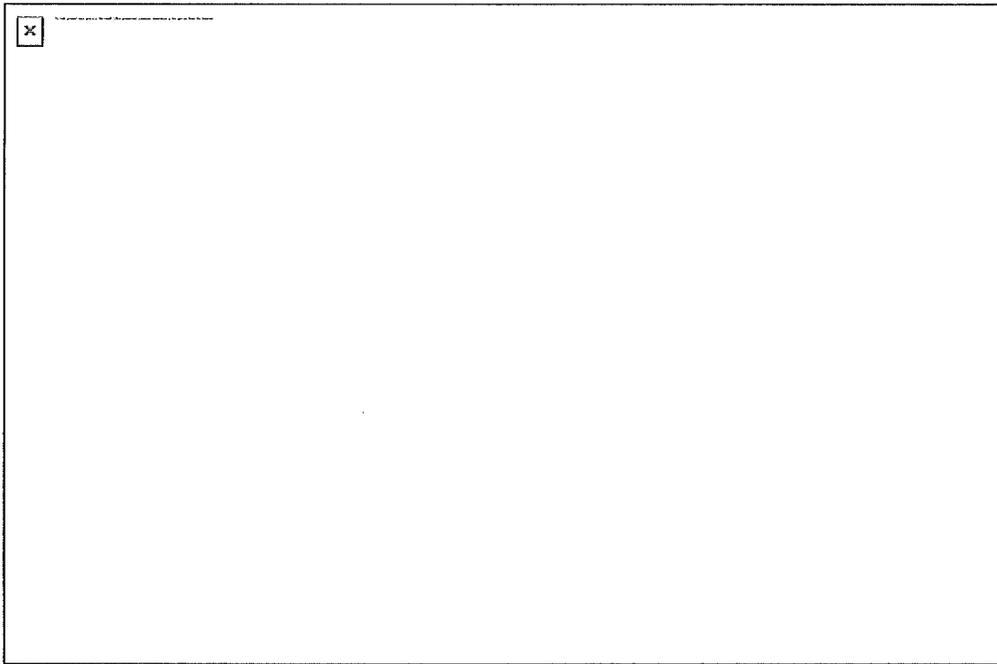
☐ Read More: [Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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.

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.

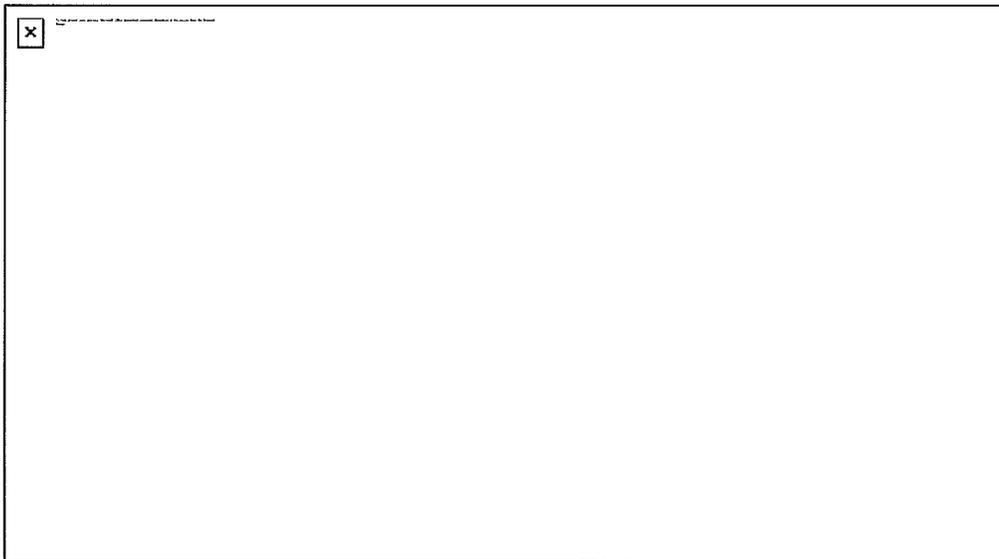
Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed

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

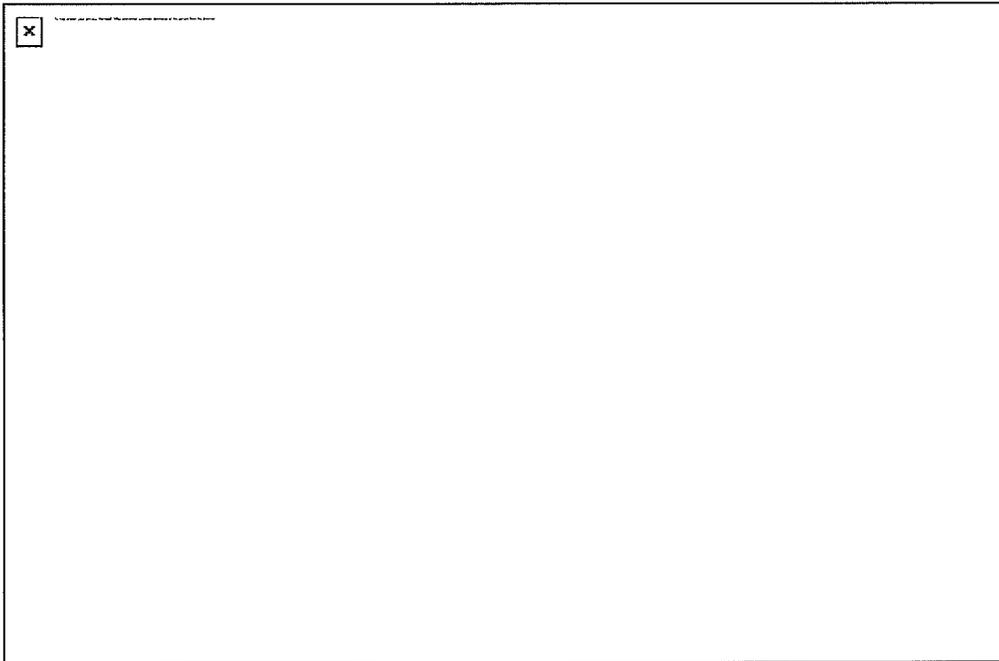
Executive Orders to lower drug prices and improve access to life-saving medications, the MFN Model will protect current beneficiary access to Medicare Part B drugs, make them more affordable, and address the disparity of drug costs between the U.S. and other countries.

 **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.

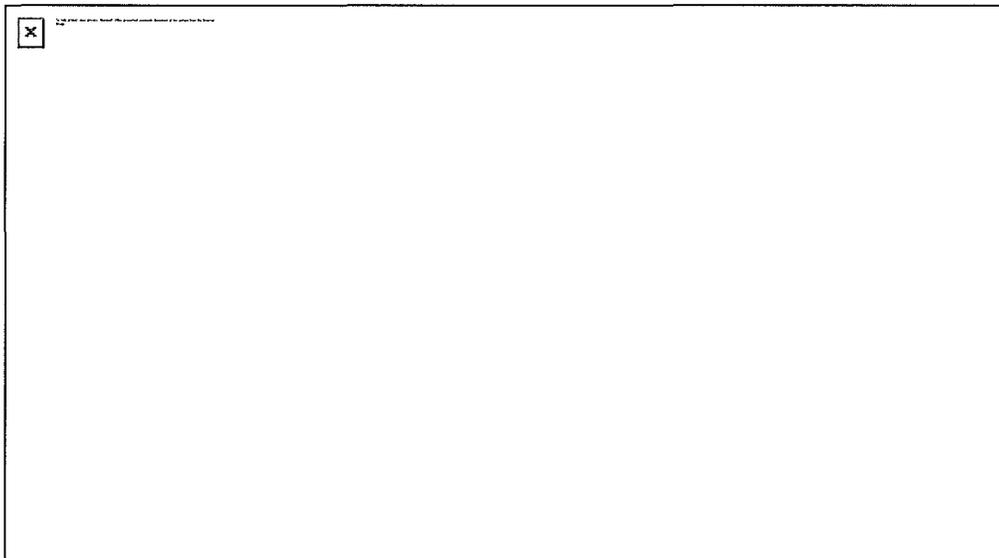
Tribal Transportation Grant Award

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. 



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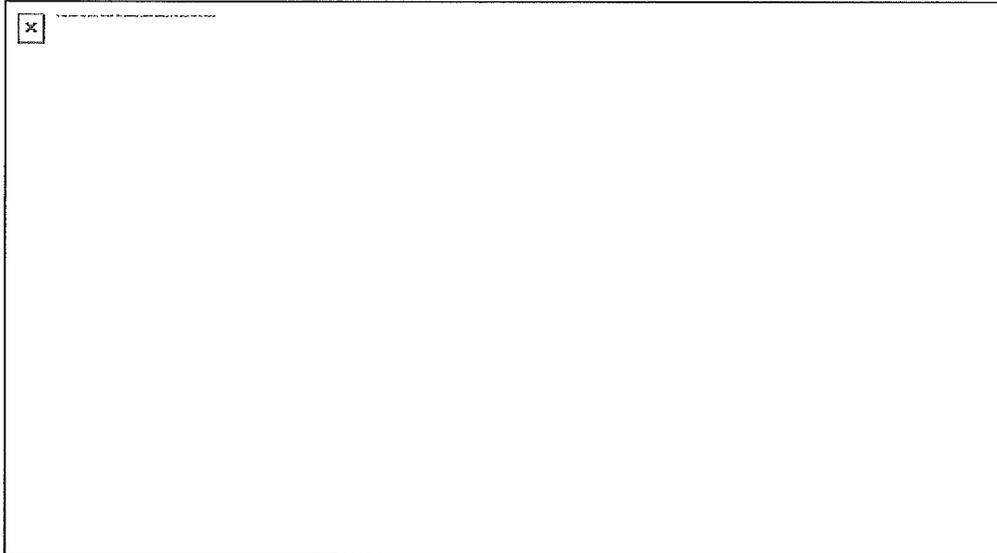
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White House Weekly Recap

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

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

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

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

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 📧 Update - Vaccine Candidates 📧
- 30th National COVID-19 Briefing Call Readout
- 41st Governors COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Lower Drug Prices for All Americans
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- U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement; Tribal Transportation Funding Grant Announcement
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Also do not forget the White House IGA *Promoting Rural Prosperity in America* guide. This guide is a great resource for State, local, and Tribal officials to navigate programs and resources across the Federal government to help their rural communities prosper. You can find the guide [here](#).

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

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COVID-19 Update

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

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

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

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

📢 Second Vaccine Announcement 📢

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

Moderna's announcement followed that of Pfizer, which announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90

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

☐ Read More: [Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study](#)

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

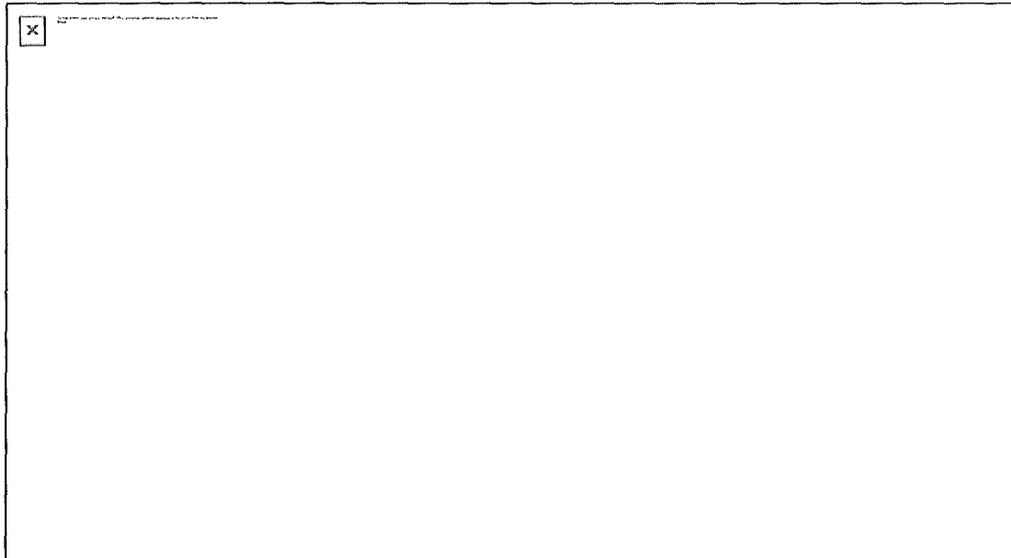
☐ Vice President Pence: [We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.](#)

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

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

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

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



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.

