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**MEMORANDUM**

**September 28, 2020**

**To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis**  
**Fr: Committee Staff**  
**Re: Hybrid Hearing with Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar II**

On **Friday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m. ET**, the Select Subcommittee will host a hybrid in-person/remote hearing with Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar on the Department of Health and Human Services' response to the coronavirus pandemic.

This hearing will convene in person in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using WebEx, which has been approved by the House, at the discretion of the Chairman, the witness, and other Members.

**Strict adherence to the [Attending Physician's Guidelines](#) is required for all participants attending in person.** Pursuant to these guidelines, "face coverings are **REQUIRED**" in the hearing room, and entry will not be permitted without a face covering. In addition, seating arrangements will be "in accordance with social distancing guidelines" and "every effort should be made [to] adhere to six-foot social distancing guidelines."

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 8:30 a.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

**I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING**

The hearing will examine the Department of Health and Human Services' response to the coronavirus crisis; the need for a comprehensive national plan to contain the virus by ensuring adequate testing, tracing, targeted containment, and other public health measures; and the importance of ensuring the public receives accurate and clear public health information regarding prevention, treatments, and vaccines.

**II. WITNESS**

**The Honorable Alex M. Azar II**  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services