

DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

*for*

HHS SECRETARY

XAVIER BECERRA



Wednesday

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**Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule**

**Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**8:30am – 9:00am ET**

**BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDANCE CALL**

Location: Conference call

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Rochelle Walensky (Director, CDC), Sherri Berger (Acting Chief of Staff, CDC), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Nick Simmons (Senior Advisor, Department of Education), Hayley Meadvin (Senior Advisor, Department of Education), and Scott Sargrad (Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Education)

**9:00am – 9:30am ET**

**NIH COVID-19 TESTING**

Location: NIH

**9:35am – 10:00am ET**

**JOINT AFP/BBB/BID CABINET MEMBER CALL**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Gina Raimondo, Secretary Marty Walsh, Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Brian Deese (Director of the National Economic Council), Susan Rice (Director of the Domestic Policy Council), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), Louisa Terrell (White House Director of Legislative Affairs), Kate Bedingfield (White House Communications Director), Kate Berner (White House Deputy Communications Director), Pili Tobar (White House Deputy Communications Director), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private Sector), Julie Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public

Engagement), and Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

**10:00am – 10:45am ET      BREAK**

**10:45am – 11:30am ET      INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EQUIPMENT**

Location: Office of the Secretary

Participants: Nghi Tran (IT Specialist) and Stephen Tate (IT Specialist)

**11:30am – 12:00pm ET      BREAK**

**12:00pm – 1:00pm ET      WEEKLY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Nancy Brown (American Heart Association, CEO), Harold Wimmer (American Lung Association, National President and CEO), Lisa Lacasse (President, American Cancer Society), Kevin Longino (CEO, National Kidney Foundation), Tracey Brown (CEO, American Diabetes Association), Michael Ruppal (Executive Director, The AIDS Institute), Harry Johns (President and CEO, Alzheimer’s Association), and Dr. Aaron Kowalski (CEO, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)

Staff: Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Marvin Figueroa (Director, Intergovernmental and External Affairs [IEA]), and Carrie Pugh (Director of External Affairs, IEA)

**1:00pm – 1:15pm ET      DEBRIEF FOR STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

Location: Conference line

Participants: Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor

(Counselor to the Secretary), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), and Carrie Pugh (Director of External Affairs, IEA)

**1:15pm – 1:30pm ET**

**CALL WITH SENATOR DICK DURBIN**

Location: Conference line

Participants: Senator Dick Durbin and staff

Staff: Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), and Kelsey Mellette (Special Assistant, ASL)

**1:30pm – 2:00pm ET**

**[HOLD] NSC REQUEST: DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW**

Location: SCIF

Participants: Les Hollie (National Security Advisor to the Secretary)

**2:00pm – 2:30pm ET**

**BREAK**

**2:30pm ET**

**DEPART HHS EN ROUTE TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA**

Location: Lutheran Social Services of The National Capitol Area  
8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

Note: Josie Villanueva Prescott will be in the vehicle as well.

**2:30pm – 3:00pm ET**

**PREPARATION FOR AFHANISTAN REFUGEE SITE VISIT**

Location: Conference line

Participants: Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), and others TBD



**3:00pm – 4:00pm ET**

**AFGHANISTAN REFUGEE SITE VISIT**

Location: Lutheran Social Services of The National Capitol Area  
8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

Participants: Ken Tota (Deputy Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement), Kristyn Peck (CEO, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area [LSSNCA]), Krish Vignarajah (President and CEO, Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services [LIRS]), Maggie Gratz (Deputy Chief of Staff to the President and CEO, LIRS), (b)(6) (Interim Site Director, LIRS), Mamadou Sy (Vice President of Operations, LSSNCA), (b)(6) (Case Manager [Interpreter], LSSNCA), Pastor Dan Roschke (Bethlehem Lutheran Church), (b)(6) (Recently arrived SIV holder), and (b)(6) (Recently arrived SIV holder)

Staff: Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary) and Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler)

**4:00pm ET**

**DEPART LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA EN ROUTE TO HOME**

**4:30pm – 5:00pm ET**

**DAILY UC CORE MEETING**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

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**Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule**

**Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**9:30am – 10:00am ET**

**TOBACCO ENDS UPDATE BRIEFING**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Dan Barry (Deputy General Counsel), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration [FDA]), Julie Tierney (Acting Chief of Staff, FDA), Bret Koplow (Senior Counselor to the Commissioner, FDA), Andi Fristedt (Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs, FDA), Mitch Zeller (Director at the Center for Tobacco Products, FDA), Michele Mital (Deputy Director at Center for Tobacco Products), Elizabeth Dickinson (Senior Deputy Associate General Counsel, FDA), David Mednick (Deputy Associate General Counsel, FDA), Wendy Vicente (Senior Counsel), and Perham Gorji (Deputy Associate General Counsel)

**10:00am – 10:30am ET**

**BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 BRIEFING**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Dawn O’Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), AJ Pearlman (Chief of Staff, COVID Response), Kathryn Alvarez (Deputy Chief of Staff, COVID Response), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs – COVID Response)

**10:30am – 11:00am ET**

**DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

**11:00am – 1:45pm ET**

**BREAK**

**1:45pm – 2:00pm ET**

**CALL WITH SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN**

Location: Conference call

Participants: Senator Warren and staff (TBD)

Staff: Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), and Kelsey Mellette (Special Assistant, ASL)

**2:00pm ET**

**DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO IAD**

**2:00pm – 3:00pm ET**

**BREAK**

**3:00pm – 4:00pm ET**

**[HOLD] PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Cabinet Secretaries and Biden-Harris Administration Leadership

Staff: UC Core Team

*Note: Staff is seeing if the Deputy Secretary is also available to cover this meeting.*

**5:55pm – 6:30am ET**

**WHEELS UP IAD TO FCO (ROME)**

**11:55am – 12:30pm CEST** *Arrival: Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Note 1: Layover in Frankfurt, Germany at 8:15am CEST*

*Note 2: You mentioned that you do not plan to check bags. However, if you do plan to check bags, they would arrive after you. You would then need to pack items you need to use for refresh in your carry on.*