

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

CHRONOLOGY OF THE CORONAVIRUS

This page of the Coronavirus timeline is excerpted from Jim Garaghty's "[The Comprehensive Timeline of China's COVID-19 Lies](#)", National Review, Monday, March 23, 2020.

"Some point in late 2019: The coronavirus jumps from some animal species to a human being. The best guess at this point is that it happened at a Chinese "wet market."

December 6, 2019: According to a study in *The Lancet*, **the symptom onset date of the first patient identified was** "Dec 1, 2019 . . . 5 days after illness onset, his wife, a 53-year-old woman who had no known history of exposure to the market, also presented with pneumonia and was hospitalized in the isolation ward." In other words, as early as the second week of December, Wuhan doctors were finding cases that indicated the virus was spreading from one human to another.

December 21, 2019: Wuhan doctors begin to notice a "**cluster of pneumonia cases with an unknown cause.**"

December 25, 2019: **Chinese medical staff in two hospitals in Wuhan are suspected of contracting viral pneumonia and are quarantined.** This is additional strong evidence of human-to-human transmission.

Sometime in "Late December" 2019: Wuhan hospitals notice "an exponential increase" in the number of cases that cannot be linked back to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, **according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*.**

December 30, 2019: Dr. Li Wenliang **sent a message to a group of other doctors** warning them about a possible outbreak of an illness that resembled severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), urging them to take protective measures against infection.

December 31, 2019: The Wuhan Municipal Health Commission declares, "**The investigation so far has not found any obvious human-to-human transmission and no medical staff infection.**" This is the opposite of the belief of the doctors working on patients in Wuhan, and two doctors were already suspected of contracting the virus.



December 31, 2019: Three weeks after doctors first started noticing the cases, **China contacts the World Health Organization (WHO)**, and for the first time, notified the WHO of the existence of a novel virus.

Tao Lina, a public-health expert and former official with Shanghai's center for disease control and prevention, tells the *South China Morning Post*, "**I think we are [now] quite capable of killing it in the beginning phase**, given China's disease control system, emergency handling capacity and clinical medicine support."

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Timeline of Statements and Actions of World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control and the Trump Administration from January 1, 2020 to Present

December 31, 2019: China reports the discovery of the coronavirus to the World Health Organization.

JANUARY

The following article by Cleta Mitchell clearly breaks down those early days, beginning in January, concisely summarizing President Trump's actions and the inaction and attacks from Democrats, who are now trying to rewrite history for electoral gain.

Please read and share this short, informative article to combat the left's attempt to rewrite history.

[The Real Coronavirus Chronology Shows Trump Was On Top Of It While Biden Was Mocking The Danger](#)



January 6, 2020: CDC issues travel watch for China-related travel.

January 7, 2020: The CDC established a coronavirus incident management system to better share and respond to information about the virus.

January 8, 2020: WHO issues statement saying it "...does not recommend any specific measures for travelers. WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions on China based on the information currently available."

January 11, 2020: China reports 1st novel coronavirus death.

January 11, 2020: The CDC issued a Level I travel health notice for Wuhan, China.

January 13, 2020: WHO issues first public news release regarding "Novel Coronavirus in Thailand."

January 14, 2020: WHO issues statement saying: "Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) identified in Wuhan, China." This is weeks after the opposite was confirmed by Chinese authorities.

January 17, 2020: CDC and Department of Homeland Security announce that American citizens returning from travel-restricted countries are being routed to specific airports, where they can be screened and isolated as needed. CDC further states that "based on current information, the risk from 2019-nCoV to the American public is currently deemed to be low."

January 20, 2020: Japan, South Korea, Thailand report first cases of Novel Coronavirus.

January 20, 2020: Dr. Fauci announces the National Institutes of Health is already working on the development of a vaccine for the coronavirus.

January 21, 2020: First case of coronavirus reported in US, a man who had traveled from Wuhan, China.

January 21, 2020: The CDC activated its emergency operations center to provide ongoing support to the coronavirus response.



January 23, 2020: China imposes strict lockdown in Wuhan. China imposes aggressive containment measures in Wuhan, the epicenter of the outbreak, suspending flights and trains and shutting down subways, buses and ferries in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus.

