

Tonight I would flag two op-eds on Operation Warp Speed – one by Senator Bill Frist, the other by the Infectious Disease Society of America

Both focus on the importance of starting now in outreach and education to prepare people for an eventual vaccine campaign, including to communities of color who are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. HHS is already working on this outreach, starting with collaborations and outreach with community leaders to encourage participation in the Moderna vaccine clinical trials.

- **Senator Bill Frist** also released an op-ed in *Stat News* titled, "[Science Alone Cannot Beat the Pandemic. We Also Need Outreach About a COVID-19 Vaccine.](#)"
- **The Infectious Disease Society of America** released an op-ed in *The Washington Post* titled, "[A COVID-19 Vaccine Can Ensure Better Outcomes for Communities of Color. Let's Work to Earn Their Trust.](#)"

Pence on Vaccine and Operation Warp Speed: Vice President Pence [gave remarks](#) in a roundtable discussion in North Carolina on the Phase III Vaccine Trials, where Wake Research is operating many of the clinical trial sites. He noted "we're going to make sure that the vaccines that are developed are safe and effective before they're ever deployed in this country. There'll be no corners cut; there'll be no shortcuts in the development of a safe and effective vaccine. But the moment that the FDA determines that a vaccine is safe and effective, because of the President's launch of Operation Warp Speed, we will have tens of millions of doses of a vaccine for the American people."

Testing and Treatment

HHS Secretary's Report Calls for Congressional Action to Combat Surprise Billing and Promote Price Transparency: Surprise medical billing is a widespread and costly problem in the United States, and the need to address it has been highlighted during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) presented by COVID-19. Today, HHS released the [HHS Secretary's Report on Addressing Surprise Billing](#). The report, called for in Section 7 of President Trump's Executive Order 13877, *Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare to Put Patients First*, outlines critical steps, including Congressional action, to implement the Administration's [principles on surprise billing](#). Sound surprise billing legislation will not only protect patients but will encourage a fairer, more transparent, patient-centered healthcare system that benefits all Americans.

FDA Posts New Template for At-Home and Over-the-Counter Diagnostic Tests for Use in Non-Lab Settings, Such as Homes, Offices or Schools: FDA posted a [new template](#) for commercial developers to help them [develop and submit emergency use authorization \(EUA\) requests for COVID-19 diagnostic tests](#) that can be performed entirely at home or in other settings besides a lab, such as offices or schools, and that could be available without a prescription.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 for Laboratories: CDC updated [FAQs for laboratories about COVID-19](#) on testing, guidance, regulatory requirements, test developers, serology, specimen handling, etc.

Reopening Information

Operational Considerations for Maintaining Essential Services for and Providing Maternal, Newborn, and Child Healthcare in Low-Resource Countries: CDC updated operational [considerations for](#)

[maintaining essential services for and providing maternal, newborn, and child healthcare](#) in low-resource countries. While current data suggest that pregnant women, newborns, and children are not at highest risk for COVID-19 deaths, disruption of routine essential services poses a threat to their survival and health.

Information for Specific Populations

Operational Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control in Outpatient Facilities in non-U.S. Healthcare Settings: CDC updated the [strategies for implementation of infection prevention and control \(IPC\) guidance](#) for non-U.S. outpatient care settings in response to community spread of COVID-19.

Resources for Refugee Resettlement Service Providers: As some [refugee resettlement agencies and community-based organizations](#) (CBOs) begin to resume or increase their level of activities, CDC offers [considerations](#) for ways these organizations can help protect individuals and communities and slow the spread of COVID-19.