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We should make a similar slide for upcoming talks.

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New FDA chief plans for 'the most serious scenarios' of coronavirus outbreak

CBD, drug prices, safety — plus Wuhan coronavirus — make for a crowded agenda for Stephen Hahn.



The FDA for years has mostly stayed out of the debate around drug prices | Jacquelyn Martin, File/AP Photo

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New FDA commissioner Stephen Hahn faced a jam-packed agenda: opioids, CBD, vaping, and how to let states safely import drugs. Then the Wuhan coronavirus broke out.

The virus was declared a public health emergency by HHS just a few hours after Hahn's exclusive interview with POLITICO Friday. That kicks the agency into overdrive in multiple roles — helping speed vaccine, drug and diagnostic test development while also trying to avoid shortages of drugs and devices the United States needs that are made in China.

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Hahn said there have not been any reports yet of disruption of the supply chain or shortages, but the agency is looking ahead and planning for “what could potentially be the most serious of scenarios.” As of now FDA inspections in China are being conducted on a case-by-case basis.