

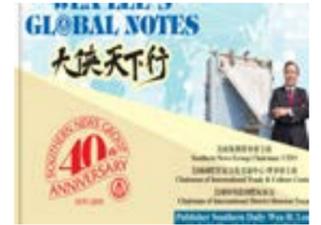


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## Biden names team to steer U.S. foreign policy in post-Trump era



U.S. President-elect Joe Biden speaks to reporters following an online meeting with members of the National Governors Association (NGA) executive committee in Wilmington, Delaware, U.S., November 19, 2020. REUTERS/Tom Brenner/File Photo

WILMINGTON, Del. (Reuters) - U.S. President-elect Joe Biden on Monday named the key members of his foreign policy team, tapping trusted aide Antony Blinken to head the State Department and take the lead in rebuilding Washington's relationships in Europe and the rest of the world. Biden, who has said he would undo Republican President Donald Trump's "America First" policies, also named Jake Sullivan as his national security adviser and Linda Thomas-Greenfield as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations - both with high-level government experience.

The 78-year-old Democrat is assembling an administration from his home in Delaware as he prepares to be sworn in on Jan. 20 to lead a country facing its greatest public health crisis in living memory, even as Trump refuses to concede defeat in the Nov. 3 election and blocks the government from providing the support normally given a president-elect.

Biden named former U.S. Senator and 2004 Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry to serve as his special climate envoy. He also is likely to tap former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen to become the next treasury secretary, said two Biden allies, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a personnel decision that was not yet public.

While Blinken, 58, is not a household name for the secretary of state job, he has held important foreign policy positions in the last two Democratic administrations,

including a spell as a deputy secretary of state under President Barack Obama. Along with Sullivan, who was a deputy assistant to Obama and senior policy adviser to Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, Blinken has helped Biden formulate a strategy that will include quick outreach to allies who have often been antagonized by Trump, and to demonstrate a willingness to work together on big global problems like the coronavirus pandemic and its economic fallout.

Biden, who was a longtime member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has pledged to rejoin a nuclear deal with Iran if Tehran restores its compliance, return to the Paris climate accord, abandon plans to leave the World Health Organization and end a U.S. rule that bans funding of aid groups that discuss abortion. Each move would reverse Trump's policies and some could take place quickly after the inauguration.

The prospect of an American U-turn from Trump's foreign policy is music to the ears of many allies, especially in Europe where there has been unhappiness over Washington's approach toward NATO, trade and relations with Russia.

The head of NATO and a top European Union official, in phone calls with Biden on Monday, invited him to rebuild transatlantic ties and meet with Washington's European allies next year.

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Blinken is president-elect's pick as U.S. secretary of state: Biden ally  
Factbox: Trump suffers major defeat in legal battle to overturn the election, but presses on

Biden took a step toward reversing Trump's hard-line immigration policies by naming Cuban-born lawyer Alejandro Mayorkas to head the Department of Homeland Security.

If confirmed by the Senate, Mayorkas would become the first foreign-born leader of the sprawling department that was created after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. Mayorkas served as its deputy secretary in the Obama administration.

### CRACKS IN REPUBLICAN SUPPORT

Trump, meanwhile, has been defeated repeatedly in his persistent legal battle to overturn the election results in a string of battleground states and prevent Biden from being sworn in. Trump and his campaign have made unsubstantiated claims of widespread voter fraud. Trump's hopes hung by a thread on Monday as Michigan and Pennsylvania looked to push ahead with certifying that Biden was the winner of both states.

The former vice president beat Trump in Michigan by more than 150,000 votes, or almost 3 percentage points, and the election canvassing board is required to validate the count.

Norman Shinkle, one of the two Republicans on the four-member Michigan board, has suggested he favors delaying certification because of technical irregularities that may have affected a few hundred votes in one county.



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## CORONAVIRUS DIARY

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# Helpless, Sad, Anger And Greed

It is like a wildfire. The whole nation is under the coronavirus pandemic. People ignore Dr. Fauci's advice. Still waiting to catch a plane to go back home and be united with family before Thanksgiving holidays.

In Washington, President Trump has not answered questions from the press since election day. He is still attempting to overturn the results of the election and has refused to admit his defeat.

The head of the government's effort to develop a vaccine, Dr. Moncef Slaoui, said today that the first Americans could be receiving the vaccine as early as the second week of December.

It is very sad to see the very long lines in major cities waiting to receive food for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. In El Paso, Dr. Gary Wright, a beloved doctor passed away from COVID-19. He had been seeing 100 patients every day.

In Delaware, President-elect Joe Biden was going full-speed ahead to name his cabinet members, including the appointment of Andrew Yang as the first Asian-American to head the Department of Commerce.

Today the world is watching how we will handle this unprecedented political dispute. As the model democratic system on earth, this is very shameful.



