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Trump undergoing annual physical after years of reluctance to share medical information

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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is undergoing his annual physical on Friday, potentially giving the public its first details in years about the health of a man who in January became the oldest in U.S. history to be sworn in as president.

"I have never felt better, but nevertheless, these things must be done!" Trump, 78, posted on his social media site of the examination which was being conducted at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, in Bethesda, Maryland, outside Washington.

Despite long questioning predecessor Joe Biden's physical and mental capacity, Trump has routinely kept basic facts about his own health shrouded in secrecy — shying away from traditional presidential transparency on medical issues.

If history is any indication, his latest physical is likely to produce a flattering report that's scarce on details.

White House press secre-

tary Karoline Leavitt told reporters at the White House, while Trump was being examined, that the president was undergoing his "routine and long-scheduled physical." She promised a "readout from the White House physician" that would be released "as soon as we possibly can" and suggested the details would be comprehensive.

"I can confirm the president is in very good shape," Leavitt said.

Such a report would be the first public information on Trump's health since an assassination attempt against him in Butler, Pennsylvania, in July.

Rather than release medical records at that time, Texas Rep. Ronny Jackson — a staunch supporter who served as his White House physician and once joked in the White House briefing room that Trump could live to be 200 if he had a healthier diet — wrote a memo describing a gunshot wound to Trump's right ear.

In a subsequent interview with CBS last August, Trump said he'd "very gladly" release

his medical records but never did.

Trump is three years younger than Biden. But on Inauguration Day of his second term in January, Trump was five months older than Biden was during his 2021 inauguration — making Trump the nation's oldest president to be sworn into office.

Presidents have privacy rights protecting their medical records just like ordinary citizens, and that means they have leeway over what details are released. Modern annual physicals, though, have often played key roles in offering the public a sense of the commander-in-chief's health — despite historic instances of concealing major medical issues, including President Woodrow Wilson's debilitating stroke in 1919.

Trump has long opted for offering few substantive details about his health. Before Jackson's memo, Americans hadn't seen key details since November 2023, when Dr. Bruce A. Aronwald released a letter to coincide with Biden's 81st birthday,

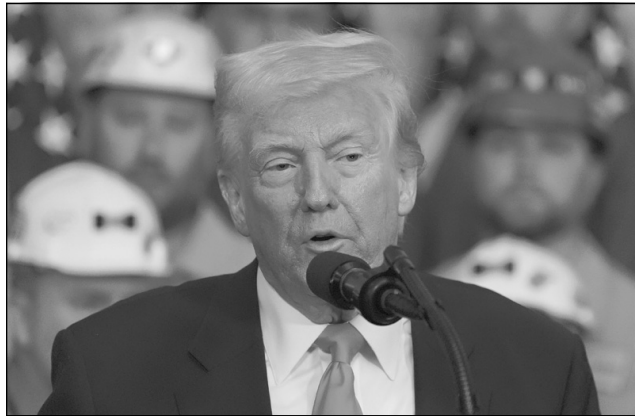
saying Trump was in "excellent" physical and mental health.

The letter, posted on Trump's social media platform, lack the basics — such as the Republican's weight, blood pressure and cholesterol levels, or the results of any test. Instead, Aronwald wrote that he'd examined Trump that fall and found his "physical exams were well within the normal range and his cognitive exams were exceptional," while also noting that Trump had "reduced his weight."

Trump was treated at Walter Reed for his serious bout with the coronavirus in 2020. During that, Trump's physician offered a rosy prognosis on his condition, though White House chief of staff Mark Meadows said some of Trump's vital signs were "very concerning."

After Trump recovered, more details emerged that he had been sicker than he'd let on.

But Trump largely refused to say more about his health at the time, instead submitting to a pretaped, remote medical "evaluation" and interview on



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President Donald Trump speaks during an event on energy production in the East Room of the White House, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in Washington.

