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**Schedules: White House and Congress**

**WHITE HOUSE:**

- The president delivers remarks at 9 a.m. to mark the one-year anniversary of the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

**CONGRESS:**

- The Senate convenes 10:30 a.m., but no votes are planned.
- The House has scheduled a pro forma session for noon, with no hearings scheduled.

**Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News**

- **Bloomberg Government: Biden’s Shot Rule Hinges on Supreme Court:** The fate of Biden’s push to vaccinate millions of workers amid the latest Covid-19 surge rests with a U.S. Supreme Court likely to be wary of his assertion of broad federal power to confront the pandemic. The justices hear arguments tomorrow on two administration rules, one demanding 80 million workers get vaccinated or regularly tested, and a second requiring shots for workers in facilities that receive government health-care funds. Business groups and Republican-led states are trying to stop the rules from taking effect, saying they would cost billions of dollars and violate state sovereignty. The court could rule in a matter of days.

- **Stat: CDC Recommends Teens 12-17 Should Receive A Covid-19 Booster Shot:** An expert panel that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on vaccines voted overwhelmingly on Wednesday to recommend that children aged 12 to 15 should get a Covid-19 booster dose five months after the second dose in their primary series. The 13-to-1 vote by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices also changed the recommendation for 16- and 17-year olds, suggesting that they should get a booster as well. Previously the recommendation for those teens was a permissive one, suggesting they could get a booster if they wished. Now the committee is suggesting all children aged 12 to 17 should get a booster. (One member wasn’t present for the meeting and vote.) The recommendation was endorsed Wednesday evening by CDC Director Rochelle Walensky.

- **Bloomberg Government: The Biden administration has missed year-end deadlines to fully nix Trump-era energy efficiency standards,** highlighting the volume of work challenging the Energy Department’s staff as it confronts a backlog of appliance reviews. Final actions will now fall to 2022 for undoing Trump-era standards for light bulbs, washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers—standards that some industry groups have welcomed, but that efficiency
advocates have criticized as too lax. And the department still has to finalize the second part of the Process Rule, a 40-year-old set of regulations.

- **Modern Healthcare: Nurses Unions Sue Biden For Withdrawing COVID-19 Worker Protections**: Nurses unions are asking the courts to force the Biden administration to issue permanent standards for preventing COVID-19 in workplaces after it announced plans to withdraw parts of an emergency temporary standard for healthcare workers. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has "failed" to protect nurses and other workers as the law requires, NNU, New York State Nurses Association, Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals and other unions argued in a lawsuit filed Wednesday in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

- **Bloomberg Government: Unions Seek to Force OSHA Revival of Covid-19 Health-Care Rule**: Federal workplace safety regulators unlawfully withdrew requirements for health-care employers to protect workers from Covid-19 infections, a coalition of unions alleged in a federal lawsuit filed yesterday. At issue is the agency’s emergency temporary standard that required health-care employers to take specific measures to protect staff by implementing Covid-19 infection control plans, providing paid leave for quarantined workers, and limiting who could enter buildings.