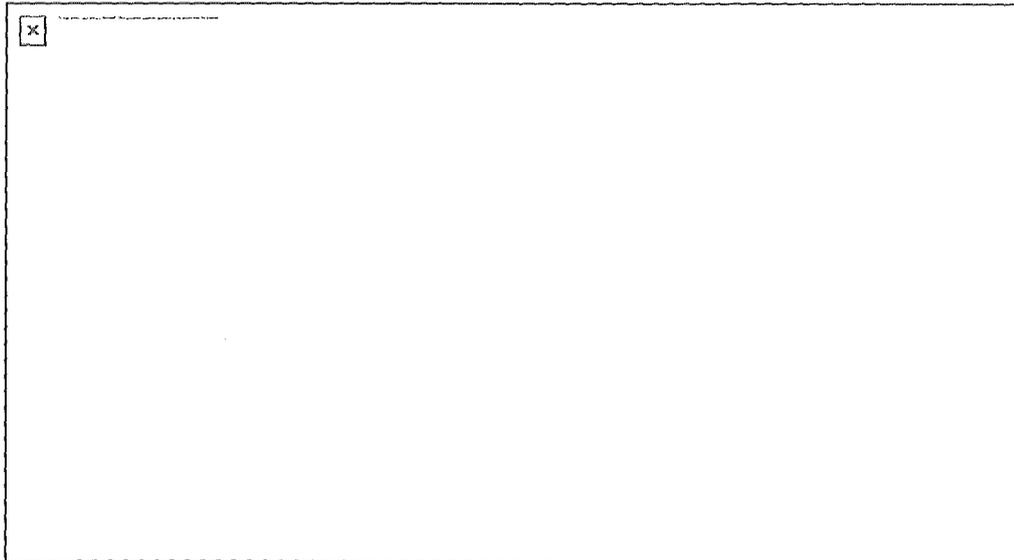
For example, the Federal government has completed more than 170 million tests and continues to approve new tests, including an at-home test. Additionally, the Administration is distributing more than 150 million BinaxNOW tests to schools and nursing homes around America.

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. 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.

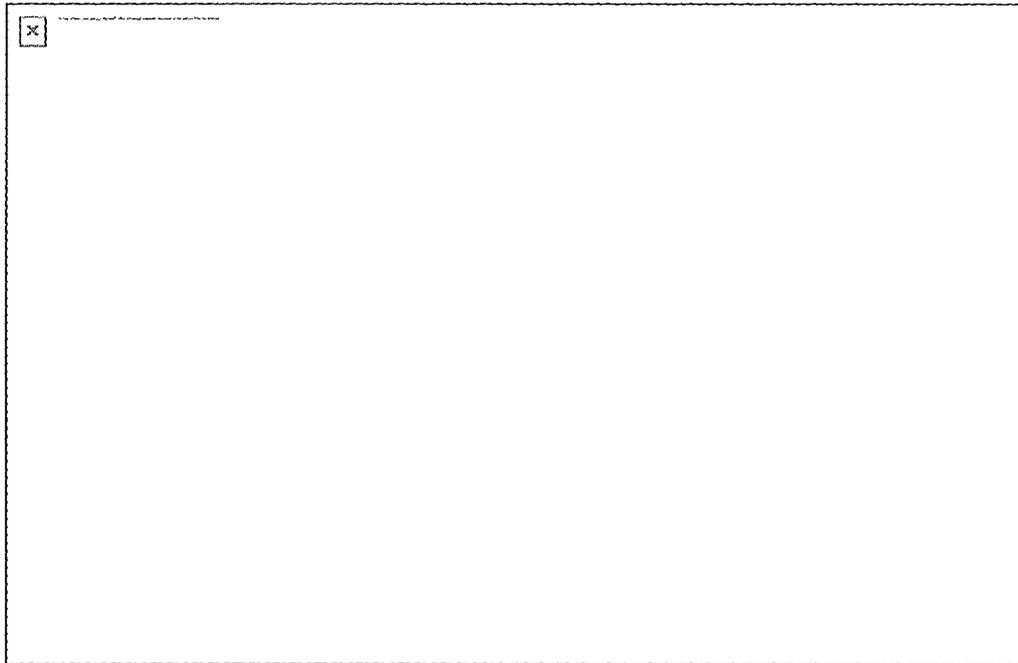
☐ **Read More: [Trump Administration Partners with Chain and Independent Community Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines](#)**

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.

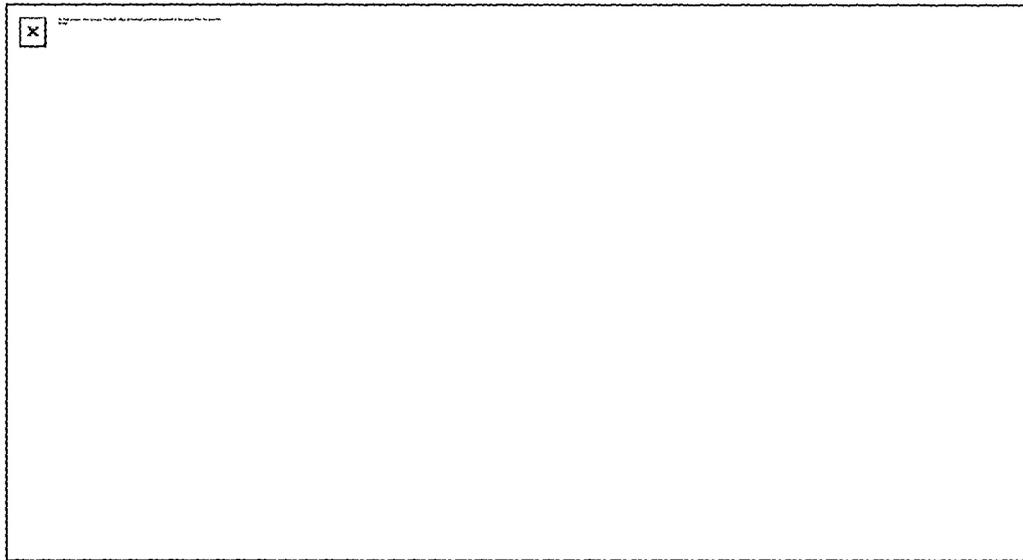
Ambassador Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the Nation and discussed

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

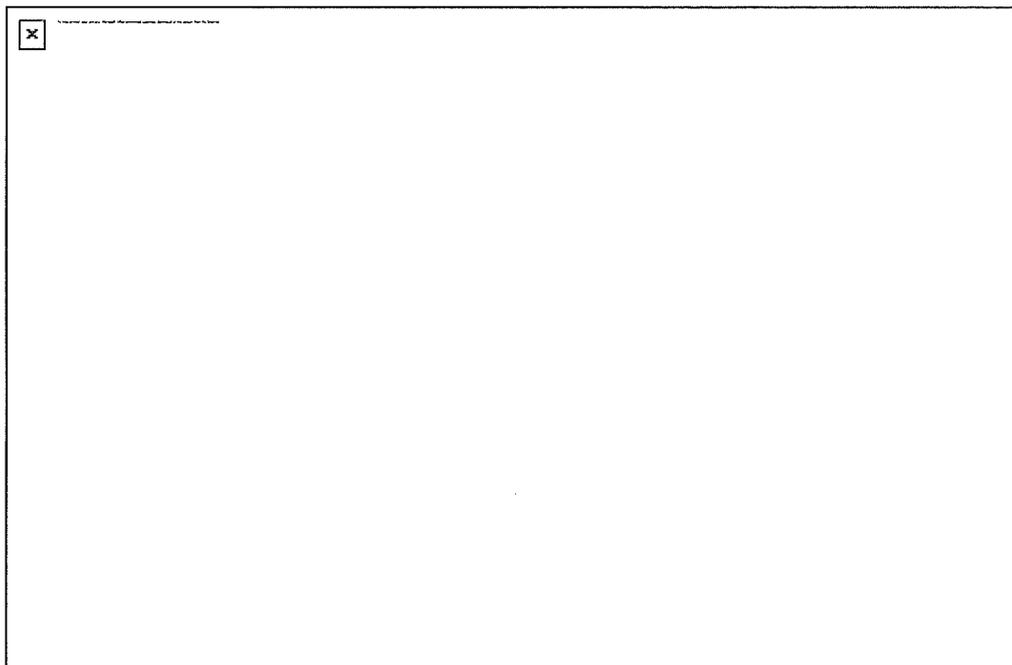
Executive Orders to lower drug prices and improve access to life-saving medications, the MFN Model will protect current beneficiary access to Medicare Part B drugs, make them more affordable, and address the disparity of drug costs between the U.S. and other countries.

 **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 @ASIIndianAffairs.**

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

- Treat 750,000 acres of public lands to reduce fuel loads;
- Treat 500,000 acres of public lands to protect water quality and mitigate severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires; and
- Reduce vegetation through forest health treatments by offering for sale 600 million board feet of timber from public lands.

Surpassing these goals, Interior:

- Reduced fuel loads on 1,534,136 acres;
- Protected water quality and mitigated severe flooding and erosion risks arising from wildfires on 1,691,167 acres;
- Addressed non-native and invasive species across 1,099,576 acres;
- Offered for sale 763 million board feet of timber; and
- Performed maintenance on public roads needed to provide access for emergency services and restoration work across 19,797 miles.

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Great American Outdoors Act Taskforce Releases Details on Historic Deferred Maintenance and LWCF Projects

On Friday, November 20, the **Great American Outdoors Act Coordination and Implementation Task Force** released further details about Fiscal Year 2021 Great American Outdoors Act deferred maintenance and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects.

For FY 2021, the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will leverage more

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.

