

## **Policy changes enacted by the Biden Administration through executive action**

### **Economic Security**

- Extends the pause on student loan payments and interests for Americans with federal student loans until at least September 30, 2021.
- Allows states to expand the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides benefits commonly referred to as food stamps, by increasing the Pandemic electronic benefits transfer (EBT) by approximately 15%.
- Asks the Department of Labor to consider clarifying that workers who refuse unsafe working conditions can still receive unemployment insurance.
- Directs all executive agencies to consider actions to address the economic crisis resulting from the pandemic.
- Expands protections for federal workers, including putting federal agencies on a path to require a \$15 minimum wage for contractors.
- Reviews the Occupational Safety and Health Act to identify any changes to better protect workers from COVID-19.

### **Equity**

- Directs a government wide effort to address and advance racial equity and support for underserved communities.
- Directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine previous Administration's regulatory actions that undermine fair housing policies and laws as required by the Fair Housing Act.
- Enforces sex discrimination protections within the federal government.
- Revokes the Pentagon's ban on transgender people serving in the military.

### **Healthcare**

- Calls for a nationwide face mask and social distancing mandate in federal buildings, on federal lands and by federal employees and contractors.
- Establishes a COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board to coordinate federal COVID-19 testing efforts.
- Establishes a COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force at the Department of Health and Human Services to develop recommendations for mitigating the health inequities caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and for preventing such inequities in the future.
- Enhances data collection for public health threats such as COVID-19 by designating a senior official within several agencies to work on COVID-19 data issues.
- Creates new 3-month Open Enrollment period for health insurance through [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) from February 15 to May 15, 2021, with restored enrollment help from Navigators at no-cost.

### **Housing & Transportation**

- Mandates mask usage in airports and on planes, trains, ships, intercity buses and all forms of public travel.
- Extends the nationwide moratorium on evictions and foreclosures until at least March 31, 2021.

## **Immigration**

- Resumes Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), working to reduce deportations of undocumented immigrants who arrived in the US as children and have not broken any laws.
- Ends the 2017 "travel ban" restricting travel and immigration to the U.S. from Syria, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Myanmar, Kyrgyzstan, and Tanzania and requires the State Department to restart visa applications from these countries.