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## Trump announces 90-day negotiating period with Mexico

**25% tariff rates stay  
in place for now**

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WASHINGTON — The United States will enter a 90-day negotiating period with Mexico over trade as 25% tariff rates stay in place, part of the rush of trade activity Thursday before President Donald Trump plans to impose a broad set of global import taxes starting today.

Trump posted on his Truth Social platform that his phone conversation with Mexican leader Claudia Sheinbaum was “very successful in that, more and more, we are getting to know and understand each other.” The Republican president had threatened tariffs of 30% on goods from Mexico in a July letter, something that Sheinbaum said Mexico gets to stave off for the next three months.

“We avoided the tariff increase announced for tomorrow and we got 90 days to build a long-term agree-

ment through dialogue,” Sheinbaum wrote on X.

The leaders’ morning call came at a moment of pressure and uncertainty for the world economy. Nations are scrambling to finalize the outlines of a trade framework with Trump in order to avoid him simply imposing higher tariff rates that could upend economies and governments.

Trump reached a deal with South Korea on Wednesday, and earlier with the European Union, Japan,



**President Donald Trump** speaks at an event in the East Room of the White House on July 30.

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# LOOMING CHALLENGES

### Medicaid cuts could disrupt critical home care for disabled Hoosiers

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WEST LAFAYETTE — Seth Mullen can’t use his arms, legs or voice. The 36-year-old is a nonverbal quadriplegic born with cerebral palsy who requires around-the-clock care to eat, dress and bathe.

Seth lives with his twin brother, Cody Mullen, and his retired parents, who all provide some of the critical attention he needs.

But it’s only through a mixture of in-home care and day services at a local center for the disabled that the family can live a normal life and keep Seth out of a nursing home or medical facility.

“The programs allow me to work my day job and my parents to live the life that they want to live without the 100% responsibility of caring for Seth, so it’s a really good program,” said Cody Mullen, director of Purdue University’s master of health administration program.

Some of those services are provided through the Community Integration and Habilitation waiver designed by Indiana Medicaid to serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It’s currently utilized by more than 9,000 Hoosiers, according to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration’s June report on Medicaid enrollment.

But families using those programs could see major disruptions in services in the coming years after Republican lawmakers in July voted to slash Medicaid spending by roughly \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. The provision was part of President Donald Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill.”

Indiana will lose nearly \$20 billion in federal Medicaid dollars between now and 2034, representing a 13% reduction, according to estimates by the health research group KFF.

Congressional Republicans have said those with disabilities who need Medicaid would not



**Cody Mullen**



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**The Vollmer family, from left, Ben, Adrienne, Graham, Nick, Lucy and Graham.**

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## Kokomo man arrested for sex crimes against children

Defendant also on lifetime parole on similar counts

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Police say a Kokomo man who is already on lifetime parole for a sex offense against a juvenile is now facing new similar charges.

Those formal charges against 40-year-old Trevor Brieger include a level 4 felony count of child molesting, a level 5 felony count of child solicitation and two level 6 felony counts of violating lifetime parole, according to court documents.

It was back in May that officers were dispatched to a residence in the 5800 block of Council Ring Boulevard to meet with the mother of a male juvenile, per court documents, who told authorities Brieger inappropriately touched her son on a previous occasion.

Police then interviewed the boy on May 19 as part of the investigation into the allegations.

During that interview, the boy told authorities Brieger touched his genitalia area on “two separate occasions” when he was 8 years old, court documents indicate, adding that he was clothed but Brieger was nude.

Brieger also allegedly asked the boy to touch his genitalia, according to the boy’s interview with police, though the boy said he refused.

As part of the investigation into the allegations, authorities also interviewed Brieger on May 22.

Brieger agreed to speak without a lawyer present during that police interview, per court documents, and denied inappropriately touching the boy.

But later that same day, another alleged victim alerted authorities that he was also approached by Brieger in September 2021, when he was just 15 years old.

During that alleged encounter, Brieger reportedly sent the teen a photo of a woman’s breasts and then asked the teen to send a picture of himself, according to the teen’s interview as highlighted in court



**Trevor Brieger**

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