

US Executive Branch Update – February 2, 2021

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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.*

9:45 a.m. EST – The President and The Vice President receive the President's Daily Brief | Oval Office

5:00 p.m. EST – The President signs executive orders advancing his priority to modernize our immigration system; The Vice President also attends | Oval Office

VPOTUS' Schedule*

9:45 a.m. EST – the Vice President joins the President in receiving the President's Daily Brief | Oval Office

5:00 p.m. EST – the Vice President joins the President when he signs executive orders advancing his priority to modernize our immigration system | Oval Office

5:30 p.m. EST – the Vice President will ceremonially swear in Alejandro Mayorkas as Secretary of Homeland Security

White House Press Briefing Schedule*

1:30 p.m. EST – Press Briefing by Press Secretary Jen Psaki

Recap of Monday, February 1, 2021

Note: Bold hyperlinks spotlight COVID-19 and reopening developments.

The White House

- [Fact Sheet](#): President Biden Outlines Steps to Reform Our Immigration System by Keeping Families Together, Addressing the Root Causes of Irregular Migration, and Streamlining the Legal Immigration System | **February 2, 2021**
- [Presidential Proclamation](#) on Adjusting Imports of Aluminum Into the United States (re: UAE)
- [Statement](#) by White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki on President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris' Meeting with Republican Senators
- [Statement](#) by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on the Situation in Burma
- [Statement](#) by President Joe Biden on Black History Month
- [Transcript](#): Press Briefing by Press Secretary Jen Psaki, February 1, 2021

Department of Defense (DOD)

- [Press Release](#): DOD Announces Rare Earth Element Award to Strengthen Domestic Industrial Base
- [Press Release](#): DOD Announces \$1.1 Million Defense Production Act Title III Agreement With American Apparel, Inc. to Strengthen the Domestic Clothing and Textile Industrial Base
- [Press Release](#): DOD Awards \$231.8 Million Contract to Ellume USA LLC to Increase Domestic Production Capacity and Deliver COVID-19 Home Tests
- [Contracts](#) for February 1, 2021

Department of State

- [Daily Schedule](#) | Tuesday, February 2
- February 1: [Readout](#) | Secretary Blinken's Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba
- February 1: [Statement](#) | Attacks on Civilians in Syria
- February 1: [Interview](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken With Andrea Mitchell of MSNBC Andrea Mitchell Reports
- February 1: [Statement](#) | National Freedom Day: Deepening Our Resolve to Fight Human Trafficking

US Mission to the United Nations (UN)

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- [Statement](#) on Agenda Item 5: UNDP Country Programs and Related Matters (via VTC)

Department of the Treasury

- [Readout](#): Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen's Call with Italian Minister of Economy and Finance Roberto Gualtieri
- [Readout](#): Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen's Call with Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Taro Aso of Japan
- [Economy Statement](#) for the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
- [Press Release](#): Treasury Announces Marketable Borrowing Estimates

Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)

- [Press Release](#): SEC Charges Three Individuals in Digital Asset Frauds
- [Press Release](#): Acting Chair Allison Herren Lee Announces Executive Staff
- [Press Release](#): Satyam Khanna Named Senior Policy Advisor for Climate and ESG
- [Press Release](#): John Coates Named Acting Director of the Division of Corporation Finance

Department of Justice

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | [Daily Press Releases](#)
- [Press Release](#): US-Based Promoter of Foreign Cryptocurrency Companies Charged in over \$11 Million Securities Fraud Scheme
- [Press Release](#): Former Natural Gas Trader Pleads Guilty for Role in Commodities Insider Trading Scheme
- [Press Release](#): Hospital Researcher Sentenced to Prison for Conspiring to Steal Trade Secrets, Sell Them in China
- [Press Release](#): Man Pleads Guilty to Violating Endangered Species Act
- [Press Release](#): Former Colorado Police Officer Sentenced on Sexual Assault Charges

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

- [Press Release](#): DHS Statement on Equal Access to COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccine Distribution Sites

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- [Press Release](#): Air and Marine Operations and Partners Seize A Quarter Ton of Cocaine, Disrupt Smuggling Attempt (Washington, D.C.)
 - [Press Release](#): CBP Officers Seize 400 Lbs. of Meth in Two Smuggling Attempts at Calexico Port (California)
 - [Press Release](#): USBP Arrests Sexual Predator (California)
 - [Press Release](#): Smugglers Employ Dangerous Tactics (Texas)
 - [Press Release](#): Brownsville CBP Officers Seize \$211K Worth of Cocaine at the Brownsville and Matamoros International Bridge (Texas)
 - [Press Release](#): Del Rio Border Patrol Agents Arrest Convicted Sex Offender (Texas)
 - [Press Release](#): Two Packages, \$136K of Counterfeit Currency CBP Officers in Chicago Seize Shipments Containing Funny Money (Illinois)
 - [Press Release](#): Dulles CBP Arrests Nebraska man wanted for Nebraska charges of Sexual Assault of a Child (Virginia)
 - [Press Release](#): CBP in Puerto Rico Seizes Packages with Counterfeit Electronics and Jewelry (Puerto Rico)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Press Release](#): FEMA Supports Vaccine Distribution: COVID-19 Response Update (Washington, D.C.)
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Obligates \$245 Million to Florida for COVID-19 Vaccination Costs (Florida)
- [Press Release](#): Maryland Moves Forward on COVID-19 Vaccination with Federal Partners
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Provides An Additional \$1.2 Million For Montana COVID-19 Response
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Obligates \$2.6 Million to South Carolina for COVID-19 Vaccination Costs
- [Press Release](#): Lane County | FEMA Seeks Owners with Multi-Family Rental Housing (Oregon)
- [Press Release](#): FEMA Approves Funding For Newell Lake Dam Repair (South Dakota)
- [Press Release](#): One Month Remains to Apply for FEMA Assistance in Mississippi
- [Press Release](#): Flood Insurance Helps Homeowners, Renters and Businesses (Louisiana)
- [Press Release](#): Act Now to Reduce Future Risk Through Mitigation (Louisiana)

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- [Press Release](#): Only a Week Left to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance (Alabama)

US International Trade Commission (USITC)

- [Press Release](#): USITC Institutes Section 337 Investigation of Certain Batteries and Products Containing the Same

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- [Press Release](#): Biden Administration Halts Residential Evictions in USDA Multifamily Housing Communities in Accordance with CDC Guidance

Department of Labor

- [Press Release](#): Google LLC, US Department of Labor settlement resolves alleged pay, hiring discrimination at California, Washington State locations

US Government (USG) COVID-19 Webpages

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of Defense [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of State [COVID-19 Travel Advisory webpage](#)
- Office of Personnel Management [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Food and Drug Administration [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of Homeland Security Employee [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Department of Labor [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- USAGov [COVID-19 webpage](#)

Non-USG COVID Webpages

Johns Hopkins University & Medicine

- [Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker](#) (tracks vaccine distribution in the United States)
- [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
 - [COVID-19 Interactive Map](#)

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