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

U.S.-UK Open Skies Agreement

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

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

The signing of the Agreement will facilitate a seamless transition in international air transportation markets for the traveling public, airlines, shippers, and other stakeholders. The Agreement meets all the criteria of the U.S. Open Skies policy and provides for additional traffic rights for U.S. all-cargo operations to and from the United Kingdom. The Agreement also includes the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, expanding and modernizing our air transport relationship with those regions. The Parties plan to begin applying the Agreement on

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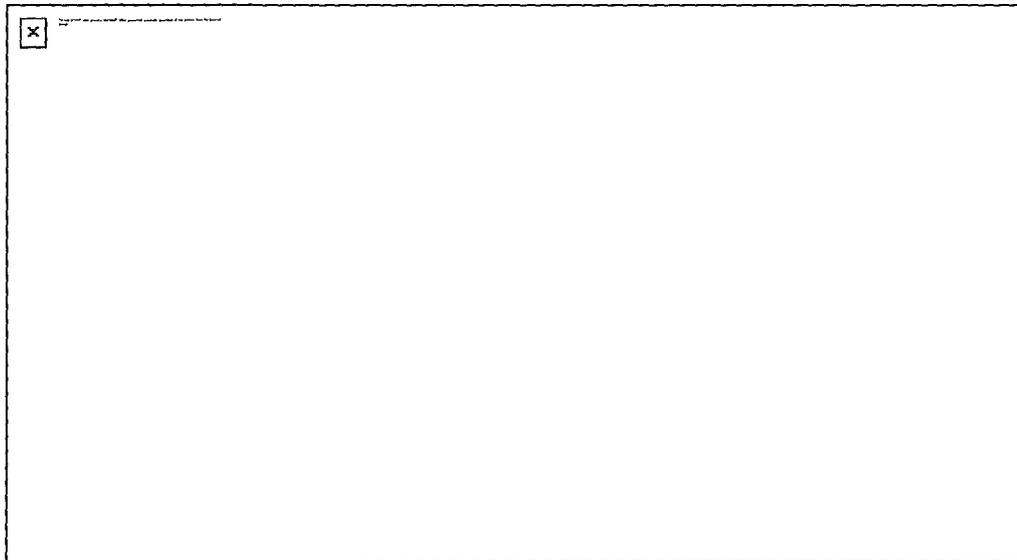
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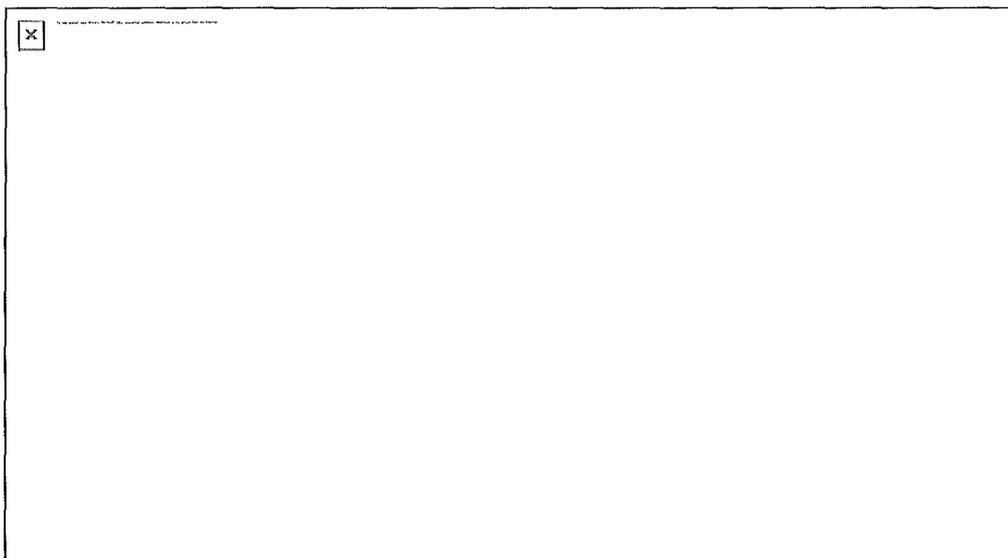
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We are delighted you will be joining us for a White House Christmas Reception on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Please carefully read the information below to ensure there are no delays in the entry process.

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Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to hosting you at the White House.

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From: 2020 Christmas Reception 16 <2020ChristmasReception16@WHO.eop.gov>
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Subject: White House Christmas Reception - December 11, 2020

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Subject: REMINDER: State, Local, Tribal COVID-19 National Briefing Call (TODAY, Wednesday, November 18, 1:00 PM Eastern)



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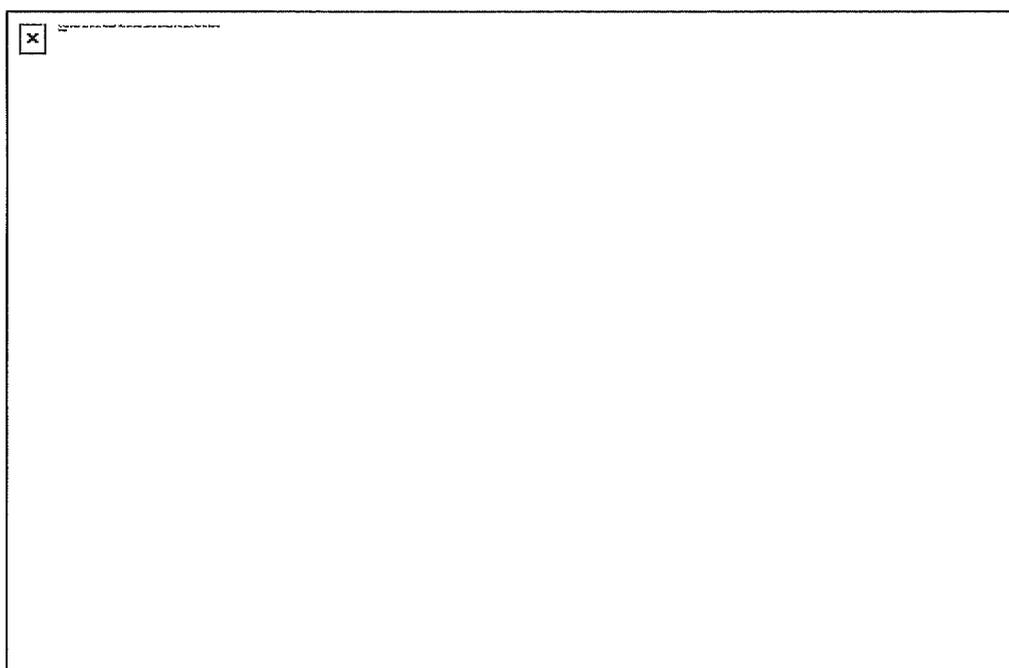
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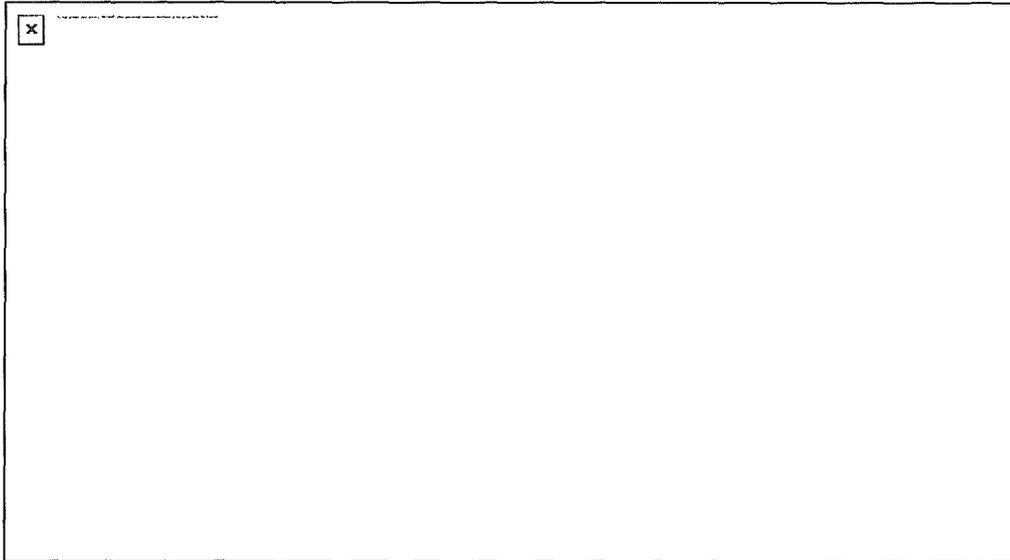
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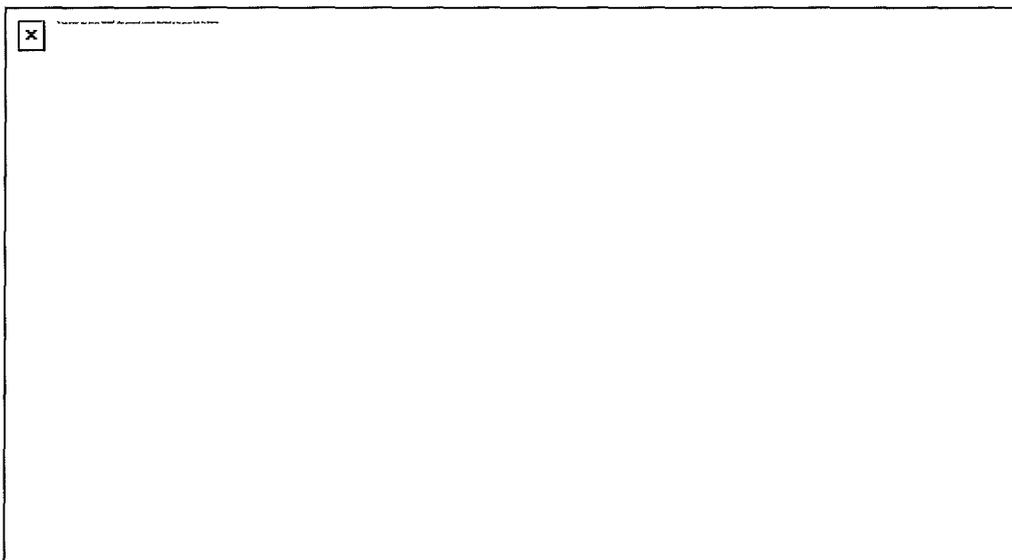
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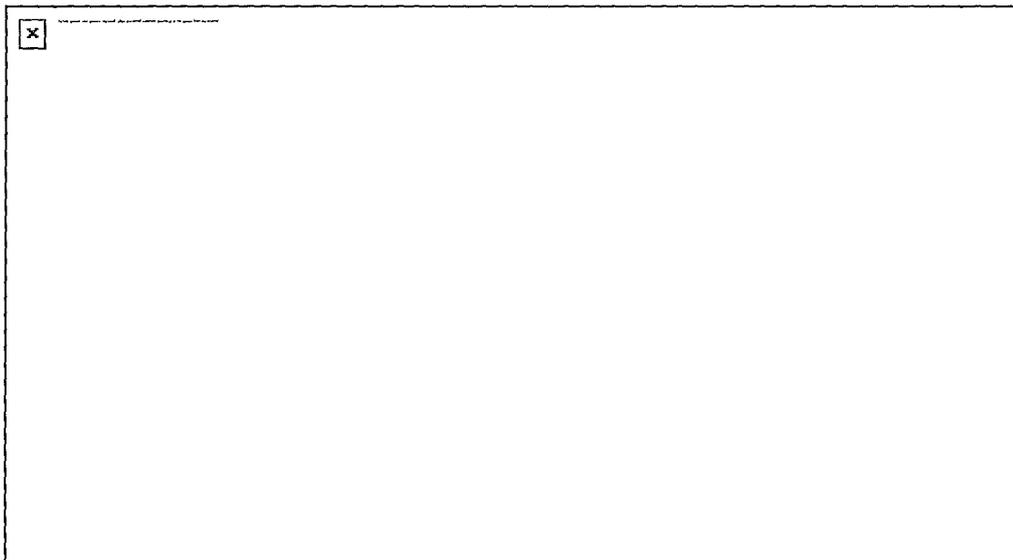


