

## SUMMARY

- Follow-ups on the president's new vaccine mandates trend throughout the region
- Most states feature 9/11 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary stories

## NATIONAL NEWS

### [Sweeping new vaccine mandates for 100 million Americans](#)

[The Associated Press](#) reports that in an attempt to decrease the surge in the COVID-19 delta variant, President Biden ordered new federal vaccine requirements as part of a new plan of action. As many as 100 million Americans – federal contractors, health care workers, and private-sector employees – are included. Biden said, “We’ve been patient. But our patience is wearing thin, and your refusal has cost all of us.” The President is also requiring vaccinations for employees of the executive branch and contractors who do business with the federal government.

### [FEMA assistance arrives in Buncombe County](#)

[ABC 13 News](#) reports that FEMA has boots on the ground in Buncombe County. Some businesses reported as much as 4.5 feet of water damage inside buildings. Initial FEMA assessments show at least 130 structures in the county have damage – 40 of those received significant damage or have been destroyed. Angie Ledford, who works with Buncombe County Emergency Services said, “Everybody that previously reported damage to the county needs to go in and file that FEMA application.” According to [CBS Channel 3 Philly](#), communities in Pennsylvania are waiting on President Biden to approve federal disaster aid requests. Residents are being told to reach out for assistance to local county officials until FEMA funds become available. More than 1,200 homes have damage, as well as dozens of businesses destroyed.

### [Storm victims keeping insurers busy; FEMA addresses confusion over denials](#)

[Fox 8 Live](#) reports that FEMA is addressing concerns in New Orleans as to why some property owners are being denied federal grants for assistance to aid with damage from Hurricane Ida. John Mills, a FEMA external affairs officer says, “It’s not one size fits all.” Mills explains FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments. “If you do have serious damage, serious needs related to Ida, and you don’t have insurance - or if your insurance isn’t going to cover everything - apply for disaster assistance,” he said. FEMA provides money for critical needs, rental assistance, and grants for basic home repairs.

### [Wisconsin tops 1,000 COVID hospitalizations, highest since Jan.; 32 deaths in one day, most since Feb.](#)

According to [The Journal Times](#), Wisconsin saw the highest hospitalizations with COVID-19 since January – 1,045 with 32 new deaths related to the virus. With the help of FEMA, Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) held a COVID-19 vaccination drive-through at Alliant Energy. Dr. Ben Weston, director of medical services of the Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management, said, “Vaccines work differently than normal meds. Medications enter our body over and over and at times may cause side effects years later. Vaccines enter our body, train our immune system, and then are gone.”

### [FEMA dispatches COVID treatment teams and lab personnel to Guam](#)

[Pacific News Center](#) reports that FEMA approved requests for assistance to help Guam’s ongoing COVID-19 battle. Clinical lab scientists and three five-member teams will help and assist the Guam Public Health Laboratory. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero said, “Like the rest of the world, we are embattled with the COVID-19 delta variant – a more transmissible strain that continues to thwart our response efforts and affect our way of life.”

## AFGHAN ARRIVALS MISSION

- [An All-Star Lineup of DC Chefs Host a Dinner to Help Afghan Refugees](#) (Washingtonian)
- [A first look inside Virginia’s Fort Pickett since Afghan refugees arrived](#) (WRIC-TV)
- [Conversation on relocating Afghan refugees to West Virginia continues](#) (WOWK-TV)

## COVID-19

- [Biden announces COVID-19 vaccine mandates that will affect 100 million Americans](#) (CBS News)
- [Biden's six-step Covid plan, explained](#) (CNN)
- [Virus claims Black morticians, leaving holes in communities](#) (The Associated Press)
- [OPINION: Analysis: Biden’s war on virus becomes war on unvaccinated](#) (The Associated Press)
- [Delta and disasters push FEMA close to the breaking point](#) (Politico)
  - Sympathetic FEMA coverage
- [Study: A third of those who got COVID-19 did not generate antibodies](#) (The Pine Journal)

## FEDERAL REGISTER

- [Hazard Mitigation Assistance and Mitigation Planning Regulations: FR Document: 2021-19186](#)

## CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

Senate: [Not In Session](#)

House: [Not In Session](#)

(Click on links for status/updates)

Hearings/Briefings/Other Events:

House:

- [Hearing: Protecting Renters During the Pandemic: Reviewing Reforms to Expedite Emergency Rental Assistance](#) 12:00 PM | Cisco WebEx | Host: [Committee on Financial Services](#) | Full Committee