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Mismanaging Crises (Real and Imagined): A Primer to Biden's First 10 Days in Office

President Joe Biden plans to hit the ground running, according to a [memo](#) for incoming White House staff released on Saturday by Biden Chief of Staff Ron Klain. The memo outlines what the staff and America in general can expect in the first 10 days of the new administration and beyond.

Klain alleges that America is facing “four overlapping and compounding crises,” which he describes as the “COVID-19 crisis; the resulting economic crisis; the climate crisis and a racial equity crisis.”

“In his first ten days, President-elect Biden will take decisive action to address these four crises, prevent other urgent and irreversible harms, and restore America’s place in the world,” Klain wrote.

The White House may want to invest in some good analgesic ointment because the president will be at real risk of suffering severe writer’s cramp from all the executive orders he’s expected to sign.

In keeping his plagiarized pledge to “Build Back Better,” President Biden will sign dozens of executive orders, presidential memoranda, and directives to Cabinet agencies meant to keep those promises.

“These executive actions will deliver relief to the millions of Americans that are struggling in the face of these crises. President-elect Biden will take action — not just to reverse the gravest damages of the Trump administration — but also to start moving our country forward,” Klain explained.

In between giving his inaugural address, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and dancing with new First Lady Jill Biden at the Tom Hanks-hosted prime-time special in the evening, President Biden will sign roughly a dozen executive orders meant to address the four crises Klain describes on day one of his presidency.

“As previously announced, he will ask the Department of Education to extend the existing pause on student loan payments and interest for millions of Americans with federal student loans, re-join the Paris Agreement, and reverse the Muslim ban,” Klain warned.

Biden will also launch his “100 Day Masking Challenge” on the first day. The new president will issue the first federal mask mandate by requiring masks on all federal property and during all interstate travel, which Klain describes as “part of a critical effort to bend the curve on COVID.”

In addition, on day one, Biden is expected to “take action to extend nationwide restrictions on evictions and foreclosures and provide more than 25 million Americans greater stability, instead of living on the edge every month.”



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And that's just the first day of the Biden presidency. Such a celebration cannot be limited to only one day, of course.

"In order to highlight the actions the president-elect is taking, we are spreading these initial executive actions over a ten day period," Klain wrote.

Day two and three belong to COVID, as Biden is expected to aggressively address the virus and its effects on the American citizens. According to his chief of staff, Biden is expected to act Thursday on safely opening schools and businesses, expand COVID testing programs, and establish "clear public health standards." On Friday, the new president will order his "Cabinet agencies to take immediate action to deliver economic relief to working families bearing the brunt of this crisis."

After a well-deserved weekend off, Biden will begin anew on Monday.

"Between January 25 and February 1, the president-elect will sign additional executive actions, memoranda and Cabinet directives," Klain advises.

But beyond Monday the 25th, Biden's actions are less clearly defined, with Klain claiming that the new president will "take action" to advance equity in communities of color and other unnamed underserved communities and reform the criminal-justice system. He will also "take steps" to expand healthcare, especially for low-income women and women of color. He will also begin fulfilling his promise to "restore dignity" to our immigration system.

Biden will also "sign additional executive actions to address the climate crisis with the urgency the science demands and ensure that the science guide the administration's decision making."

Klain further notes that the list of actions scheduled for those first 10 days is not "comprehensive." So, we can expect other announcements on all types of subjects going forward.

President Biden has been around Washington long enough to know that the ship of state doesn't simply stop on a dime and change course. However, this administration — with help from the mainstream media and the Big Tech thought police — are determined to make it seem that it does.



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