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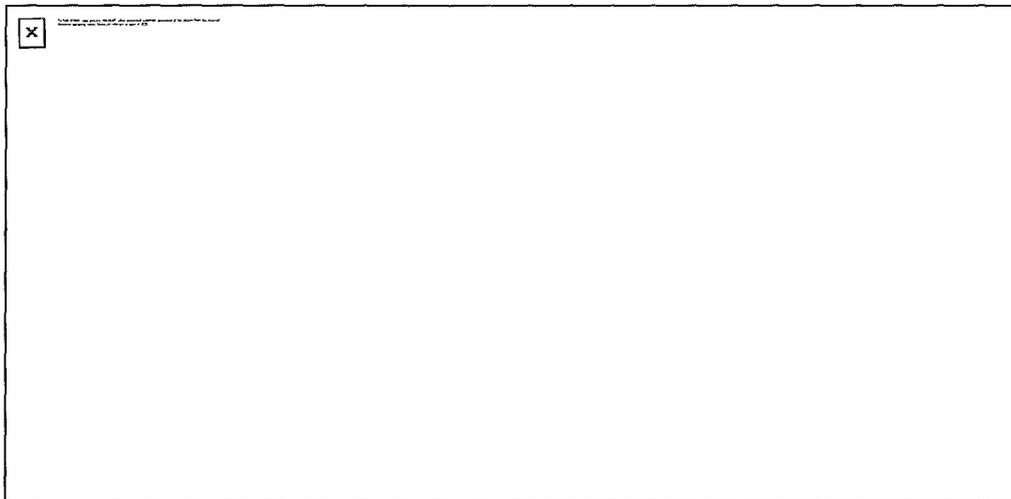
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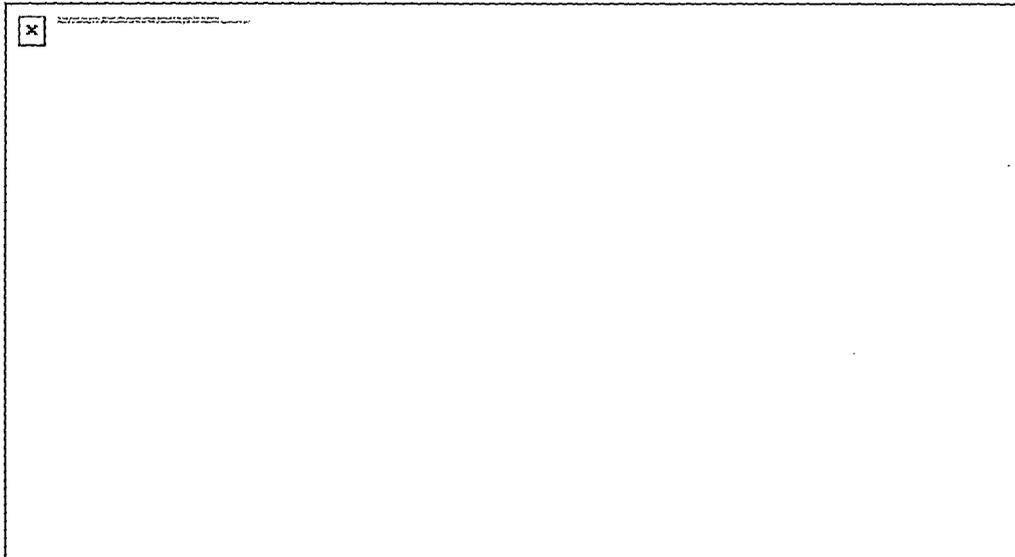
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In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year, the Trump Administration recognized the service of our Nation's Native American Veterans with the **White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans**. The conference brought together 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!**

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Since President Trump took office, over 660,000 apprentices have been hired across the United States. Learn more about apprenticeships at [apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov).

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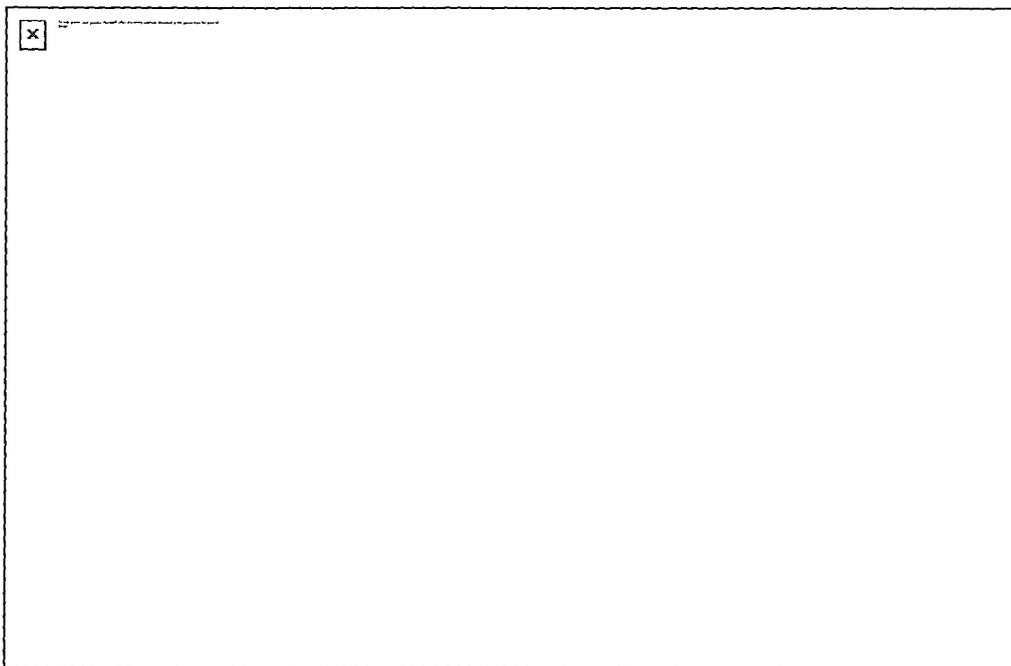
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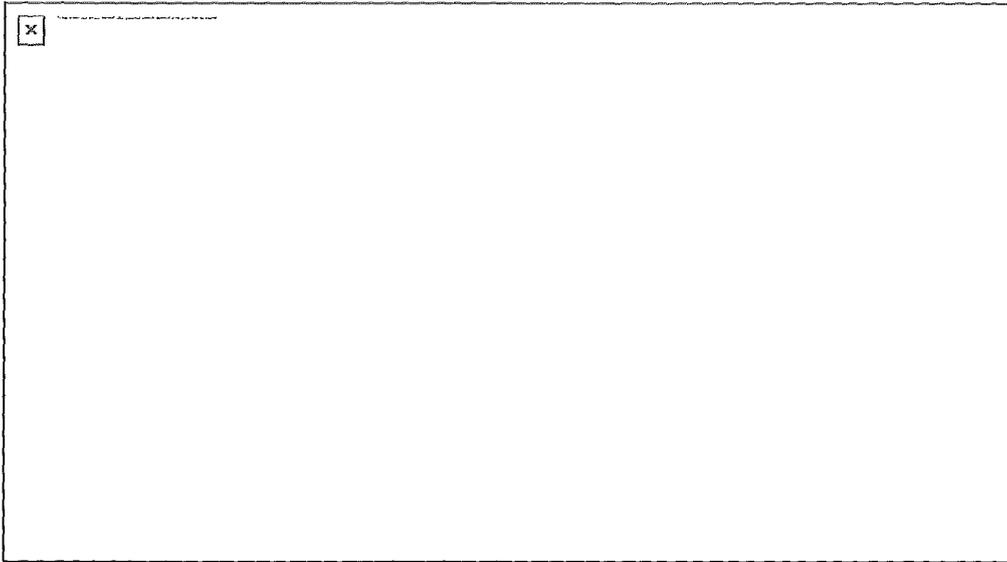
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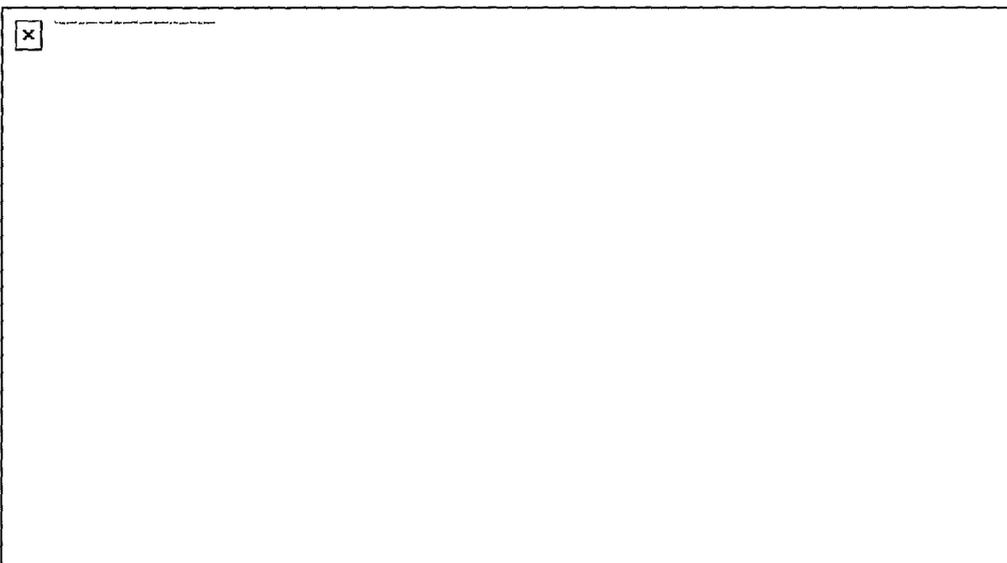
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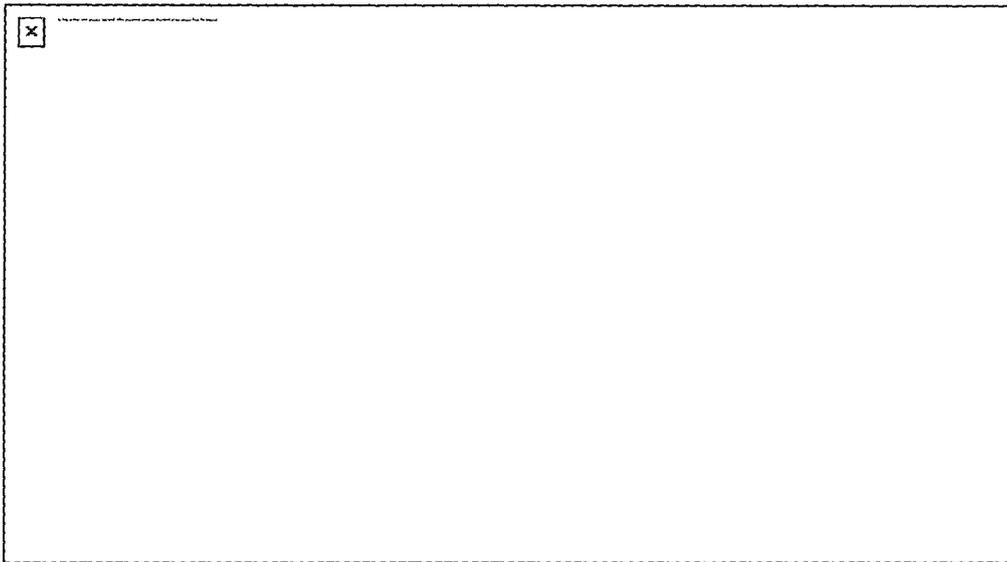
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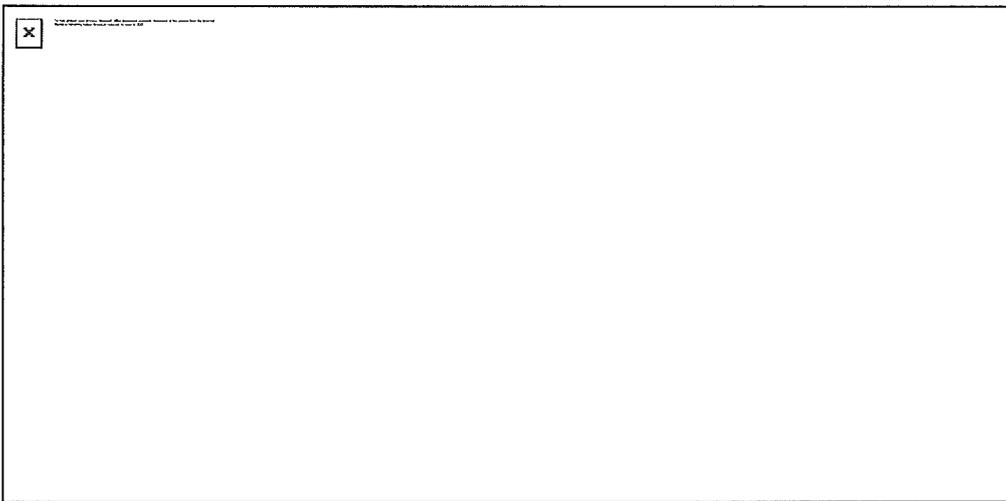
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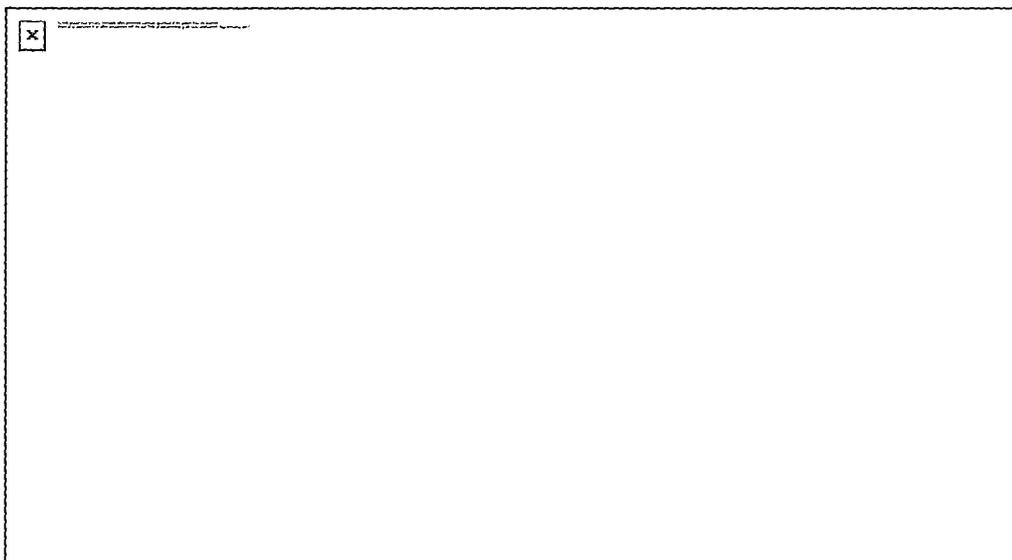
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White House IGA Weekly Recap