January 23, 2020: The CDC sought a “special emergency authorization” from the FDA to allow states to use its newly developed coronavirus test.

January 24, 2020: CDC confirms second case in US of coronavirus, but states that “based on what we know right now, the immediate risk to America remains low.”

January 27, 2020: The CDC issued a level III travel health notice urging Americans to avoid all nonessential travel to China due to the coronavirus.

January 28, 2020: WHO issues second public news release with the headline: “**WHO, China leaders discuss next steps in battle against coronavirus outbreak**”, with a photograph of WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, with Chinese President Xi Jinping. The release stated that the two “... shared the latest information on the novel coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV) outbreak and reiterated their commitment to bring it under control...***The WHO delegation highly appreciated the actions China has implemented in response to the outbreak, its speed in identifying the virus and openness to sharing information with WHO and other countries.***”

January 28, 2020: President Trump expands airport screenings to identify travelers showing symptoms and institutes mandatory quarantines.

January 29: The White House announced the formation of the Coronavirus Task Force to help monitor and contain the spread of the virus and provide updates to the President.

January 30, 2020: WHO declares global health emergency of international concern.

January 30, 2020: CDC confirms person-to-person spread of coronavirus and applauds WHO decision to declare a global health emergency of international concern, related to the coronavirus.

January 30, 2020: To leverage the resources of the entire government, the president creates the White House Coronavirus Task Force to coordinate efforts.

January 31, 2020: President Trump declares coronavirus a public health emergency and issues travel ban on travel between the United States and China.



January 31, 2020: The Department of Homeland Security took critical steps to funnel all flights from China into just 7 domestic U.S. airports.

FEBRUARY

February 3, 2020: The CDC had a team ready to travel to China to obtain critical information on the novel coronavirus, but were in the U.S. awaiting permission to enter by the Chinese government.

February 4, 2020: President Trump vowed in his State of the Union Address to “take all necessary steps” to protect Americans from the coronavirus.

February 4, 2020: FDA issues emergency use authorization for CDC’s coronavirus diagnostic testing, allowing use of the test at any CDC-qualified lab in the country.

February 5, 2020: Dr. Robert Redfield, Director of the CDC issues a public statement saying “...While we continue to believe the immediate risk of 2019nCoV exposure to the general public is low, CDC is undertaking measures to help keep that risk low.”

February 6, 2020: The CDC began shipping CDC-Developed test kits for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus to U.S. and international labs.

February 9, 2020: The White House Coronavirus Task Force briefed governors from across the nation at the National Governors’ Association Meeting in Washington.

February 11, 2020: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) expanded a partnership with Janssen Research & Development to “expedite the development” of a coronavirus vaccine.

February 12, 2020: The U.S. shipped test kits for the 2019 novel coronavirus to approximately 30 countries who lacked the necessary reagents and other materials.

February 12, 2020: The CDC was prepared to travel to China but had yet to receive permission from the Chinese government.

February 14, 2020: The CDC began working with five labs to conduct “community-based influenza surveillance” to study and detect the spread of coronavirus.



February 18, 2020: CDC reaffirms that the risk to Americans from coronavirus is low.

February 18, 2020: HHS announced it would engage with Sanofi Pasteur in an effort to quickly develop a coronavirus vaccine and to develop treatment for coronavirus.

February 20, 2020: The administration raises travel warnings to their highest level for other hot spot locations, including Japan and South Korea.

February 24, 2020: The Trump Administration sent a letter to Congress requesting at least \$2.5 billion to help combat the spread of the coronavirus.

February 26, 2020: 1st case of suspected local transmission in United States is announced.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirm the first case of COVID-19 in a patient in California with no travel history to an outbreak area, nor contact with anyone diagnosed with the virus.

February 26, 2020: President Trump names Vice-President Pence to lead Coronavirus Task Force.

February 26, 2020: President Trump discussed coronavirus containment efforts with Indian PM Modi and updated the press on his Administration's containment efforts in the U.S. during his state visit to India.

February 27, 2020: Vice President Pence names Dr. Deborah Birx to serve as the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator.

