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President Announces 15 Days to Slow the Spread Guidelines- Coronavirus Bill Stalls

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NEW FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES ANNOUNCED

Today, the President held a press conference and announced Guidelines for all Americans. The backstory is the Governors and other local officials had begun to take local actions and asked that the White House provide national guidance. For business, this is national support for working remotely, saying we should not be in groups larger than 10 people, avoid shopping unless necessary and to avoid restaurants and bars.

The President also shared:

- Regarding a national quarantine – President Trump said they are not considering a nationwide quarantine but individuals states or “hot zones” might but that has been mostly up to respective Governors.



- President Trump mentioned that a ban domestic travel is not off the table but they are not looking at a ban of this kind as of now.
- President Trump also said that the federal government was going to back the airlines and give them 100% support, he did not indicate how though.

[Link to Guidance Here](#)

Summary of Guidelines

1. Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
2. If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
3. If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

4. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
5. If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
6. If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
7. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
8. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
9. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
10. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
11. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
12. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
13. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
14. Practice good hygiene:
 - Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
 - Avoid touching your face.
 - Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
 - Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible

FAMILIES FIRST LEGISLATION STALLED

The bill that the House passed last week is still awaiting Senate action because there was a need for technical corrections in the House. Earlier this morning the House gaveled in but currently stands in recess because they do not have full approval for a Unanimous Consent (UC) vote on the technical corrections, there are some members that have concerns with the speed of the process.

The President seemed to indicate that the Senate may make further changes to the bill previously passed by the House which could delay final passage even longer.

The House is still hopeful of coming to an agreement sooner rather than later but at least one member

(Rep. Gohmert, R-TX) has stated publically that he will **not** give his consent until he is able to read the changes to the bill (<https://twitter.com/replouiegohmert/status/1239648959699865601>). His resistance will not allow this bill to pass by UC.

OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC MEASURES

Secretary Mnuchin said that we are in the first inning of relief and Leader McConnell laid out the following:

- There will be further steps to directly help Americans overcome financial challenges in the weeks and months ahead;
- There will be additional steps to secure our nation's economy, particularly Main Street small businesses;
- And of course, there is the need for steps to ready our healthcare system and support medical professionals.

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