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.

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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](#)

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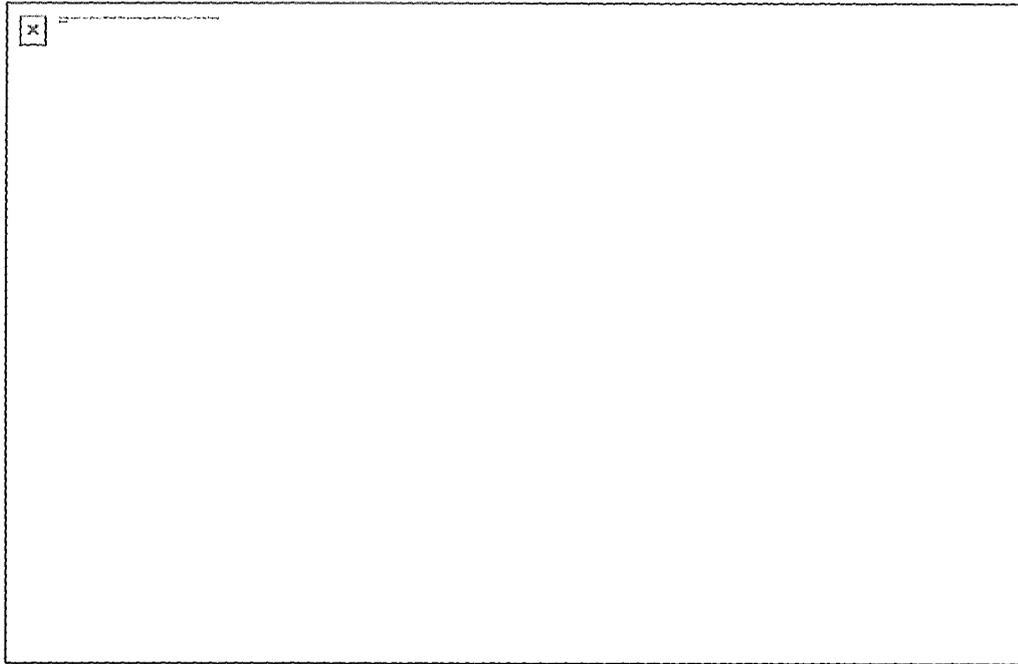
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 **Read More: Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study**



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

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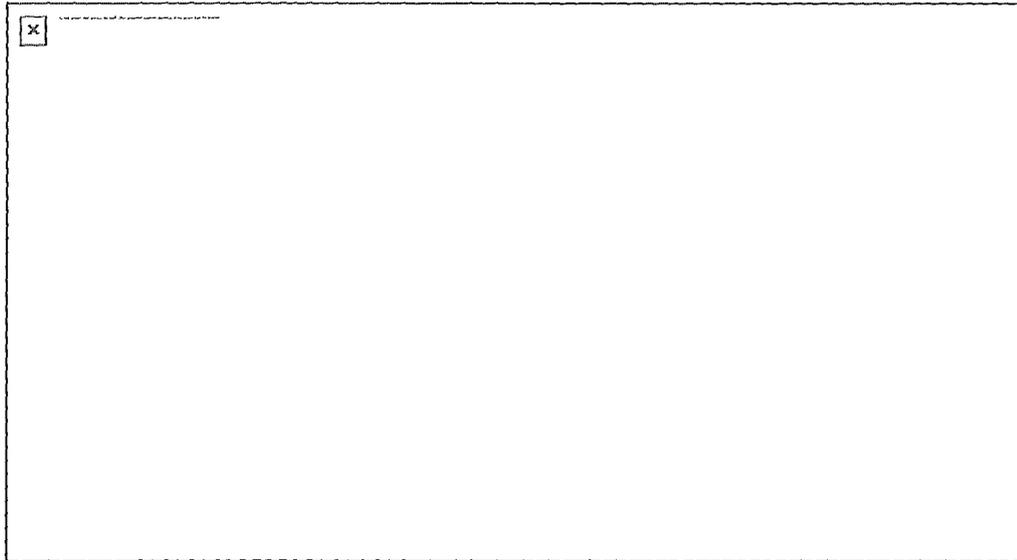
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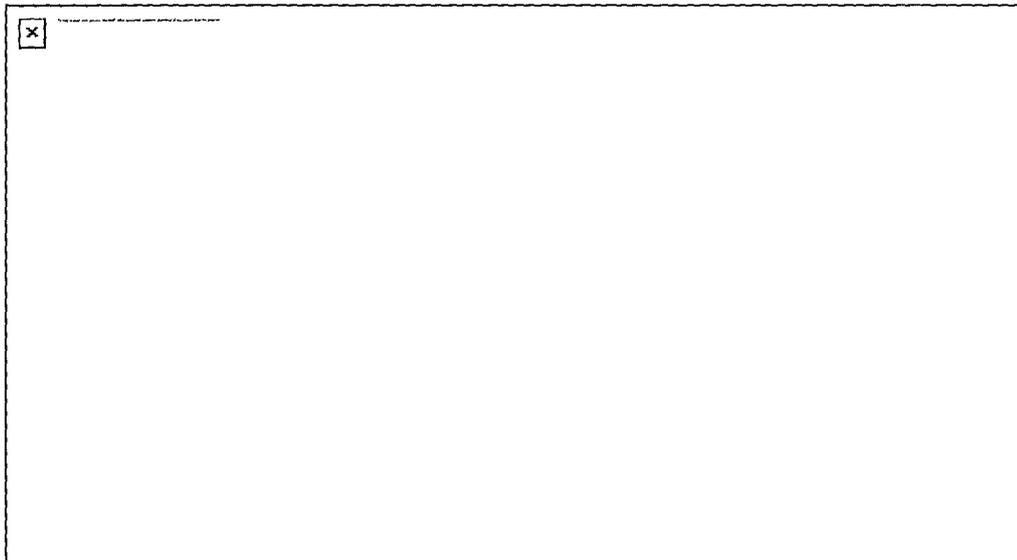
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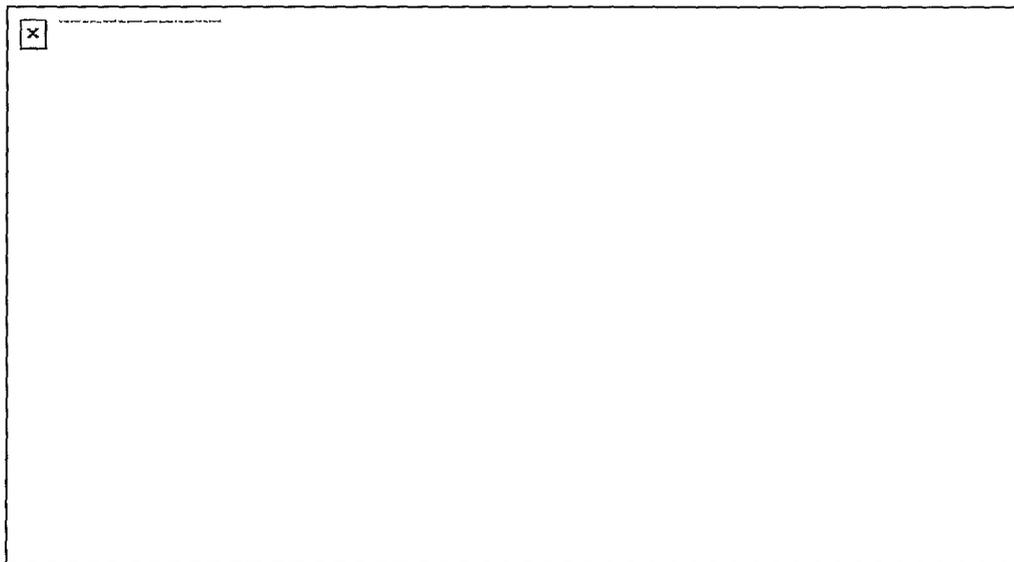
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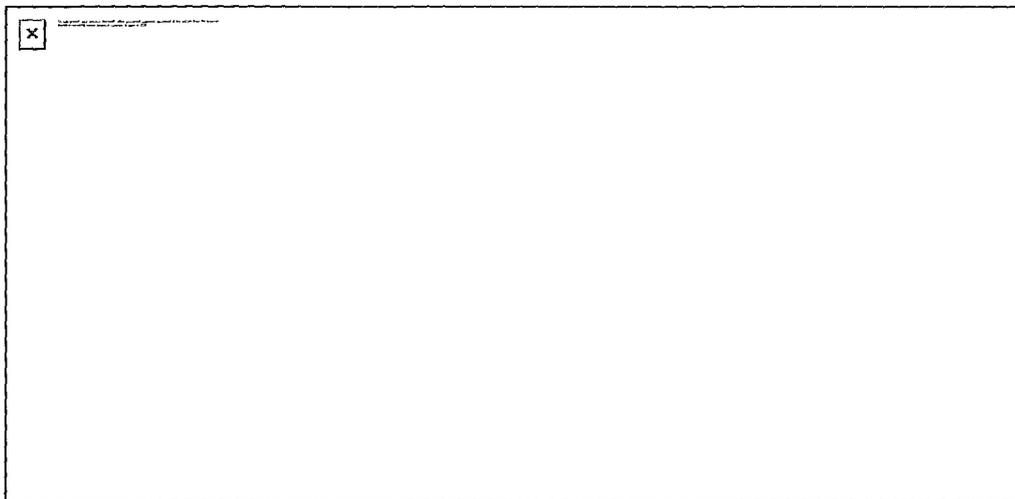
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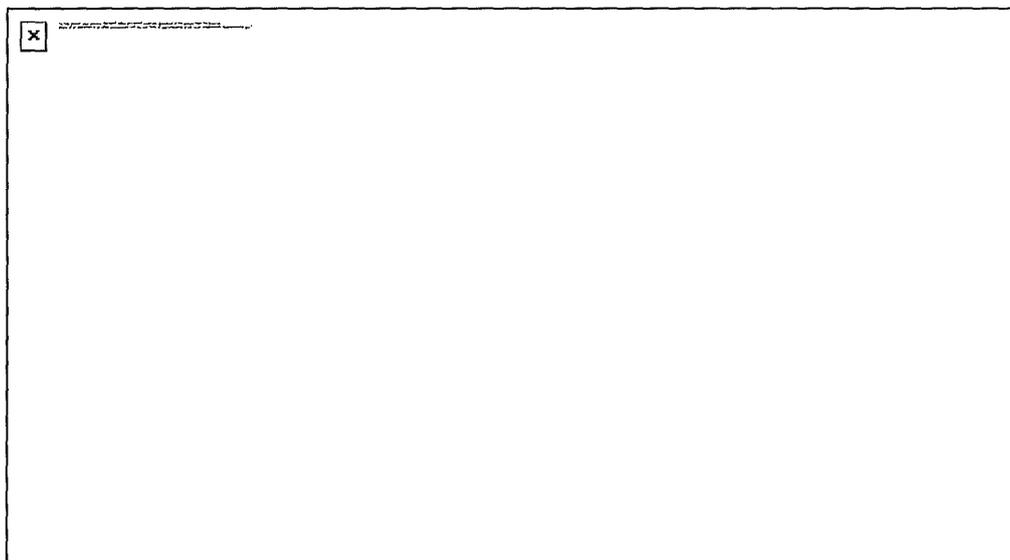
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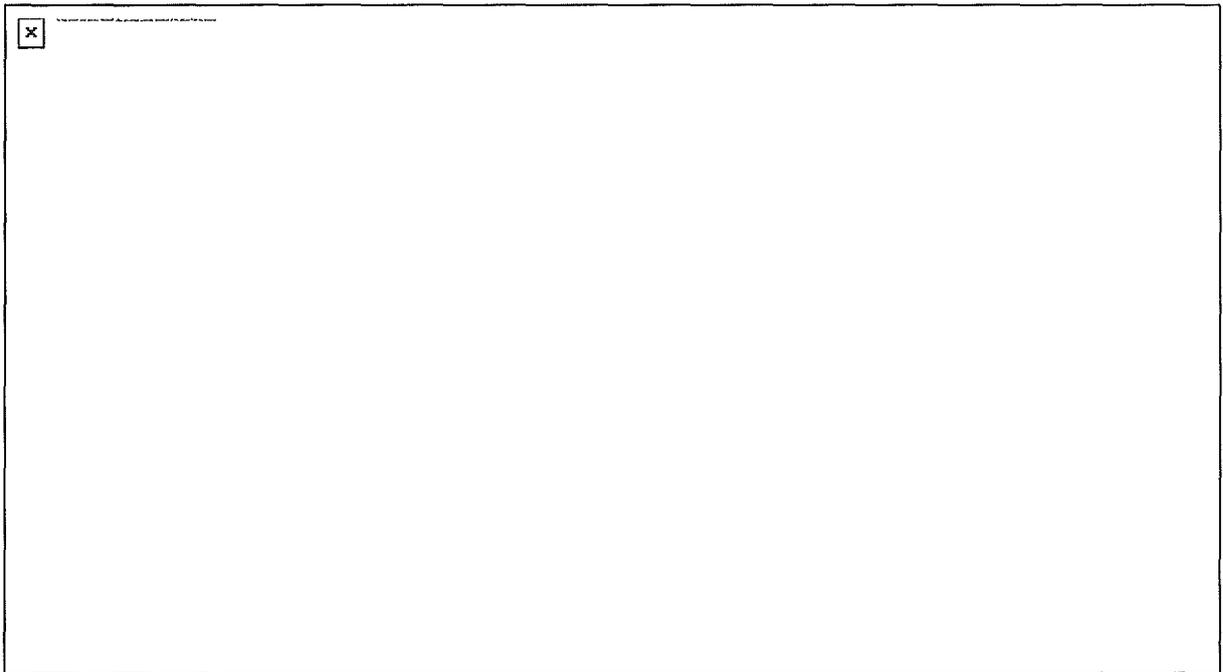
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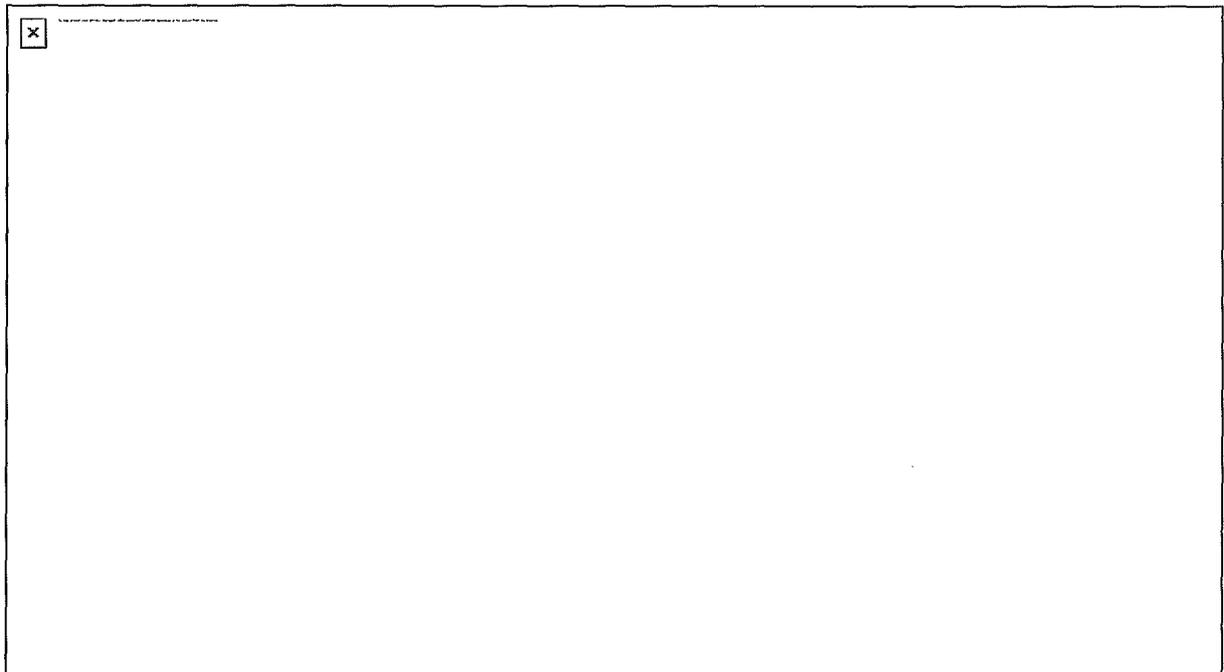
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Vice President Mike Pence: **HUGE NEWS: Thanks to the public-private partnership forged by President @realDonaldTrump, @pfizer announced its Coronavirus Vaccine trial is EFFECTIVE, preventing infection in 90% of its volunteers.**