February 29, 2020: 1st death reported in United States. The first COVID-19 death is reported in Washington state, after a man with no travel history to China dies on Feb. 28 at Evergreen Health Medical Center in Kirkland, Washington.

February 29, 2020: President Trump imposes travel ban to Iran

February 29, 2020: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allowed certified labs to develop and begin testing coronavirus testing kits while reviewing pending applications.

February 29, 2020: The Trump Administration announced a level 4 travel advisory to areas of Italy and South Korea. Barred all travel to Iran. Barred the entry of foreign citizens who visited Iran in the last 14 days.



MARCH

March 3, 2020: At the direction of the White House, CDC lifts restrictions for virus testing

The FDA issued emergency approval for new commercial coronavirus tests to significantly expand testing across the country.

March 3, 2020: The White House announced President Trump donated his fourth quarter salary to fight the coronavirus.

March 4, 2020: The Trump Administration announced the purchase of approximately 500 million N95 respirators over the next 18 months to respond to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

March 4, 2020: Secretary Azar announced that HHS was transferring \$35 million to the CDC to help state and local communities that have been impacted most by the coronavirus.

March 5, 2020: HHS starts awarding grants to research facilities to rapid diagnostic tests for the coronavirus.

March 6, 2020: Trump signs legislation securing \$8.3 billion for coronavirus response. (The bill provides \$7.76 billion to federal, state, & local agencies to combat the coronavirus and authorizes an additional \$500 million in waivers for Medicare telehealth restrictions.)

March 9, 2020: President Trump called on Congress to pass a payroll tax cut over coronavirus.

March 10, 2020: President Trump and VP Pence met with top health insurance companies and secured a commitment to waive co-pays for coronavirus testing.

March 11, 2020: President Trump announced travel restrictions on foreigners who had visited Europe in the last 14 days.

March 11, 2020: President Trump directed the Small Business Administration to issue low-interest loans to affected small businesses and called on congress to increase this fund by \$50 billion.

March 11, 2020: President Trump directed the Treasury Department to defer tax payments for affected individuals, businesses, and provide \$200 billion in "additional liquidity."

March 11, 2020: President Trump met with American bankers at the White House to discuss coronavirus.

March 11, 2020: WHO declares that Coronavirus is a worldwide pandemic.



March 12, 2020: The president announces further travel restrictions on global hotspots, including Europe.

March 12, 2020: The Small Business Administration announces disaster loans up to \$2 million to provide help to impacted businesses.

March 13, 2020: President Trump declares a national emergency, inviting States, territories, and tribes to access over \$42 billion in existing funding.

March 13, 2020: President Trump announces partnerships with state and local governments and private sector to create drive-through testing sites.

March 13, 2020: President Trump announces partnership with Google to create website where Americans can go for information regarding whether their symptoms require coronavirus testing and, if so, where to obtain test.

March 13, 2020: Admiral Brett Giroir – the Assistant Secretary for Health and head of the Public Health Service –is appointed to coordinate coronavirus testing efforts.

March 13, 2020: President Trump directs the Energy Department to purchase large quantities of crude oil for the strategic reserve.

March 13, 2020: President Trump announced a pause on interest payments on federal student loans.

March 13, 2020: The FDA granted Roche AG an emergency approval for automated coronavirus testing kits.

March 13, 2020: The FDA issued an emergency approval to Thermo Fisher for a coronavirus test within 24 hours of receiving the request.

March 13, 2020: HHS announced funding for the development of two new rapid diagnostic tests, which would be able to detect coronavirus in approximately 1 hour.

March 14, 2020: [The Coronavirus Relief Bill passed the House of Representatives.](#)

March 14, 2020: The Trump Administration announced the European travel ban will extend to the UK and Ireland.

March 15, 2020: President Trump held a phone call with over two dozen grocery store executives to discuss on-going demand for food and other supplies.

March 15, 2020: HHS announced it is projected to have 1.9 million COVID-19 tests available in 2,000 labs this week.



March 15, 2020: All 50 states were contacted through FEMA to coordinate “federally-supported, state-led efforts” to end coronavirus.