U.S. to begin distributing Regeneron's COVID-19 antibody therapy starting Tuesday



Many people are suffering and many have lost their jobs. Yet, many greedy politicians still work only to preserve their

own political power and interests. We really don't know how history books will record their behavior.

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## Your Household Consists Of Only The People Living With You For The Last 14 Days, Agency Says CDC Recommends That Americans Avoid Traveling For Thanksgiving



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

The CDC weighed in last Thursday on the latest burning issue related to the COVID-19 pandemic: Thanksgiving travel.

Just stay home, agency officials said in a press call.

The agency already had recommendations for Thanksgiving on its website, but held the call to highlight a few notable updates. Now the federal public health authority strongly recommends against any and all travel for Thanksgiving.

When asked by a reporter what was at stake if people chose not to follow the CDC's advice, the agency's COVID-19 Incident Manager Henry Walke, MD, did not mince words: "An increased chance of your loved ones being sick or hospitalized and dying."

Walke stressed that the recent "exponential increase" in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, and "the opportunity to translocate disease or infection from one part of the country to the other," led to the recommendation to "avoid travel at this time."

Another update to the guidance was to further define what constituted a "household," with agency officials noting if people have not been living with you for the 14 days prior to your celebra-

tion, they are not part of your household, even if they are immediate family.

One reporter brought up an example of someone a short distance, from the Bronx to Queens in New York City, for example. Erin Sauber-Schatz, MD, CDC's lead on the Community Intervention and Critical Population Task Force, said even if the community risk is relatively comparable, "bringing together members of separate households is where the risk is."



The CDC issued new guidance last Thursday advising Americans not to travel for Thanksgiving, warning doing so may strongly increase the chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

In addition to risks of transmission within the household, Walke also cited risks of travel in general, regardless of the mode of transportation.

"Transportation hubs ... people in lines, waiting to get on the bus, get on the plane, people crowd together and can't keep their distance," he noted.

Both Walke and Sauber-Schatz acknowledged these were only recommendations, not requirements, and suggested "extra precautions" for college students or military personnel coming home. These included separate bathrooms for overnight guests, increasing ventilation, and even wearing masks in the house.

Sauber-Schatz also said the guidance includes only having one person serve food, limiting the amount of people in the kitchen where food is being prepared, and limiting the number of people and shared objects around food. She added the guidance encourages outdoor celebrations, seating people at least six feet apart, and asking them to wear a mask when they aren't eating.

Walke noted that since 30%-40% of COVID-19 cases are asymptomatic, people could be spreading infection without even knowing it, even in a small gathering, and cited the previous spike in cases after other holidays.



The CDC recommends limiting the size of your family gathering to people who have been living with you for the 14 days prior to your celebration, even if they are immediate family.

"We're very concerned with people coming together outside their household bubble. We saw it after Labor Day, Memorial Day, we saw spikes in household cases and we wanted to warn people to be safe," he said. "One of your family members coming together in a family gathering could end up being hospitalized, [become] severely ill and die." (Courtesy www.

medpagetoday.com)

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending people avoid traveling to see friends and family during the Thanksgiving holiday as COVID-19 cases continue to surge, with millions of people currently infected, many of whom are not showing symptoms and don't know they are contagious.

"As we're seeing exponential growth in cases, and the opportunity to translocate disease or infection from one part of the country to another, leads to our recommendation to avoid travel at this time," Henry Walke, COVID-19 incident manager at the CDC, said in a press call with reporters Thursday.

Thanksgiving should be spent with only people living in your households, Walke said.

Updated CDC guidance released Thursday also clarifies the definition of "household" to mean people who have been living in the same home for at least 14 days before celebrations. The update was particularly aimed at college students who typically return home from campus for the holidays but risk bringing an infection with



them this year.

Sharing your holiday via computer is the safest way to enjoy your Thanksgiving.

"The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is at home with the people in your household," said Erin Sauber-Schatz, head of the CDC's community intervention and critical population task force.

"If people have not been actively living with you for the 14 days before you're celebrating, they are not considered a member of your household, and therefore you need to take those extra precautions."

Still, in an acknowledgment that many people will likely ignore the CDC's no-travel advisory, the agency recommended that people who do so anyway take several precautions, including

wearing masks, staying six feet away from people outside your household and holding small gatherings outside.

More than 1 million COVID-19 cases were reported in the U.S. over the past seven days, the highest numbers recorded throughout the pandemic with no end in sight.

The total number of people currently infected is likely far higher, with one estimate putting it at around 7 million or 1 in 50 Americans. Hospitalizations and deaths are also going up and likely to continue increasing in the coming days and weeks as more people become sick.



Experts worry Thanksgiving will accelerate the pandemic as people gather with friends and family across the country, potentially indoors, where the virus has a better chance of spreading.

Experts have long warned of a surge in cases this fall and winter, as the colder weather forces people to spend more time inside and COVID-19 fatigue sets in, with people letting their guards down on following public health measures.

