

# Tracking the vaccine race

A look at the vaccines in development to fight COVID-19.

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# Vaccine scorecard

A sampling of the leading vaccine candidates and some new technologies to watch, listed in alphabetical order by company or group, and by current development phase.



\*Most advanced phase noted, many groups are running concurrent trials to shorten development time



# Biden's team takes shape

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President-elect Joe Biden has begun naming members of his Cabinet and White House with a pledge to build an administration that reflects the nation's diversity. The Cabinet positions require Senate approval, while the White House administrative staff are appointed directly by the President-elect.

# Biden's team takes shape

## DIRECT APPOINTMENTS



**Chief of Staff**  
Ron Klain



**Senior advisor**  
Steve Ricchetti



**Senior advisor**  
Mike Donilon



**Deputy Chief of staff**  
Jen O'Malley Dillon



**White House Counsel**  
Dana Remus



**Press Secretary**  
Jen Psaki



**Nat. Sec. advisor**  
Jake Sullivan



**Envoy for Climate**  
John Kerry



**DPC Director**  
Susan Rice



**CDC Director**  
Rochelle Walensky



**NEC Director**  
Brian Deese



**Coronavirus Coordinator**  
Jeff Zients

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REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION



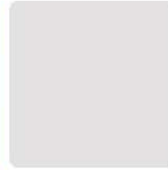
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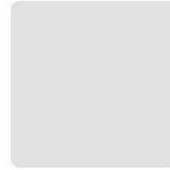
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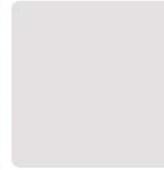
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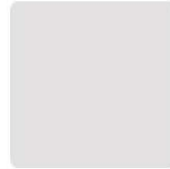
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Tom Vilsack



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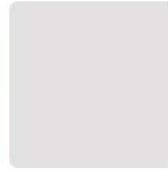
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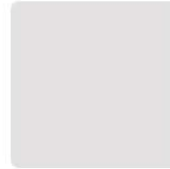
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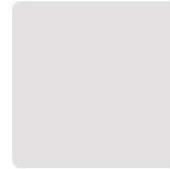
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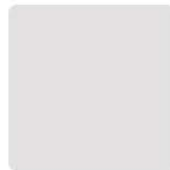
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Denis  
McDonough



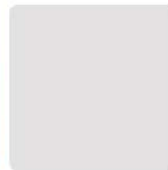
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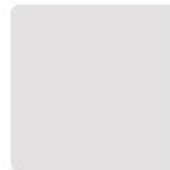
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U.N.  
Linda  
Thomas-  
Greenfield



E.P.A.



Small Business



O.M.B.  
Neera  
Tanden



D.N.I.  
Avril Haines



U.S. Trade Rep.  
Katherine Tai



C.E.A.  
Cecilia Rouse



Surgeon  
General  
Vivek Murthy



# Top contenders

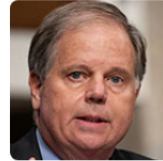
## Attorney General

Currently **William Barr**



### Sally Yates

A former deputy attorney general, she was briefly the acting attorney general early in Trump's term before being fired for insubordination for refusing to defend travel restrictions targeting seven Muslim-majority nations.



### Doug Jones

A former federal prosecutor with a strong civil rights record, Jones won a U.S. Senate seat in a 2017 special election in deeply conservative Alabama. He was defeated this year by Republican Tommy Tuberville, a former college football coach.



### Tom Perez

A former labor secretary and one-time head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. His name has been floated though he might face an uphill battle for confirmation in the U.S. Senate if it remains in Republican control.

## Energy Secretary

Currently **Dan Brouillette**



### Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall

A former advisor to Biden when he was in the U.S. Senate, she served in the Obama administration as deputy secretary of energy, where she led an initiative to address cyber and physical challenges to the power grid. She is now a professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology.



### Arun Majumdar

He was the first director of the U.S. Department of Energy's agency that promotes and funds research and development of advanced energy technologies, and also served as acting undersecretary of energy from March 2011 to June 2012. He also worked at Alphabet Inc's Google as vice president for energy before joining Stanford University's faculty.



### Jay Inslee

He focused on climate change during his failed presidential bid in 2019, but was re-elected to a third term as governor of Washington this year. He has been pushed for consideration in the Cabinet by environmental activists given his efforts to pass a carbon tax and clean-fuels standard.

# Top contenders

## C.I.A. Director

Currently **Gina Haspel**



### Michael Morell

He was the CIA's deputy director and acting director of the agency twice under Obama. He is now the chairman of the geopolitical risk practice at Beacon Global Strategies, a Washington consulting firm.



### Tom Donilon

The veteran diplomat and former national security adviser under Obama helped steer a White House agenda that increased the U.S. focus on the relationship with Asia.

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## E.P.A. Administrator

Currently **Andrew Wheeler**



### Heather McTeer Toney

A former regional administrator of the EPA under Obama, the clean-air activist is national field director for Moms Clean Air Force. A favorite of progressives, she has advocated and trained diverse officials on leadership and climate in over 15 countries including Kenya, France, Portugal, Nigeria and Senegal.



### Mary Nichols

The former assistant administrator for the EPA during Clinton's administration is chairwoman of California's Air Resources Board, which regulates air pollution in the state.



### Collin O'Mara

The CEO of the National Wildlife Federation served as an energy and environment adviser to Biden. O'Mara was the youngest person to head up the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, from 2009 to 2014.

Opinion

# Biden Made Sure 'Trump Is Not Going to Be President for Four More Years'

Here's what Joe Biden had to say about the future in our interview.



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