Biden's First 100 Days

C1's *Remaking America* playwrights urge us to reimagine America's Better Future for housing, health, and education. In an effort to do just that, let's take a look at the new administration's intentions for their first 100 days in office as we continue our collective efforts to hold our elected officials accountable on these issues.



EDUCATION

One of Biden's top <u>priorities</u> in his first 100 days is to open school doors. During the Covid-19 pandemic, many students have fallen behind academically, with an alarming 20% of considered virtual school dropouts. Public schools — especially in low-income districts — remain unable to afford testing and adequate PPE to create safe learning environments for students and teachers, and the burden is falling heavily on families. The road ahead will be difficult, but with aggressive action to supply schools with testing, new safety procedures, and vaccine distribution, especially for vulnerable and low-income districts, stakeholders suggest there is reason for hope.

See what Biden has already signed into order for K12 and higher ed students below:

- Congress Passes Relief Package for Schools
- The Pause on Student Loan Repayments is Extended
- Education Department extends pause on federal student loan payments through September
- The Biden Plan for Education Beyond High School: Access to affordable education

HOUSING

The housing crisis has only intensified over the course of this pandemic and low-income and communities of color have continued to be disproportionately impacted by evictions. The CDC and the new administration both recognize the role of housing in helping to curb the pandemic, and are taking steps to ensure housing security for families in need by temporarily halting residential evictions, extending foreclosure moratoriums, and providing families with access to food.

See how the administration is acting to keep families housing (and food) secure at this time:

- Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of Covid-19
- Biden Administration Announces Foreclosure Moratorium and Mortgage Forbearance Deadline Extension
- Media Statement from CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, on Extending the Eviction Moratorium
- Biden Signs Orders to Expand Food Stamps and Raise Wages

HEALTH CARE

This pandemic has both shed a light on and exacerbated the glaring reality of inequitable access to quality healthcare for low-income and Black families. These communities are also disproportionately vulnerable to disease and underlying conditions that increase their likelihood of dying from Covid-19; vulnerabilities caused by systemic discrimination on all fronts. Below is a list of executive orders from President Biden, which have already been signed into action, around his immediate concerns for healthcare in the face of the pandemic. We all deserve quality healthcare, especially amidst a global pandemic.

See how Biden's plans for healthcare impact you here:

- Biden [scheduled] to reopen ACA insurance marketplaces to help people access Medicaid again
- Executive Order on Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery
- CDC Covid-19 Vaccine Tracker
- Executive Order to respond swiftly to Covid-19 Pandemic
- Executive Order on Improving and Expanding Access to Care and Treatments for Covid-19
- Executive Order on Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to Covid-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats
- Executive Order on a Sustainable Public Health Supply Chain