This report provides a snapshot of the US Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day’s press releases.

**POTUS’ Schedule**

*The US President (POTUS) and Vice President’s (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change, as is the White House press briefing schedule.*

10:15 a.m. EDT - THE PRESIDENT receives the President’s Daily Brief

1:15 p.m. EDT - THE PRESIDENT and The First Lady depart the White House en route Joint Base Andrews | South Lawn
1:25 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives at Joint Base Andrews

1:45 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives a briefing from his senior leadership team on interagency efforts to prepare for and respond to hurricanes this season | Joint Base Andrews

2:50 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT departs Joint Base Andrews en route the White House

3:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives at the White House

**Note:** The First Lady will travel to Ecuador, Panamá, and Costa Rica, from May 18-23, 2022, in advance of the U.S.-hosted Summit of the Americas that will take place in Los Angeles, California, the week of June 6-10, 2022.

**Looking Ahead:** On May 20-21, The President will travel to Seoul, South Korea; and Tokyo, Japan, from May 22-24. U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo confirmed on Tuesday that President Biden will formally launch his signature trade initiative with Asia – the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework – when he is in Tokyo next week.

**V POTUS’ Schedule**

8:55 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will depart Washington, D.C., en route New London, Connecticut

11:00 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will deliver remarks at the United States Coast Guard Academy Commencement Ceremony

2:40 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will depart New London, CT en route Washington, D.C.

**White House Press Briefing Schedule**

10:45 a.m. EDT – Press Briefing by White House COVID-19 Response Team and public health officials | James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

1:30 p.m. EDT – Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan | James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

**Recap of Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

*Note: Bold hyperlinks spotlight COVID-19 developments.*

**The White House**

- **Remarks** by President Biden and First Lady Biden Honoring the Lives Lost in Buffalo, New York, and Calling on All Americans to Condemn White Supremacy
- **Remarks** by President Biden Before Air Force One Departure
• **Remarks** by President Biden and Vice President Harris at a Reception to Celebrate AANHPI Heritage Month

• **Readout** of President Biden’s Call with New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

• **Readout** of President Biden call with President Guillermo Lasso of the Republic of Ecuador

• **Readout** of Vice President Harris’ Meeting with Prime Minister Mitsotakis of Greece

• **Readout** of National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan’s Meeting with Saudi Vice Minister of Defense Khalid bin Salman

• **Transcript**: Background Press Call by Senior Administration Officials on Actions to Expand Infant Formula

• **Transcript**: Background Press Call by Senior Administration Officials on New Cuba Policy

• **Transcript**: Press Gaggle by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre En Route Buffalo, New York

• **Fact Sheet**: The Biden Administration Announces Americans Can Order Additional Free At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Tests at COVIDTests.gov

• **Advisory** of the Upcoming Meeting between President Biden and Prime Minister Andersson of Sweden and President Niinistö of Finland (May 19)

• **Statement** by President Joe Biden on International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

**Department of Defense (DoD)**

• **Transcript**: Pentagon Press Secretary John F. Kirby Holds a Press Briefing

• **Press Release**: DoD Announces Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee Membership, Charter, and Projected Site Visit Schedule

• **Article**: DOD Names Lead for Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee

• **Publication**: USD PR Memo, Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee

• **Publication**: Memorandum | Timely and Thorough Assessments of Reported Civilian Harm Incidents

• **Publication**: Executive Summary | Independent Review of 18 March 2019 Civilian Casualty Incident in Baghuz, Syria
• **Press Release**: DOD Announces Winners of the 2022 Commander in Chief’s Annual Award for Installation Excellence

• **Advisory**: Secretary of Defense to Host Sweden Minister of Defence at the Pentagon (May 18)

• **Article**: U.S. to Resume Small, Persistent Presence in Somalia | May 16, 2022

• **Contracts** for May 17, 2022

**Department of State**

**Daily Schedule** | Wednesday, May 18

**Global Food Security**

• May 17: **Advisory** | Secretary Blinken’s Travel to New York, New York (May 18-19)

**Migration**

• May 17: **Advisory** | Assistant Secretary Noyes’ Travel to New York (May 18-20)

**Europe, UKR, RUS**

• May 17: **Statement** | Promoting Accountability for War Crimes and Other Atrocities in Ukraine