March 15, 2020: CDC warns against large gatherings (over 50 people)

March 16, 2020: President Trump participated in a call with G7 leaders who committed to increasing coordination in response to the coronavirus and restoring global economic confidence.

March 16, 2020: President Trump held a tele-conference with governors to discuss coronavirus preparedness and response.

March 16, 2020: President Trump announced that the first potential vaccine for coronavirus has entered a phase one trial in a record amount of time.

March 16, 2020: President Trump announced “15 days to slow the spread” coronavirus guidance.

March 16, 2020: The FDA empowers states to authorize tests developed and used by laboratories in their states.

March 16, 2020: Asst. Secretary for Health confirmed the availability of 1 million coronavirus tests, and projected 2 million tests available the next week and 5 million the following.

March 17, 2020: President Trump announced that CMS will expand telehealth benefits for Medicare beneficiaries.

March 17, 2020: President Trump announced that Relevant Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act penalties will not be enforced.

March 17, 2020: President Trump announced that the Army Corps of Engineers is on “standby” to assist federal & state governments.

March 17, 2020: The Department of Defense sets up fifteen coronavirus testing sites worldwide.

March 17, 2020: SBA announces relaxed criteria for disaster assistance loans – expanding small businesses’ access to economic assistance.

March 17, 2020: HHS lifted HIPAA penalties to enable healthcare providers to expand telehealth access for patients.

March 17, 2020: President Trump spoke to fast food executives from Wendy’s, McDonald’s and Burger King to discuss drive-thru services recommended by CDC.

March 17, 2020: President Trump met with tourism industry representatives along with industrial supply, retail, and wholesale representatives.



March 17, 2020: Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin met with lawmakers to discuss stimulus measures to relieve the economic burden of coronavirus on certain industries, businesses, and American workers.

March 17, 2020: Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced a partnership between USDA, Baylor University, McLane Global, and Pepsi Co. to provide one million meals per week to rural children in response to widespread school closures.

March 17, 2020: The Treasury Department contributed \$10bil through the economic stabilization fund to the Federal Reserve's commercial paper funding facility.

March 17, 2020: The Department of Defense announced it will make available to HHS up to five million respirator masks and 2,000 ventilators.

March 17, 2020: The Treasury Department deferred \$300 billion in tax payments for 90 days without penalty, up to \$1mil for individuals & \$10mil for business.

March 18, 2020: President Trump signs the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus, providing for free testing and paid leave.

March 18, 2020: President Trump signs legislation requiring more reporting from state and private labs to ensure our public health officials have the data they need to respond to this outbreak.

March 18, 2020: DoD and HHS airlift hundreds of thousands of swabs and sample test kits from Italy to the United States.

March 18, 2020: **The administration launched a website – [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) – to keep the public informed about the outbreak.**

March 18, 2020: The president launched a partnership with the Ad Council, media networks, and digital platforms to communicate public services announcements about the coronavirus.

March 18, 2020: The president announced guidelines for Americans to follow and do their part to stem the spread of the virus.

March 18, 2020: The Task Force is holding nearly daily press conferences to provide the American people with the latest information.

March 18, 2020: The Task Force has recommended mitigation strategies to heavily impacted communities, like those in New York, Washington, and California.

March 18, 2020: CMS announced guidance to protect vulnerable elderly Americans and limit medically unnecessary visits to nursing homes.



March 18, 2020: Trump signed legislation providing funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

March 18, 2020: USDA announced new flexibilities to allow meal service during school closures.

March 18, 2020: USDA announced a new collaboration with the private sector to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to the coronavirus.

March 18, 2020: The Department of Labor announced up to \$100 million in dislocated worker grants in response to the coronavirus national health emergency.

March 18, 2020: The White House worked with the private sector to launch a central website where families, students, and educators can access online education technologies.

March 18, 2020: The president took action to give HHS authority to waive rules and regulations so that healthcare providers have maximum flexibility to respond to this outbreak.

March 18, 2020: CMS is giving flexibility to Medicare Advantage and Part D plans to waive cost-sharing for coronavirus tests and treatment.

March 18, 2020: CMS created new billing codes for coronavirus tests to promote better tracking of the public health response.

