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President Biden Outlines National COVID-19 Strategy

Recently, President Joe Biden outlined his administration's national [strategy](#) to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, the strategy primarily focuses on the first 100 days of his presidency.

The major focuses of Biden's strategy include:

- Providing federal aid with a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and provide economic relief
- Expanding vaccinations, with a goal of administering 100 million vaccine doses in 100 days
- Mitigating the spread of COVID-19 by expanding testing, mask mandates and public health measures
- Reopening the majority of K-8 schools within 100 days

Executive Actions

In the first days of his presidency, Biden has signed multiple executive actions intended to combat COVID-19, including executive orders aimed to:

- Expedite the production of vaccines and personal protective equipment by using the Defense Production Act (DPA)
- Protect the federal workforce, and require mask-wearing
- Establish the COVID-19 Testing Board and a health equity taskforce

- Improve and expand access to care and treatments for COVID-19
- Ensure a data-driven response to COVID-19 and future public health threats
- Require the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promulgate clear guidance on the reopening of schools
- Promote COVID-19 safety in domestic and international travel

In addition, Biden issued a memorandum to extend federal support to governors to use the National Guard to respond to COVID-19, and increase reimbursement and other assistance provided to states.

What This Means

While the Biden administration's strategy begins to outline more details on COVID-19 vaccine distribution, White House officials have not yet clarified the timeline for when the vaccine will be available to the general public. As employers create return-to-work plans, they should continue to monitor developments for how these measures will impact their workplaces.

We will continue to monitor developments and provide updates as more details become available. For more information on the COVID-19 pandemic, contact Hausmann-Johnson Insurance | The Benefit Services Group, Inc. today.

