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Subject: Director's Media Clips - February 13
Attachments: Daily News Roundup 2-13.docx

Good Morning,
Please see below and attached.

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Director News Clips

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Mount Sinai - [Mount Sinai Researchers Awarded \\$4.1 Million NIH Grant to Advance Understanding of Sleep Apnea Using Artificial Intelligence | Mount Sinai - New York](#)

CMS:

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Subject: FW: CDC Media Request - Multiple Outlets - COVID-19 isolation guidance

Here is our media monitoring report as of 12PM ET. We'll send an update at 5PM ET. Thank you!

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Topic: *CDC plans to drop five-day covid isolation guidelines*

Washington Post story: [CDC plans to drop five-day covid isolation guidelines - The Washington Post](#)

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Media Monitoring Report as of 12PM ET, Feb. 13

Media Outlets who reached out to CDC asking for comment:

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- Bloomberg
- CBS
- WSBUSA Today
- Fox
- Fox digital
- The Hill
- ABC
- Forbes
- WSJ (3)
- CNN (3)
- NBC
- The National Desk
- Pittsburgh Post Gazette
- CQ Roll Call
- WP digital
- 11 Alive
- WCBS New York, New York 880AM
- NPR
- Newsday
- San Jose Mercury News
- NBC
- CBS
- MSNBC
- ABC
- NY Times
- KTUL-TV Tulsa, Oklahoma ABC8

- WXIA-TV Atlanta, Georgia 11Alive
- WMAQ-TV Chicago, Illinois NBC5
- WHEC-TV Rochester, NY NBC10

Media pick summary:

- **Summary:** There were **23** news stories from **22** news outlets

Media articles linked below:

The Washington Post – [CDC plans to drop five-day covid isolation guidelines - The Washington Post](#)
 Forbes - [No More 5-Day Covid Quarantine? CDC Plans Dropping Guidance For Patients With Improving Symptoms, Report Says \(forbes.com\)](#)
 New York Post - [CDC to remove five-day COVID isolation guidelines: report \(nypost.com\)](#)
 KIRO 7 Seattle - [CDC to drop COVID-19 5-day isolation guideline: reports – KIRO 7 News Seattle](#)
 U.S. News & World Report - [US CDC Plans to Drop Five-Day COVID Isolation Guidelines - Washington Post \(usnews.com\)](#)
 Reuters - [US CDC plans to drop five-day COVID isolation guidelines - Washington Post | Reuters](#)
 Cleveland.com - [CDC reportedly plans to drop 5-day COVID-19 isolation guidelines, allowing people to work and go to school - cleveland.com](#)
 Health Leaders Media - [CDC plans to drop five-day covid isolation guidelines | HealthLeaders Media](#)
 The Washington Post - [CDC plans to loosen covid isolation guidance - The Washington Post](#)
 NBC Chicago - [CDC's COVID isolation guidelines could be changing: Report – NBC Chicago](#)
 Al Arabiya News - [US health agency CDC to drop five-day COVID-19 isolation guidelines: Report \(alarabiya.net\)](#)
 Daily Mail Online - [CDC to drop five-day Covid isolation guidelines for people who test positive - after nearly four years | Daily Mail Online](#)
 XM - [US CDC plans to drop five-day COVID isolation guidelines - Washington Post \(xm.com\)](#)
 Malay mail - [Washington Post: US CDC plans to drop five-day Covid isolation guidelines | Malay Mail](#)
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 Kaiser Health News - [CDC Will Lift 5-Day Covid Isolation Recommendations - KFF Health News](#)
 Action News Jax - [CDC to drop COVID-19 5-day isolation guideline: reports – Action News Jax](#)
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 WGAU - [CDC to drop COVID-19 5-day isolation guideline: reports – WGAU \(wgauradio.com\)](#)

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Jon >

Tue, Feb 13 at 11:00 AM

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Saturday 10:09 PM

Hi Mandy, I have a piece on Sunday Morning tomorrow I think you'll find interesting about "how old is too old." Robert Costa leads off with the political angle, then I go - more about the science but with some political implications. Top of the broadcast (a bit after 9A, ET).

Sunday 5:57 PM



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Meg >

Hi Dr Cohen, I hope you're well. We are seeing the Washington Post reporting suggesting CDC will soon change Covid isolation guidance to be more similar to flu and RSV. Wondering if you could confirm on background for us these details are accurate?

"The CDC plans to recommend that people who test positive for the coronavirus use clinical symptoms to determine when to end isolation. Under the new approach, people would no longer need to stay home if they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of medication and their symptoms are mild and improving"

Thanks so much - Meg Tirrell (CNN)

Tue, Feb 13 at 9:53 AM

Hi good to hear from you. No updates to Covid guidelines to announce at this point. Always looking at the evidence to guide decision making. Welcome your thoughts.



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Tue, Feb 13 at 6:45 AM

Good morning, Mandy. On background? Can you confirm that the CDC is about to drop the five day isolation period after testing positive first Covid? I assume masking guidance is the same (10 days or - if two negative rapid antigen tests 48 hours apart - 8 days). Thanks.

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Kathleen >

Happy Tuesday. Wanted to flag CSPAN is planning to stream tomorrow's AMA morning session (including your remarks) I don't see any issue with that but let me know if you have concerns.

Sounds good - it is the content of the nejm piece we are doing but I don't think that matters. I do have a slide in there about lessons learned from the pandemic - can you look at that again for any concerns?

Yep looking now.

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Our Media Statement: No updates to COVID guidelines to announce at this time. We will continue to make decisions based on the best evidence and science to keep communities health and safe.

Yep got it



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