March 18, 2020: The VA established 19 emergency operations centers across the country and put in place visitation restrictions to limit patients' exposure.

March 18, 2020: CMS and the VA are working to limit nonessential, elective medical procedures to free up healthcare resources.

March 18, 2020: The administration announced that health plans with health savings accounts will be able to cover coronavirus testing and treatment without co-payments.

March 18, 2020: CMS dramatically expanded telehealth for Medicare beneficiaries, ensuring more patients can access their doctors remotely while avoiding exposure.

March 18, 2020: The president signed a memorandum directing his Administration to make general-use face masks available to healthcare workers.

March 18, 2020: HHS announced it will be purchasing 500 million N95 respirators for the Strategic National Stockpile.

March 18, 2020: The Department of Defense announced it will be providing 5 million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to assist.

March 18, 2020: The administration is expanding research and consulting with experts to better understand the transmission of coronavirus.



March 18, 2020: The National Institutes of Health has announced the beginning of a clinical trial for a coronavirus vaccine candidate.

March 18, 2020: The administration is working to help accelerate the development of therapeutics and a vaccine to combat the coronavirus.

March 18, 2020: The administration is actively working with drug manufacturers to monitor any potential drug supply chain issues.

March 18, 2020: The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy coordinated with the NIH, the tech industry, and nonprofits to release a machine readable collection of 29,000 coronavirus-related research articles, which will help scientists discover insights to virus' genetics, incubation, treatment, symptoms, and prevention.

March 18, 2020: President Trump announced the temporary closure of the U.S.-Canada border to non-essential traffic.

March 18, 2020: President Trump announced plans to invoke the Defense Production Act in order to increase the number of necessary supplies needed to combat coronavirus.

March 18, 2020: President Trump announced that FEMA has been activated in every region at its highest level of response.

March 18, 2020: President Trump announced that the U.S. Navy will deploy USNS Comfort and USNS Mercy hospital ships.

March 18, 2020: President Trump announced that all foreclosures and evictions will be suspended for a period of time.

March 18, 2020: Secretary of Defense Mark Esper confirmed that 1 million masks are now immediately available.

March 18, 2020: Secretary of Defense Mark Esper confirmed that the Army Corps of Engineers is in NY consulting on how to best assist state officials.

March 18: HHS temporarily suspended a regulation that prevents doctors from practicing across state lines.

March 18, 2020: President Trump spoke to doctors, physicians, and nurses on the front lines containing the spread of coronavirus.

March 18, 2020: President Trump spoke to 130 CEOs of the Business Roundtable to discuss on-going public-private partnerships in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

March 19, 2020: President Trump announced very encouraging progress shown by anti-malaria drug Hydroxychloroquine for fighting coronavirus.



March 19, 2020: President Trump announced that Carnival Cruise Lines will make ships available for use as hospitals in impacted areas to use for non-coronavirus patients.

March 19, 2020: Vice President Pence announced tens of thousands of ventilators have been identified that can be converted to treat patients.

March 19, 2020: The State Department issued a global level 4 health advisory, telling Americans to avoid all international travel due to coronavirus.

March 19, 2020: President Trump directed FEMA to take the lead on the Federal Government's coronavirus response & visited FEMA HQ with Vice President Pence for a video call with Governors.

March 19, 2020: The FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients.

March 19, 2020: The administration negotiated legislation which will provide tax credits for eligible businesses that give paid leave to Americans affected by the virus.

March 19, 2020: The administration took action to provide more flexibility in unemployment insurance programs for workers impacted by the coronavirus.

March 19, 2020: The administration is halting foreclosures and evictions for families with FHA-insured mortgages.

March 19, 2020: The State Department issues a global level 4 travel advisory, urging Americans to avoid all international travel due to the coronavirus outbreak worldwide.

March 19, 2020: The Treasury Department establishes the Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility to provide liquidity to the financial system.

March 19, 2020: The president signed legislation removing restrictions that prevented manufacturers from selling industrial masks – which can readily protect healthcare workers – directly to hospitals.

March 19, 2020: The president announced Carnival Cruise Lines will be making ships available for hospitals to use for non-coronavirus patients.