• May 17: **Readout** | The Secretary’s Meeting with Greek Foreign Minister Dendias

• May 17: **Remarks** | Secretary Antony J. Blinken and Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias before their Meeting

• May 17: **Advisory** | Assistant Secretary Donfried’s Travel to the Republic of Bulgaria (May 18-19)

• May 17: **Statement** | Norway National Day

**Middle East**

• May 17: **Readout** | Secretary Blinken’s Meeting with Yemen Foreign Minister Bin Mubarak

• May 17: **Remarks** | Secretary Antony J. Blinken and Yemeni Foreign Minister Dr. Ahmed Awad Bin Mubarak Before Their Meeting

**Other Developments**

• May 17: **Readout** | Meeting of the Governing Board of Administrators for the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law

• May 17: **Statement** | On the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia,
Interphobia, and Transphobia

- May 17: Transcript | Department Press Briefing

**US Agency for International Development (USAID) | May 16, 2022**

- **Readout:** Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Food Security Experts on the Worsening Global Food Crisis
- **Advisory:** Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman Travels to Germany to Attend G7 Development Ministerial Meeting (May 18)
- **Readout:** Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman Travels to Laos

**US Mission to the United Nations (UN)**

- **Remarks** at the UN Security Council Briefing on Iraq
- **Readout:** UN Security Council Press Elements Following Consultations on Yemen
- **Remarks** by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at a UNICEF Event on Conflict, Hunger, and Children
- **Remarks** by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at a Memorial in Remembrance of The Honorable Madeleine K. Albright

**Department of the Treasury**

- **Readout:** U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen’s Meetings in Brussels, Belgium
- **Remarks** by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at the Brussels Economic Forum
- **Press Release:** Counter ISIS Finance Group Leaders Issue Joint Statement
- **Remarks** by Climate Counselor John Morton at the MSCI Capital for Climate Action Conference on Treasury’s Efforts to Promote Transparency and Accountability Around Financial Institutions’ Net-Zero Targets
- **Advisory:** Publication of North Korea Information Technology Workers Advisory | May 16, 2022

**Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)**

- **Press Release:** SEC Charges Allianz Global Investors and Three Former Senior Portfolio Managers with Multibillion Dollar Securities Fraud
- **Press Release:** SEC Obtains Emergency Relief to Halt Pre-IPO Stock Fraud Scheme by Unregistered Broker-Dealer
Department of Justice

- Press Release: Justice Department Sues to Compel a U.S. Businessperson to Register Under the Foreign Agents Registration Act
- Press Release: Justice Department Announces Publication of the First Volume of the National Firearms in Commerce and Trafficking Assessment
- Speech: Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco Delivers Remarks at the 2022 National Summit to Reduce Violence and Strengthen Communities
- Press Release: Justice Department Hosts Violent Crime Summit
- Press Release: Three Portfolio Managers and Allianz Global Investors U.S. Charged in Connection with Multibillion-Dollar Fraud Scheme
- Press Release: Justice Department Files False Claims Act Complaint Against Medical Device Manufacturer and its Owner for Training Providers to Improperly Reuse Disposable Items
- Press Release: Ohio Woman Pleads Guilty to Violating the Lacey Act by Selling Marbled Crayfish
- Press Release: Justice Department Secures Settlement in Sexual Harassment Lawsuit Against Iowa Landlord
- Speech: Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta Delivers Commencement Address at the University of Baltimore School of Law

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- Press Release: Small Solutions by SWAT Teams Making a Big Difference
- Press Release: CBP Releases April 2022 Monthly Operational Update (Washington, D.C.)
- Press Release: El Paso Area CBP Officers Seize Narcotics and Arrest 25 Fugitives (Texas)
- Press Release: U.S. Citizen Arrested Attempting to Smuggle Two Undocumented Individuals (California)
- Press Release: Agents Rescue Two Distressed Migrants (California)
- Press Release: Over 1.56M of Narcotics Seized Over the Weekend (California)
• **Press Release**: Dulles CBP Officers Arrest Prince George’s County MD Murder Suspect (Virginia)

• **Press Release**: Counterfeit Designer Clothes Worth Over $2 Million Seized (Virginia)

• **Press Release**: CBP Arrests Fugitive from Justice Wanted for a Bomb Threat to Disney World (New York)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