"The tragedy that could happen is that one of your family members — from coming together in this family gathering — actually could end up being hospitalized and becoming severely ill and dying," Walke said.

"We certainly don't want to see that happen. I think these times are tough. It's been a long outbreak, almost 11 months now, and people are tired, and we understand that people want to see their relatives and their friends in the way they've always done it but this year, particularly we're asking people to be as safe as possible, and limit their travel." (Courtesy thehill.com/)

**Editor's Choice**



A woman puts out a fire at a vandalized Carrefour store during a march in Sao Paulo on National Black Consciousness Day and in protest against the death of Joao Alberto Silveira Freitas, a Black man beaten to death at a market in Porto Alegre, Brazil, November 20, 2020. REUTERS/Amanda Perobelli



Armed protestors take part in a pro-gun rally in Richmond, Virginia, November 21. REUTERS/Hannah McKay



Ethiopian women who fled the ongoing fighting in Tigray region gather in Hamdayet village near the Setit river on the Sudan-Ethiopia border in eastern Kassala state, Sudan November 22. REUTERS/Mohamed Nureldin Abdallah



Electoral workers transport ballot boxes on their motorcycles as they arrive to prepare a polling station ahead of the presidential and legislative elections, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, November 21. REUTERS/Zohra Bensemra



A man walks past an office of the Congress building set on fire by demonstrators during a protest demanding the resignation of President Alejandro Giammattei, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, November 21. REUTERS/Luis Echeverria



A man carries geese on top of his car as he drives on a highway that leads to the city of Ganja, Azerbaijan. REUTERS/Umit Bektas



A supporter of President Donald Trump speaks to a police officer as he waits for Trump to depart the Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia, November 21. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts



Police officers wearing protective gear stand in formation near the parliament during a protest against a proposed constitution amendment in Colombo, Sri Lanka. REUTERS/Dinuka Liyanawatte

AAA Advises Caution And Preparation For Those Who Decide To Travel Fewer Americans Traveling This Thanksgiving Amid Pandemic



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

ORLANDO, Fla. (November 12, 2020) – Thanksgiving will be on the lighter side when it comes to the typical number of travelers on the roads and at airports. According to AAA Travel, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including health concerns and high unemployment, are impacting Americans' decisions to travel for the Thanksgiving holiday.

local and state travel restrictions, including testing requirements and quarantine orders. What to Know Before You Go • Plan Ahead. Check with state and local authorities where you are, along your route, and at your planned destination to learn about local circumstances and any restrictions that may be in place.



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Road Trips Top Holiday Travel Plans Those who decide to travel are likely to drive shorter distances and reduce the number of days they are away, making road trips the dominant form of travel this Thanksgiving. Travel by automobile is projected to fall 4.3%, to 47.8 million travelers and account for 95% of all holiday travel.

Before you head out, be sure your vehicle is ready for the trip to avoid a breakdown along the way. AAA expects to rescue more than 413,000 Americans at the roadside this Thanksgiving. AAA makes it easy to request assistance – by phone, app or online – and members can track the service technician's progress as they make their way to your vehicle.

Few Travelers to Fly and Use Other Modes of Travel

AAA anticipates Thanksgiving air travel volume will be down by nearly half of prior years – to 2.4 million travelers. This would be the largest one-year decrease on record. For these travelers, AAA notes holiday airfares are the lowest in three years.



Travel by other modes, including buses, trains and cruises, is expected to decline 76%, to 353,000 travelers, as cruise ships remain docked and more travelers opt for car trips instead of taking buses or trains.

2020 Thanksgiving Holiday Travelers

Table with 3 columns: Mode of transport (Automobile, Air, Other), 2020 volume, 2019 volume, and Change percentage.

INRIX Predicts Wednesday Afternoon to See Peak Traffic

Traffic volume is expected to be less than in years past, but travelers in major urban areas will experience increased delays at popular bottlenecks, up to 30% above normal pandemic congestion levels.

“Though fewer people will be traveling this Thanksgiving, we expect more holiday drivers than we had over the last few holidays during COVID-19,” said Bob Pishue, Transportation Analyst at INRIX.

Road Trippers to Be Met with Lower Gas Prices

Those who decide to hit the road for Thanksgiving will find cheaper gas prices. On average, gas prices nationally are nearly 50 cents cheaper than this time last year, with October averages the lowest in more than 15 years.



AAA members can fill up for even less at Shell stations when they join the Fuel Rewards® program at AAA.com/Shell Nov. 15 through Dec. 31.

Methodology: AAA's projections are based on economic forecasting and research by IHS Markit, a London-based business information provider.

developed a unique methodology to forecast actual domestic travel volumes, using macroeconomic drivers such as employment, output, household net worth; asset prices including stock indices; interest rates; housing market indicators and variables related to travel and tourism, including prices of gasoline, airline travel and hotel stays.

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