March 19, 2020: Vice President Pence announced tens of thousands of ventilators have been identified that can be converted to treat patients.

March 20, 2020: President Trump declares New York a major disaster area, freeing funds to flow to state.



March 20, 2020: The United States announces mutual agreements with Mexico and Canada to restrict non-essential travel across our northern and southern borders.

March 20, 2020: The administration announces it will expeditiously return aliens who cross between ports of entry or are otherwise not allowed to enter the country, as the facilities in which these aliens would be held cannot support quarantine for the time needed to assess potential cases.

March 20, 2020: **The Treasury Department moved tax day from April 15 to July 15.**

March 20, 2020: Secretary Azar announced that FEMA is coordinating and assisting coronavirus testing at labs across the country.

March 20, 2020: Secretary Azar announced that the CDC is suspending all illegal entries to the country based on the public health threat, via Section 362 of the Public Health & Security Act.

March 20, 2020: Secretary Azar sent a letter to all 50 Governors that the federal government is buying and making available 200,000 testing swabs.

March 20, 2020: The Department of Education has given broad approval to colleges and universities to allow them to more easily move their classes online.

March 20, 2020: The Department of Education set interest rates on all federally-held student loans to 0% for at least 60 days.

March 20, 2020: The Department of Education announced borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments on federally-held student loans for at least two months.

March 20, 2020: The Department of Education is providing waivers for federal testing requirements to states that have had to close schools.

March 21, 2020: Trump signed legislation to provide continuity in educational benefits for veterans and their families who attend schools that have had to switch from in-person to online learning due to the coronavirus.

March 21, 2020: Vice President Pence announced to date over 195,000 Americans tested for coronavirus and have received their results.

March 21, 2020: The Trump Administration announced HHS placed an order for hundreds of millions of N95 masks through FEMA.

March 21, 2020: The FDA announced it had given emergency approval to a new coronavirus test that delivers results in hours, with an intended rollout of March 30.



March 21, 2020: Adm. Giroir confirmed 10 million testing kits had been put into the commercial market from March 2 through March 14.

March 22, 2020: President Trump announce that governors will remain in command of National Guard forces & the federal govt will fund 100% of operations cost.

March 22, 2020: President Trump confirmed his administration was working with Peru & Honduras to return Americans stranded in both countries as a result of travel restrictions.

March 22, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that the testing backlog will be resolved by midweek.

March 22, 2020: President Trump announced that the USNS Mercy will be deployed to Los Angeles.

March 22, 2020: FEMA issued guidance for tribal governments to seek federal assistance under the President's emergency declaration.

March 22, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that to date, over 254,000 Americans have been tested for coronavirus and received their results.

March 22, 2020: President Trump announced that he directed the federal govt to provide 4 large federal medical stations with 2,000 beds for CA & 1,000 beds for NY & WA.

March 22, 2020: President Trump declares Washington state a major disaster area.

March 22, 2020: **President Trump declares California a major disaster area.**

March 23, 2020: VP Pence announced that 313,000 Americans were tested for the coronavirus & received results.

March 23, 2020: VP Pence announced that FEMA established a supply chain stabilization task force so Americans get supplies they need.

March 23, 2020: VP Pence announced that HHS will have commercial labs prioritize testing for hospitalized patients.

March 23, 2020: The White House Office of Science & Technology Policy announced a public-private consortium to advance coronavirus research and provide access to computing technology and resources for researchers.

March 23, 2020: Attorney General Barr announced that DOJ held a National Task Force meeting on hoarding and price gouging.

March 23, 2020: Attorney General Barr announced that each of the 93 U.S. Attorney General offices is designating a lead prosecutor to prevent hoarding.



March 23, 2020: President Trump announced that HHS is working to designate essential medical supplies as “scarce” to prohibit hoarding these items.

March 23, 2020: The Treasury Department announced that it is working with the Federal Reserve to lend up to \$300 billion to businesses and local governments.

March 23, 2020: President Trump signed an executive order invoking section 4512 of the Defense Production Act to prohibit the hoarding of vital medical supplies.

March 24, 2020: President Trump approved a major disaster declaration for the state of Iowa related to the coronavirus outbreak.