Fox News Channel. That was conducted by Dr. Marc Siegel, a Fox News contributor who had questioned Hillary Clinton's physical ability to serve as president in 2016 and later urged the Biden White House to test the then-president's cognitive acuity.

In November 2019, meanwhile, Trump's trip to Walter Reed for a physical was omitted from his public schedule, breaking the White House protocol of giving advance public notice of them.

The visit was revealed three days later, with Trump disclosing that he'd had a "very routine physical." The White House released a subsequent

statement from the president's then-personal physician, U.S. Navy Cmdr. Sean Conley, saying it had been a "planned interim checkup" kept "off the record" due to scheduling uncertainties.

Arguably, Trump's most famous past comments about his own health came during a television interview in July 2020, when he listed off "Person. Woman. Man. Camera. TV" while attempting to demonstrate his cognitive abilities.

Trump said that a collection of those five nouns, or ones like them, stated in order, demonstrated mental fitness and were part of a cognitive test he had aced.

'Extremely troubling' that US can't provide details on mistakenly deported man

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GREENBELT, Md. — A federal judge on Friday lambasted a government lawyer who couldn't explain what, if anything, the Trump administration has done to arrange for the return of a Maryland man who was mistakenly deported last month to a notorious prison in El Salvador.

The U.S. government attorney also struggled to provide any information about the whereabouts of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, despite Thursday's ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court that the Trump administration must bring him back.

"Where is he and under

whose authority?" U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis asked in a Maryland courtroom.

"I'm not asking for state secrets," she said. "All I know is that he's not here. The government was prohibited from sending him to El Salvador, and now I'm asking a very simple question: where is he?"

Drew Ensign, a deputy assistant attorney general, said the government doesn't have evidence to contradict the belief that Abrego Garcia is still in El Salvador.

Xinis sounded exasperated that Ensign couldn't tell her where Abrego Garcia is, what the government has done to arrange for his return or what more it plans to do to get him back to the U.S.

"That is extremely trou-

bling," she said.

The judge repeatedly asked Ensign about what has been done to facilitate Abrego Garcia's return, asking pointedly: "Have they done anything?" — to which Ensign said he didn't have personal knowledge of what had been done.

"So that means they've done nothing," the judge said, adding later: "Despite this court's clear directive, your clients have done nothing to facilitate the return of Mr. Abrego Garcia."

For his part, Ensign stressed that the government was "actively considering what could be done" in the case and said that Abrego-Garcia's case was an issue that involved three different Cabinet agencies and a lot of interagency coordination.

Before the hearing ended, Xinis ordered the U.S. to provide daily updates on the status of its plans to bring Abrego Garcia back.

"I guess my message, for what it's worth, is: if you can do it, do it tomorrow," she said.

Attorneys for the Trump administration had told Xinis

in a Friday morning filing that her Friday morning deadline for information was "impractical." They said they haven't had enough time to review the Supreme Court's ruling.

Xinis had directed the Trump administration to "take all available steps to facilitate the return" of Abrego Garcia following Thursday's high court order.

She requested a declaration from the administration that addressed Abrego Garcia's location and custodial status and what steps the administration has taken and will take to facilitate his return.

The U.S. attorneys also wrote in Friday morning's filing that it was "unreasonable" for the U.S. government "to reveal potential steps before those steps are reviewed, agreed upon, and vetted."

"Foreign affairs cannot operate on judicial timelines, in part because it involves sensitive country-specific considerations wholly inappropriate for judicial review," the attorneys wrote.

In its ruling on Thursday, the Supreme Court rejected the administration's emer-

gency appeal of Xinis' April 4 order for Abrego Garcia's return.

The Salvadoran citizen had an immigration court order preventing his deportation to his native country over fears he would face persecution from local gangs.