Read More: **Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine Is Looking 90% Effective**



HHS Secretary Alex Azar: **Big news: Pfizer published data this morning showing its coronavirus vaccine may be more than 90% effective. This is unprecedented progress just 10 months after the viral sequence was published and is a result of the whole-of American effort this Administration has led.**

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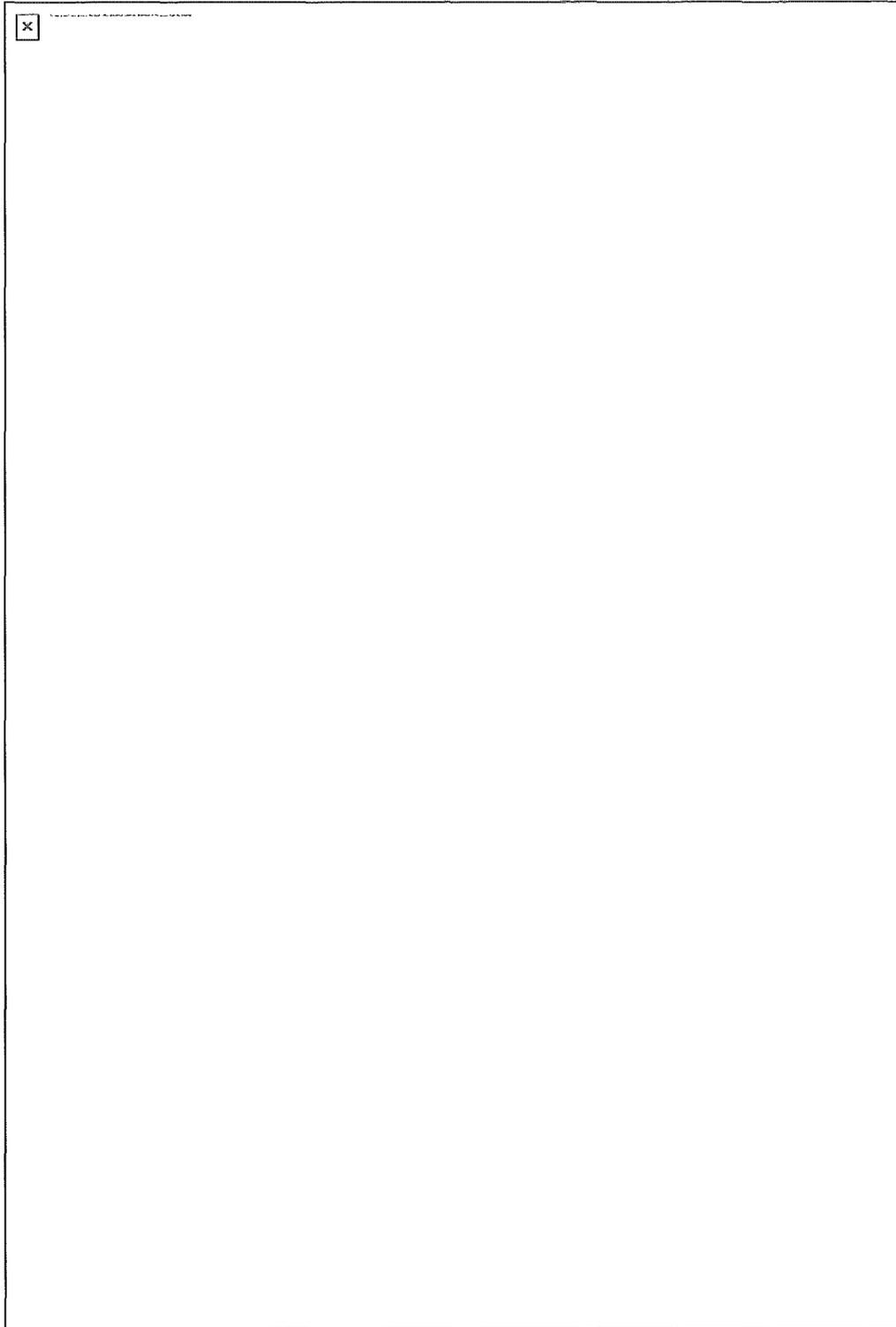
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Veterans Day 2020



On November 11, Americans commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions of our Nation's veterans who have proudly worn our country's uniform to defend and preserve our precious liberty. As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly and faithfully worked to defend the United States and our freedom. Their devotion to duty and patriotism deserves the respect and admiration of our

grateful Nation each and every day. We are forever thankful for the many heroes among us who have bravely fought around the world to protect us all - Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2019

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



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



The White House: Today, the White House hosted a conference of nearly 200 Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, and State, local, and Tribal Veterans champions, to honor the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community!

Veterans Day 2020

Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

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



Interior Secretary David Bernhardt: The @realDonaldTrump

Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.