March 24, 2020: VP Pence confirmed that FEMA sent New York 2,000 ventilators

March 24, 2020: VP Pence Announced individuals who have recently been in New York should self-quarantine for 14 days.

March 24, 2020: Dr. Deborah Birx announced the U.S. has conducted more coronavirus tests in the last week than South Korea has over the prior eight weeks.

March 24, 2020: The U.S. Army issued orders for three army hospitals to deploy their health care professionals to New York and Washington state, at the direction of Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy.

March 25, 2020: President Trump approved major disaster declarations related to the #coronavirus outbreak for: Texas, Florida and North Carolina.

March 25, 2020: President Trump & Vice President Pence held a conference call with 140 non-profit organization leaders, including The Salvation Army & The Red Cross, to discuss coronavirus response efforts.

March 25, 2020: President Trump signed a bill reauthorizing The Older Americans Act, which supports senior citizens by providing meals, transportation, and other crucial services.

March 25, 2020: Vice President Pence held a conference call with equipment manufacturers to discuss on-going coronavirus response efforts.

March 25, 2020: Vice President Pence announced 432,000 Americans have been tested for coronavirus and received results.

March 25, 2020: Vice President Pence confirmed 4,000 ventilators were delivered to New York.

March 25, 2020: Vice President Pence held discussions with multiple governors, including the Governor of Indiana & the Governor of Michigan.



March 26, 2020: A \$2.2 trillion economic relief package passed the Senate and currently awaits a vote in the House. “I encourage the House to pass this vital legislation and send the bill to my desk for signature without delay,” President Trump said yesterday. **“I will sign it immediately.”** The legislation provides:

- \$300 billion in direct cash payments available for every American citizen earning less than \$99,000 per year.
- \$250 billion [in expanded unemployment benefits](#). The average worker who has lost his or her job will receive 100% of their salary for up to four full months. Unlike normal unemployment benefits, independent contractors and self-employed workers will be eligible.
- \$350 billion in job retention loans for small businesses, with loan forgiveness available for businesses that continue paying their workers.
- \$500 billion in support for the hardest hit industries, with a ban on corporate stock buybacks.

March 26, 2020: President Trump signed legislation that provides paid sick and family leave for workers experiencing coronavirus-related employment interruptions.

March 26, 2020: The Trump Administration directed federal student loan lenders to allow borrowers to waive interest and payments without penalty for 60 days.

March 26, 2020: The Trump Administration directed the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide immediate relief to renters and homeowners by suspending all foreclosures and evictions.

March 26, 2020: President Trump directed the Small Business Administration to issue low-interest loans to small businesses affected by the coronavirus.

March 26, 2020: President Trump signed legislation providing funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

March 26, 2020: The Department of Labor announced up to \$100 million in dislocated worker grants in response to the coronavirus national health emergency.

March 27, 2020: The House quickly passed [a \\$2 trillion stimulus package](#) in a voice vote, and President Trump signed it into law.



March 27, 2020: President Donald Trump invoked the [sparsely used Defense Production Act](#) to order the Department of Health and Human Services.

March 27, 2020: President Trump signed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law.

March 27, 2020: President Trump signed a Defense Production Act memorandum ordering General Motors (GM) "to accept, perform, and prioritize federal contractors for ventilators.

March 27, 2020: President Trump signed an executive order allowing the military to activate members of the Selected Reserve and Ready Reserve to active duty to assist with the Federal response to the coronavirus.

March 27, 2020: President Trump approved major disaster declarations related to the coronavirus outbreak for:

- South Carolina
- Puerto Rico

March 27, 2020: President Trump appointed Office of Trade and Manufacturing policy director Peter Navarro to serve as the Defense Production Act Policy Coordinator.

March 27, 2020: President Trump announced that 100,000 ventilators are projected to be manufactured in the next 100 days, three times the amount typically manufactured in one year.

March 27, 2020: President Trump announced that Boeing offered the use of three "Dreamlifter" cargo air crafts to transport medical supplies across the country.

March 27, 2020: Partnering with FEMA, the CDC, and the Coronavirus Task Force, Apple released a coronavirus app which allows users to screen for their symptoms.

