

US Executive Branch Update – May 18, 2022

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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.*

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.

VPOTUS' 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

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- [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

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- [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

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | [Daily Press Releases](#)
- [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

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- [Press Release](#): Former Executive of Pesticide Manufacturing Company Pleads Guilty to Making and Using False Document
 - [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
- [Press Release](#): CFPB Releases Report on Mortgage Servicing Metrics | May 16, 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

- [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)

- [Press Release](#): FDA Roundup | May 17, 2022

- [Press Release](#): Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update | FDA Expands Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose to Children 5 through 11 Years
- [Press Release](#): FDA Encourages Importation of Safe Infant Formula and Other Flexibilities to Further Increase Availability | May 16, 2022

Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- [Press Release](#): HUD Announces \$10.3 Billion in Grants for Housing and Community Development Activities Across U.S.

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