• [Link](#) to daily press releases

**Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR)**

• [Statement](#) from Ambassador Katherine Tai on the Publication of New Canadian Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Policies | May 16, 2022

**Department of Commerce**

• **Press Release**: U.S.-EU Joint Statement of the Trade and Technology Council | May 16, 2022

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

• **Press Release**: FTC Hits R360 and its Owner With $3.8 Million Civil Penalty Judgment for Preying on People Seeking Treatment for Addiction | May 17, 2022

• **Press Release**: Alvaro Bedoya Sworn in as FTC Commissioner | May 16, 2022

**Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**

• **Press Release**: FCC Dismisses and Denies AFR Filed by Chinese Voice of Golden City

• **Press Release**: FCC Commits $50 Million in Emergency Connectivity Funding

• **Press Release**: FCC Expands Disaster Information Reporting Area for NM Wildfires

• **Press Release**: New Mexico Wildfires Communications Status Report – May 17, 2022

• **Press Release**: Deletion of Item from May 19, 2022 Open Meeting

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**

• **Press Release**: CFPB Takes Action to Protect Depositors from False Claims About FDIC Insurance | May 17, 2022
US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

- **Advisory**: DFC CEO Nathan to Travel to Poland and Italy (May 17-20)
- **Press Release**: DFC Celebrates Two Years of Global Health and Prosperity Initiative, Renews Focus on Supporting Innovative Global Health Projects

US Export-Import Bank (EXIM)

- **Readout**: Chair Lewis’ Bilateral Meeting with Australian Export Credit Agency, Export Finance Australia
- **Statement** from Export-Import Bank of the United States President and Chair Reta Jo Lewis on World Trade Week 2022
- **Readout**: Export-Import Bank of the United States Chair Lewis Concludes 2022 Berne Union Spring Meeting, Stakeholder Engagements in Istanbul | May 16, 2022

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- **Press Release**: Bring Food Safety to Your Summer Vacation
- **Press Release**: USDA to Provide Approximately $6 Billion to Commodity and Specialty Crop Producers Impacted by 2020 and 2021 Natural Disasters | May 16, 2022

Department of Energy (DOE)

- **Press Release**: DOE Announces Call For Joint U.S.-Israel Clean Energy Technology Proposals | May 16, 2022

Department of Interior (DOI)

- **Press Release**: Deputy Secretary Beaudreau Highlights Biden-Harris Administration Infrastructure Investments in Texas

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- **Press Release**: U.S. Steel to pay $1.5 million penalty, make improvements to settle air pollution violations at Braddock, Pa. steelmaking plant
- **Press Release**: Denison, Iowa, Selected to Receive $400K as Biden Administration Announces $254 Million to Tackle Polluted Brownfield Sites
- **Link** to other EPA press releases
Department of Transportation

- **Press Release**: Newly Released Estimates Show Traffic Fatalities Reached a 16-Year High in 2021

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Rear Admiral (Ret.) Ann Phillips as 20th Administrator of the Maritime Administration | May 16, 2022

- **Press Release**: President Biden and U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg Announce Availability of $1 Billion for Local Communities to Ensure Safe Streets and Roads for All, Address National Roadway Safety Crisis | May 16, 2022

Department of Labor

- **Press Release**: As the Northwest’s summer season approaches, recent federal investigations should remind employers to make youth employment beneficial for all

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor finds Breckenridge contractor willfully exposed workers to trench hazards after fatal cave-in

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor to offer prevailing wage compliance seminars online for federal contractors, contracting agencies, unions, workers

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor debars Geismar plumbing contractor from work on federal contracts for egregious violations of wage, benefits laws

- **Press Release**: Kroger supermarket allowed minors to engage in hazardous work, exceed hours standards, U.S. Department of Labor investigation in Mississippi finds

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor urges caution to avoid fall, electrical, other hazards during spring storm cleanup throughout South Dakota

Department of Education

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights Announces Resolution of Sexual Harassment Investigation of San Juan Bautista School of Medicine

- **Press Release**: Education Department to Host Summit to Spotlight Strategies to Support Students with Disabilities, Students with Mental Health Needs

Health & Human Services (HHS)

- **Press Release**: HHS Announces Funding Opportunity for New Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

- **Press Release**: HHS Announces New Funding Opportunity to Strengthen
Behavioral Health Services in Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Facilities

**Food & Drug Administration (FDA)**


**Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**


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