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

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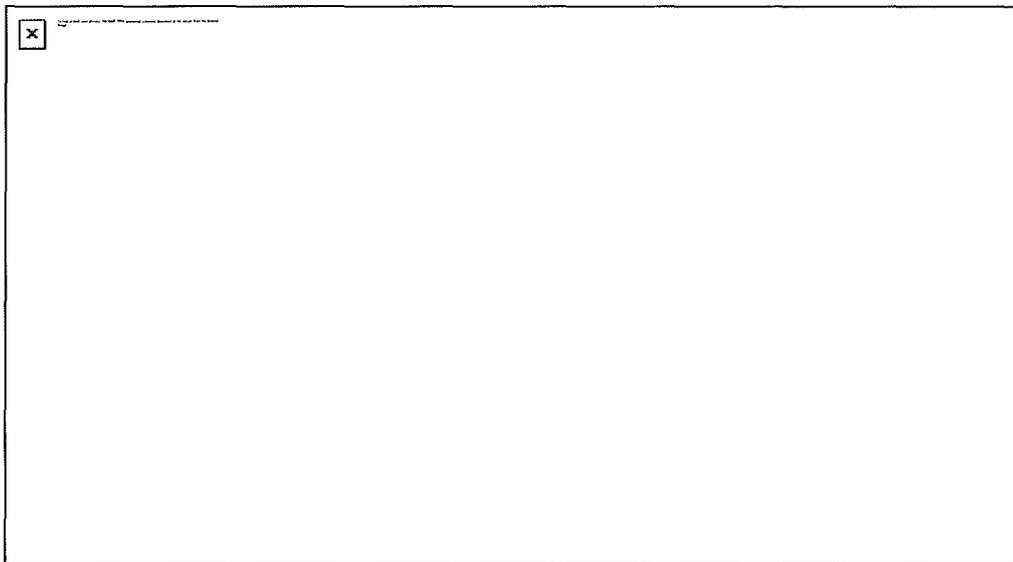


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National Native American Heritage Month, 2020

Virtual Kickoff

Today, Monday, November 9, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is hosting a virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month, 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live by clicking below.



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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 6, 2020

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

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

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

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update: 40th COVID-19 Governors-Only Call
- Economic Update - October Jobs Numbers; The Recovery Continues
- President's Advisory 1776 Commission
- USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act
- Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime
- Indian Affairs Update

- Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

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

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and

administration planning.

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

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

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Doug Hoelscher, *Assistant to the President & Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute for Allergies & Infectious Disease (NIAID), HHS*
- General Gustave Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, OWS, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production, & Distribution, OWS*
- *Additional Federal Participants*

Ambassador Deborah Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the nation, and discussed her recent visits to states in the upper Midwest and western United States, meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Dr. Anthony Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments and the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process.

 **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: The 2021 Open Enrollment Period is now open and runs until December 15. Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to enroll or renew your health insurance coverage for 2021.**

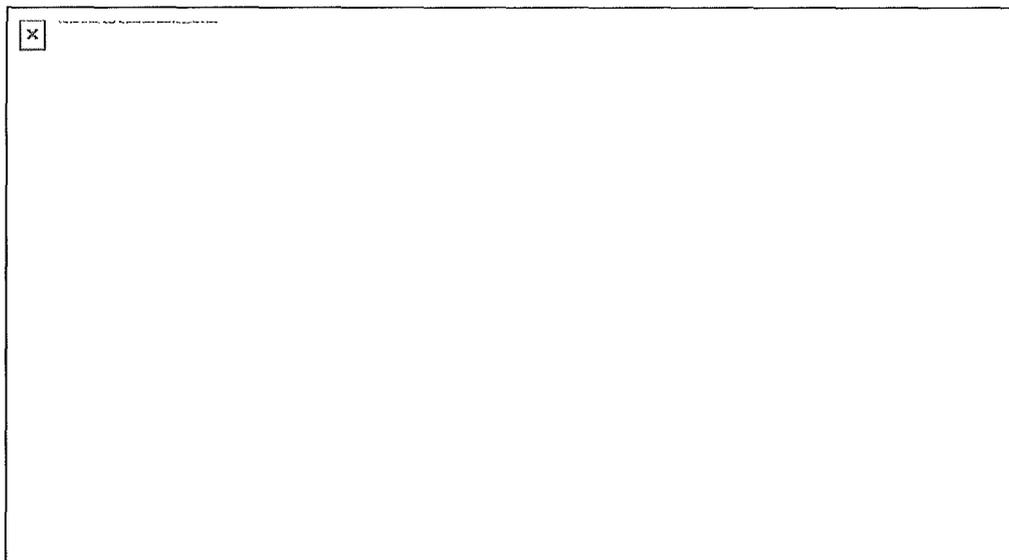
Secretary Alex Azar and WH IGA Director Hoelscher led a discussion with General Gustave Perna (Operation Warp Speed) and Governors on federal efforts in coordination with state and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The discussion focused on planning efforts for areas such as vaccine supply-chain management; funding for state, local, and tribal governments; federal commitment to cover costs for vaccine recipients; coordination with providers; the 64 public health jurisdictions' responsibilities; prioritization of vaccine administration with focus on vulnerable communities; and information management. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution plans to the CDC earlier in October, and CDC provided feedback on these iterative, ongoing documents to states earlier this week.

 **CDC Flu: Nearly 165 million doses of #fluvaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season have been distributed in the U.S. Flu activity is still low, but it's important to get vaccinated before flu starts spreading in your community. Find a vaccine today.**

Several governors highlighted best practices and provided additional perspective on their distribution planning efforts, including Governor Asa Hutchinson (Arkansas), Governor John Bel Edwards (Louisiana), Governor Greg Abbott (Texas), and Governor Phil Murphy (New Jersey).

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 40 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. These briefings total more than 55 hours that included governors sharing best practices and asking questions more than 350 times. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October



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

- Non-farm payrolls rose by +638,000 vs. 530,000 expected
- Unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% vs. 7.7% expected
- Non-farm employment up 12 million jobs in past 6 months
- Blue-collar workers in construction and manufacturing had combined gains of 122K; leisure and hospitality workers experienced the greatest gains with 271K
- Unemployment rate dropped for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans

 **The White House: EXCEPTIONAL jobs numbers out today, another testament to the strength of the U.S. economy under President @realDonaldTrump! 638,000 jobs added in October-beating expectations AGAIN-while the unemployment rate plummeted to 6.9 percent!**

WH Council of Economic Advisers: The unemployment rate is now lower than at any point during the first term of the last administration. It took over 4 years from the prior recession peak for unemployment to hit 6.9%. The strong decrease came even as more Americans were entering the labor force.

 **SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza: More good news for American workers from the**

October #jobsreport

- ⇒ 638,000 jobs added
- ⇒ Unemployment rate fell to 6.9%
- ⇒ 12.1 million jobs added to the American economy since April

Since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.1 million jobs - over 5 in 10 (54.5%) of pandemic job losses in just 6 months. The leisure & hospitality industry – which faced particularly sharp pandemic-related job losses – has now added back 4.8 million jobs, recovering 6 in 10 (58.1%) of pandemic job losses as of October.

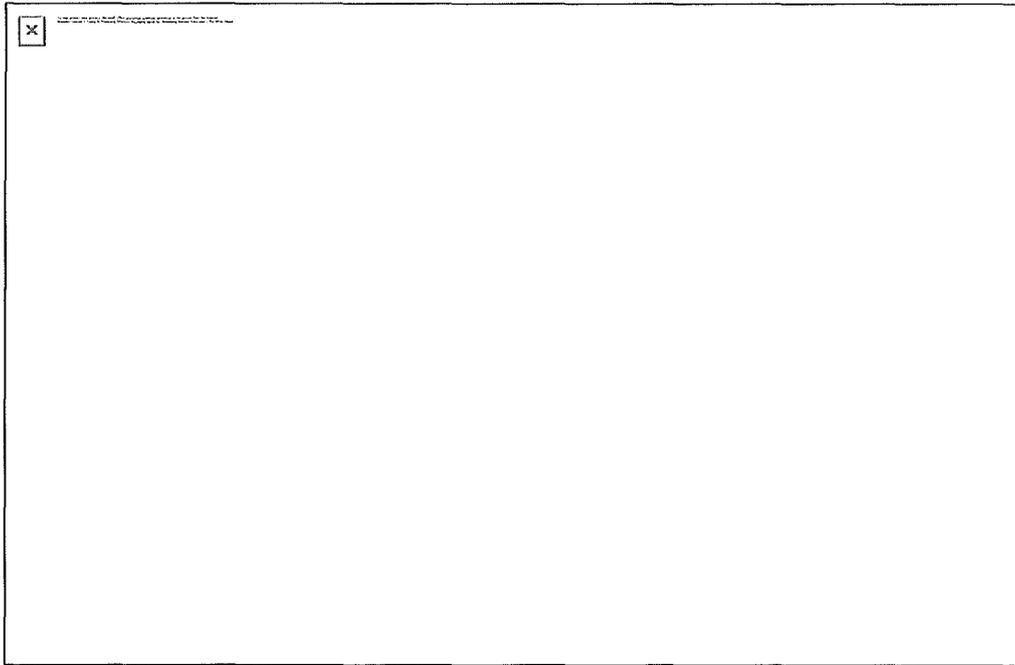
The unemployment rate plummeted in October to 6.9 percent with strong employment gains for African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Since the April peak of 14.7%, the unemployment rate has dropped by 7.8 percentage points. The African American unemployment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points, the Hispanic American rate fell by 1.5 percentage points, and the Asian American rate fell by 1.3 percentage points.

Read More: [The Great American Recovery - Third Quarter GDP Blows Past Expectations](#)

President's Advisory 1776 Commission

On Monday, November 2, President Trump signed an **Executive Order** establishing the President's Advisory 1776 Commission. The Commission will work to improve understanding of the history and the principles of the founding of the United States among our Nation's rising generations. Within a year, the Commission will produce a report regarding the core principles of America's founding and how these principles may be understood to further the blessings of liberty and promote our continuing efforts to form a more perfect Union. Learn more **here**.

President Donald J. Trump: Just signed an order to establish the 1776 Commission. We will stop the radical indoctrination of our students, and restore PATRIOTIC EDUCATION to our schools!



President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event brought together historians, scholars, and educators to discuss our Nation's approach to teaching American history and to assist educators across the country. During the conference, the President announced the formation of the **1776 Commission** to better enable America's rising generations understand our history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding.

Read More: [Presidential Proclamation on Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, And Constitution Week, 2020](#)

Watch: [White House Conference on American History](#)

Watch: [President Trump Delivers Remarks at the White House Conference on American History](#)

The Trump Administration remains committed to encouraging educators to teach the constitution and believes our children must learn from American history so that the next generation can continue to form a more perfect union. Under President Trump's leadership, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) **awarded** \$40.3 million in CARES Act economic

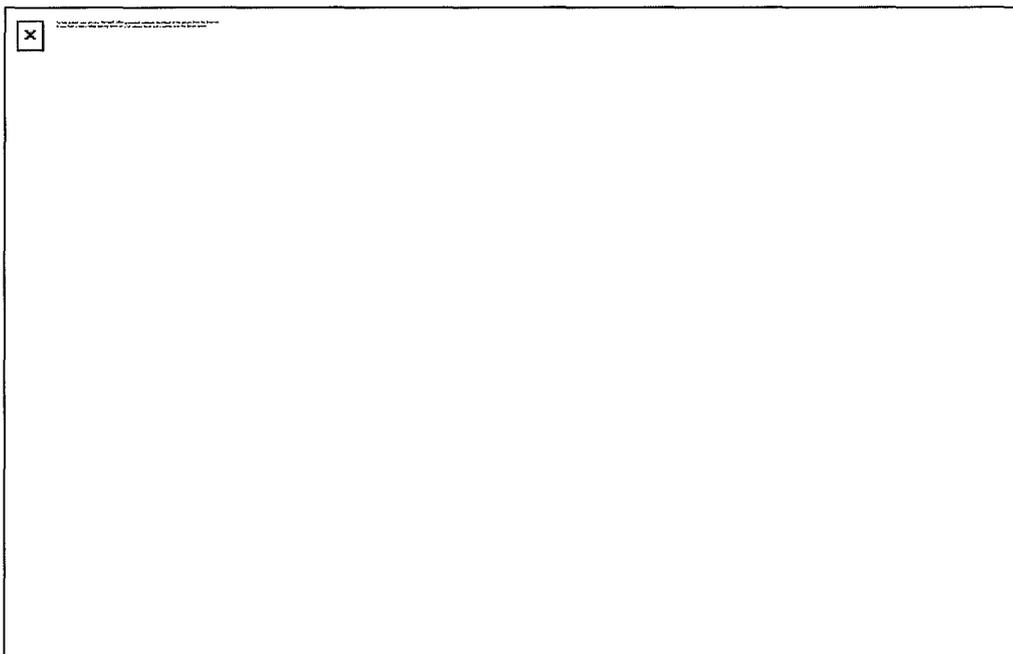
stabilization grants to over 300 institutions, spanning all 50 states.