The Supreme Court has issued a string of rulings on its emergency docket, where the conservative majority has at least partially sided with Trump amid a wave of lower court orders slowing the president's sweeping agenda. In Thursday's case, the court said Xinis' order must be clarified to make sure it doesn't intrude into executive branch power over foreign affairs, since Abrego Garcia is being held abroad.

"The order properly requires the Government to 'facilitate' Abrego Garcia's release from custody in El Salvador and to ensure that his case is handled as it would have been had he not been improperly sent to El Salvador," the court said in an unsigned order with no noted dissents.

The administration claims Abrego Garcia is a member

of the MS-13 gang, though he has never been charged with or convicted of a crime. His attorneys said there is no evidence he was in MS-13.

The administration has conceded that it made a mistake in sending him to El Salvador, but argued that it no longer could do anything about it. The court's liberal justices said the administration should have hastened to correct "its egregious error" and was "plainly wrong" to suggest it could not bring him home.

Abrego Garcia's wife, Jennifer Vasquez Sura, said the ordeal has been an "emotional rollercoaster" for their family and the entire community.

"I am anxiously waiting for Kilmar to be here in my arms, and in our home putting our children to bed, knowing this nightmare is almost at its end. I will continue fighting until my husband is home," she said.

Xinis' April 4 order said the government's decision to arrest Abrego Garcia and send him to El Salvador appeared to be "wholly lawless."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed OSKALOOSA School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026					
Location of Public Hearing: George Daily Auditorium		Date of Hearing: 04/22/2025		Time of Hearing: 06:00 PM	
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.					
		Budget 2026	Re-est. 2025	Actual 2024	Avg % 24-26
Taxes Levied on Property	1	10,277,595	9,762,145	8,779,467	% 8.2
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	445,492	435,693	429,345	% 1.9
Income Surtaxes	3	662,125	623,690	714,520	% -3.7
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	1,030,724	1,015,098	1,242,024	
Earnings on Investments	5	289,492	286,583	289,788	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	328,609	323,753	305,693	
Student Activities and Sales	7	401,705	399,760	384,820	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	541,942	564,977	780,840	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	19,129,233	18,667,883	18,063,967	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	79,928	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	3,248,119	3,199,357	3,289,518	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	258,881	258,881	114,957	
Title I Grants	14	435,846	464,517	648,585	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	2,071,738	2,433,284	3,390,469	
Total Revenues	16	39,201,429	38,435,621	38,433,993	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	4,595,000	0	
Transfers In	18	1,483,260	1,535,702	3,020,193	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	1,928	1,928	25,528	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	324,046	425,676	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	40,686,617	44,892,297	41,905,390	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	7,511,284	6,208,926	9,483,797	
Total Resources	23	48,197,901	51,101,223	51,389,187	
*Instruction	24	20,265,598	20,067,881	19,859,586	% 1.0
Student Support Services	25	1,270,128	1,252,172	1,284,273	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	2,944,166	2,512,031	2,828,764	
General Administration	27	563,249	562,544	429,984	
School Administration	28	1,965,980	1,915,781	1,868,250	
Business & Central Administration	29	856,667	870,435	832,878	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	3,387,053	3,664,031	3,501,412	
Student Transportation	31	1,551,670	1,758,388	1,438,679	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	12,538,913	12,535,382	12,184,240	% 1.4
*Noninstructional Programs	32	1,323,364	1,303,807	1,191,001	% 5.4
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	1,370,000	5,152,966	6,406,663	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	1,460,891	1,476,733	1,418,031	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	821,038	911,587	1,100,547	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	3,651,929	7,541,286	8,925,241	% -36.0
Total Expenditures	36	37,779,894	41,448,356	42,160,068	
Transfers Out	37	1,460,891	1,513,882	3,020,193	
Other Uses	38	0	627,701	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	39,240,695	43,589,939	45,180,261	
Ending Fund Balance	40	8,957,206	7,511,284	6,208,926	
Total Requirements	41	48,197,901	51,101,223	51,389,187	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		13.91283			