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We are all aware that the pandemic-era Title 42 public health order will lift at 11:59 PM ET tonight. When that happens the U.S. will immediately resume enforcement of long-standing Title 8 immigration authorities to expeditiously process and remove individuals who arrive at the U.S. border unlawfully and do not have a legal basis to remain.

We are also aware that thousands of migrants already have amassed along the border hoping to enter the United States and be granted asylum, receive a work authorization and be allowed to go to parts of the country where they have family or friends to wait for their court dates. And Customs and Border Protection expects border encounters to continue to increase in the coming weeks and months. Cities and NGO's along the border and in cities across the country are doing the best they can to accommodate and provide assistance to these migrants.

The Department of Homeland Security has been preparing for this day for months. Yesterday Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and other officials announced a comprehensive, multi-agency, multi-country plan to prepare for the return to processing migrants under Title 8 authorities, which includes:

- Opening the First Regional Processing Centers to Direct Individuals to Lawful Pathways
  - Deploying First Group of Additional Troops to Support Border Patrol
  - Surging Additional Resources to Manage Increased Encounters
  - Expanding Access to the CBP One App
  - Issuing New Rules to Encourage Migrants to Use Lawful Pathways
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- Ramping Up Efforts to Counter Misinformation

The measures announced yesterday build on actions DHS and the Department of State announced earlier this month to humanely manage the border through deterrence, enforcement, and diplomacy. This also builds on DHS's work over the past year that was first outlined in the April 2022 DHS Plan for Southwest Border Security and Preparedness.

Below are several pieces of information that DHS posted yesterday and that may be helpful:

- [Secretary Mayorkas Remarks at a Media Availability Outlining Planning and Operations Ahead of the Lifting of the Title 42 Public Health Order](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Department of State and Department of Homeland Security Announce Additional Sweeping Measures to Humanely Manage Border through Deterrence, Enforcement, and Diplomacy](#)
- [DHS and DOJ Finalize Rule to Incentivize Use of Lawful Immigration Pathways](#)

In addition, DHS has produced a short video, [The U.S. Immigration System: Explained](#), which may be helpful.

We will share additional information with you as it becomes available. In addition, on June 2, the first day of our annual meeting in Columbus, Mesa Mayor John Giles and San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria will lead a discussion with key DHS officials on the current situation in and around the border with the expiration of Title 42, expectations for additional migrants entering the United States. Mayors will be able to discuss what's happening in their cities, how they are managing the influx of migrants, and what help they need. We hope you will join us for this important session.

Please contact Laura DeKoven Waxman of the Conference staff at [lwaxman@usmayors.org](mailto:lwaxman@usmayors.org) with any questions.

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