To bolster these efforts, NEH awarded over \$185,000 to the National Association of Scholars (NAS) and AAT Education (AAT). NAS will survey popular history books used to teach America's children, and AAT will create a more engaging and inspiring U.S. history curriculum. This grant will allow for esteemed historians and educators to develop curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

On Monday, November 2, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) delivered to Congress its priority list of deferred maintenance projects for **Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA)** funding in fiscal year 2021. The project list includes 556 projects totaling more than \$285 million in Federal investment.

These projects will help the Forest Service reduce its \$5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites, and other facilities on national forests and grasslands. Working with state and local governments and other partners in a Shared Stewardship framework, these projects will benefit from millions in partner contributions that will further bolster the funding provided under GAOA.



President Trump signed the GAOA on August 4, 2020—a historic, bipartisan law that marks the largest-ever investment into America’s national parks and public lands. The GAOA will protect and enhance the economies of numerous gateway communities that surround our public lands by restoring and maintaining critical access and infrastructure. The bill was a part of a strong push by President Trump to prioritize the conservation and stewardship of our public lands.

 **Op-Ed by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue: Opening and Accessing America’s Great Outdoors**

 **Watch: President Trump Delivers Remarks on Preserving Our National Parks**

Trump Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime

On Monday, the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJJP) announced the award of more than \$458 million in grant funding to support State, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.

 **DOJ Office of Justice Programs: OJP announces more than \$458 million in grant funding to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.**

This funding continues the Trump Administration’s commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety through efforts like Operation Legend. In the two years before President Trump took office, America had experienced a precipitous rise in crime, particularly in serious violent crime. The President elevated community safety to the top of his domestic agenda and crime rates have fallen steadily since. Recent data from the FBI and the Bureau of Justice Statistics for 2019 show a drop in crime and serious victimization for the third year in a row. However, a number of cities are experiencing conspicuous countertrends. These grants will bolster crime-fighting efforts in those communities and in jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Also, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting nominations for the **38th Annual Missing Children's Day Awards**. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering

missing and abducted children and protecting children from exploitation. More [here](#).

Indian Affairs Update

DOE Office of Indian Energy Awards

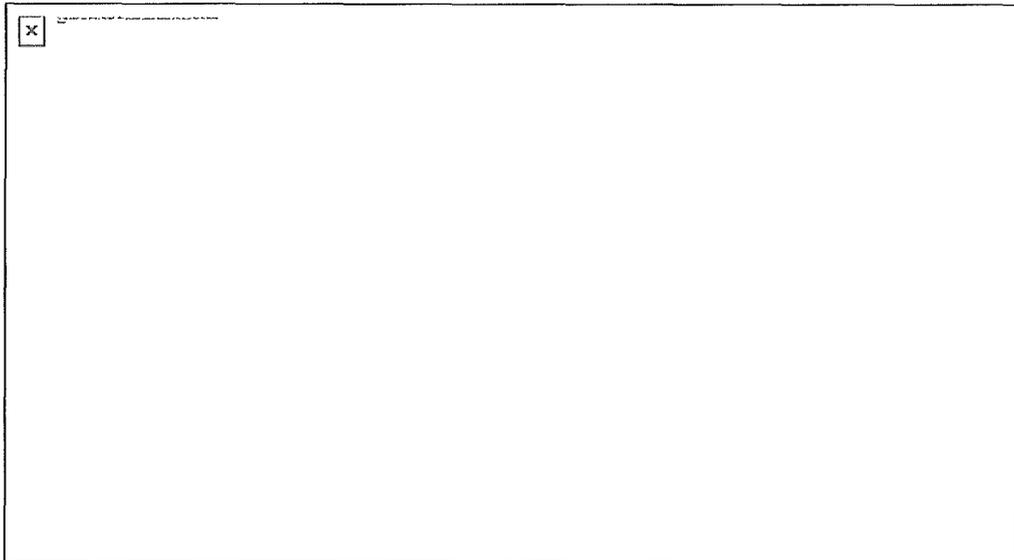
The U.S. Department of Energy **released** a formalized process for Tribes and eligible tribal entities to request a cost share reduction for awards issued under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy). Please **see this letter** from Deputy Secretary of Energy, Mark W. Menezes.

The Office of Indian Energy has been helping alleviate the financial burden of Native communities since 2010 by investing more than \$85 million in more than 180 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. They provide technical assistance to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives which help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions.

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

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife: We're celebrating #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth! America's public lands have meaningful connections to Native American heritage, including Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National #WildlifeRefuge in Washington State.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife: Between two trees on a section of restored prairie at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado is a final resting place for eagle remains from the National Eagle Repository. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth

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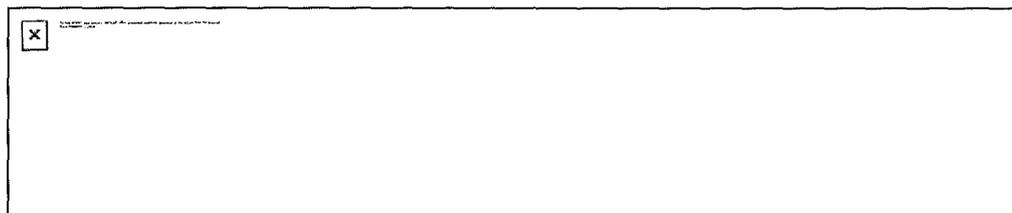
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Other Updates

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney Announces San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians HEARTH Act Regulations Are 60th To Be Approved: On Thursday, November 5,

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney announced the approval of leasing regulations for the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians in California. This is the 60th set of tribal leasing regulations approved under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act since its passage in 2012 and the fifth under Indian Affairs' new policy expediting the processing of HEARTH applications. Read more here.

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America



On October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - Promoting Rural Prosperity in America - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on natural disaster recovery and resilience here.

 **The White House: For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.**

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed Executive Order 13575 - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force identified over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration also continue to work alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda here.

☐ Op-Ed by Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, WH Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, WH Office of Intergovernmental Affairs): [Opening and Accessing America's Great Outdoors](#)

☐ Read More: [Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year](#)

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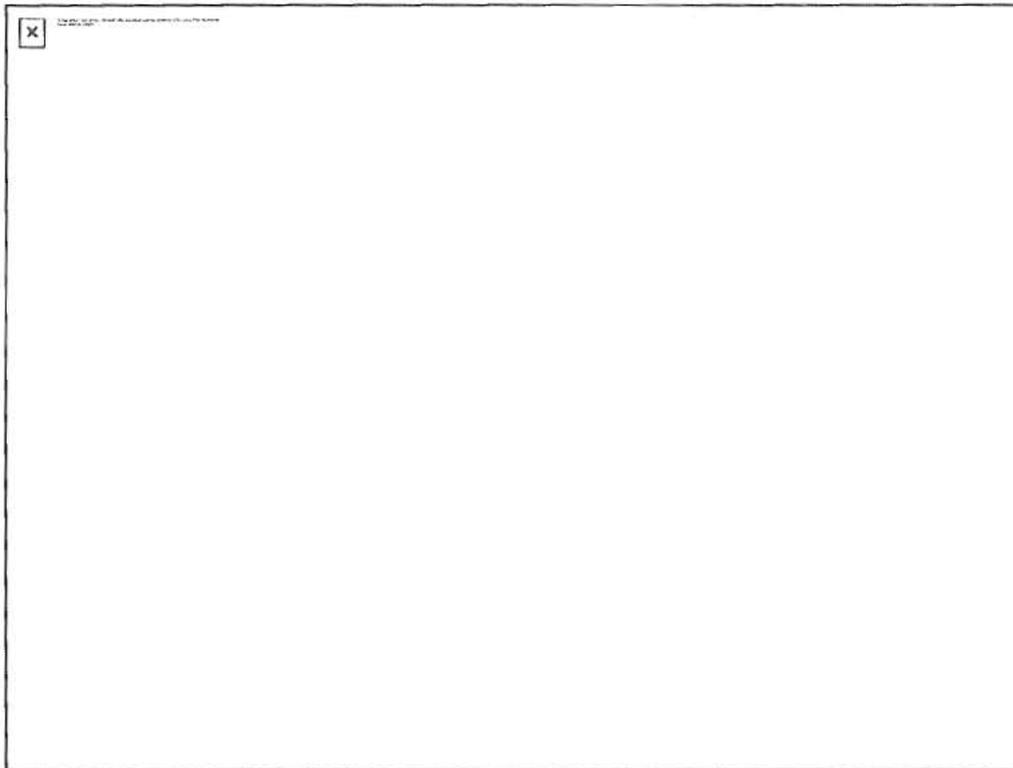
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Their cherished legacy, rich cultures, and heroic history of military service inspire us all. In November, as we recommit to supporting Native American Tribes and people, we resolve to work side-by-side with their leaders to secure stronger, safer communities and preserve their sacred heritage for future generations.

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On October 20, President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country. The plan- *Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!* - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country and outlines an ambitious agenda for the future to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities in Indian Country. White House and Senior Administration officials recently traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

Read More from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney: [President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country](#)

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting Tribal Country

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

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

- After working with Congress to enact the CARES Act, President Trump provided **\$8 billion to address COVID-19** preparedness, response, and recovery needs and programming to support Native Americans – **the largest single programmatic investment in Indian Country in the history of our Nation.**
- The Trump Administration has surged important resources to Native American communities to ensure they have the resources needed for COVID-19 response and recovery. On September 24, the Administration **prioritized** the distribution of 300,000 newly developed BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests in Indian Country through the Indian Health Service (IHS). And on October 29, the Administration **announced** an additional 150,000 allocation to the IHS.
- The Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordination group on March 6 tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues and responsiveness on unique needs and challenges in Indian Country. This group has held regular national briefing calls with Native American leaders and Tribal partners.

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

- President Trump **signed** legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia.
- **Negotiated** an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- **Repatriated** a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.
- **Advanced** an updated eagle remains policy allowing federally recognized tribes to

keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.

- Announced a comprehensive, multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items to Native American communities.

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

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

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

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a proclamation in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day. The President signed a second proclamation on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.
- **President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives** to develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives—especially

women and children. The Task Force has opened six cold case offices across the country, conducted 12 regional consultations, and hosted numerous listening sessions.

- President Trump **signed *Savanna's Act***, which directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop law enforcement protocols to better address the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans. The President also **signed the *Not Invisible Act of 2019***, which directs DOJ and the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a joint commission on violent crime within and against the Native American community.
- The **Department of Justice recently allocated more than \$295 million in grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime** in Native American communities, totaling \$922 million in grants since Fiscal Year 2017.
- **The President convened a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health System** to examine systematic problems in the IHS that resulted in failures to protect children. The Task Force held listening sessions and consultations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana to address this long-neglected issue. The Task Force work **released** its recommendations in July 2020.
- **Allocated \$150 million in State Opioid Response Grants** (tribal set-aside) to assist tribal governments in accessing medication-assisted treatment and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

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

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.
- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, **President Trump signed into law the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

- **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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