March 27, 2020: President Trump spoke with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson about the global coronavirus response and committed to helping provide ventilators to the U.K. where possible.

March 27, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that 685,000 Americans have been tested for coronavirus and received their test results.

March 27, 2020: Emory University began enrolling participants for a phase one clinical trial, sponsored by the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), of a new, potential coronavirus vaccine.

March 27, 2020: FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor spoke to the director of each of the state's emergency operations about the state-led, federally-supported coronavirus response effort.



March 27, 2020: The USNS Mercy arrived in the port of Los Angeles to help relieve the strain on hospital facilities in Southern California.

March 28, 2020: President Trump visited Norfolk, VA to send off the USNS Comfort to New York City where it will help relieve the strain on local hospitals.

March 28, 2020: President Trump approved major disaster declarations related to the coronavirus outbreak for:

- Guam
- Michigan
- Massachusetts
- Kentucky
- Colorado

March 28, 2020: President Trump spoke with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis regarding the coronavirus response effort

March 28, 2020: The CDC issued new guidance for residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to avoid non-essential domestic travel for 14 days to #StopTheSpread of the coronavirus within the U.S.

March 29, 2020: President Trump extends the national social-distancing guidelines aimed at fighting the coronavirus pandemic to April 30.

March 29, 2020: President Trump said the FDA approved a new test that can deliver coronavirus test results in five minutes.

March 29, 2020: Trump said vaccines are moving along rapidly and that he would like to see something therapeutically for people who are already sick.

March 30, 2020: Dr. Fauci warns that "We will lose more people."

March 30, 2020: Treasury Secretary Mnuchin says that it will take three weeks for relief checks to hit Americans' pockets.

March 30, 2020: The FDA issues a limited emergency-use authorization for two antimalarial drugs to treat those infected with COVID-19.

March 30, 2020: The U.S. counted more than 142,000 cases of coronavirus by Sunday evening, (**March 29, 2020**) the world's highest total, and there were 2,506 deaths, according to the [Johns Hopkins University data dashboard](#).



March 30, 2020: Secretary Azar announced that the FDA has approved Battelle's N95 mask sanitization process for use to decontaminate tens of thousands of masks per day

March 30, 2020: President Trump announced further private sector commitments to manufacture personal protective equipment by MyPillow, Honeywell, Jockey, Procter & Gamble, and United Technologies

March 30, 2020: President Trump announced, to date, FEMA has dedicated \$1.3 billion to assist New York State's coronavirus response

March 30, 2020: President Trump announced "more than 14,000" National Guard service members have been activated to respond to the coronavirus outbreak

March 30, 2020: President Trump spoke with the nation's governors about their need for medical supplies

March 30, 2020: President Trump announced that in the coming days the Federal Government will be delivering:

- 400 ventilators to Michigan
- 300 ventilators to New Jersey
- 150 ventilators to Louisiana
- 150 ventilators to Illinois
- 50 ventilators to Connecticut

March 30, 2020: President Trump spoke to Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte of Italy and pledged to send \$100 million of medical supplies to aid Italy's battle against coronavirus

March 30, 2020: Answering President Trump's call for the private sector to join the fight against the #coronavirus, Ford Motor Company committed to producing 50,000 ventilators in the next 100 days

March 30, 2020: On coronavirus testing, Secretary Azar announced that the U.S. is currently testing nearly 100,000 samples per day

March 30, 2020: HHS took steps to accelerate a clinical trial of a potential coronavirus vaccine developed by Janssen Research & Development

March 30, 2020: CMS announced new regulatory changes to cut red tape and give flexibility to America's health care workers by relaxing hospital workforce regulations, expanding child care, meal, and laundry services for health care workers, expanding tele-health reimbursement, and more



March 30, 2020: The USNS Comfort arrived in New York Harbor, providing more than 1,000 more hospital beds for patients without coronavirus, to relieve pressure on local hospitals

March 30, 2020: The USNS Mercy began treating patients in Los Angeles

March 31, 2020: The Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency approval for a testing kit produced by Bodysphere Inc. that can detect a positive or negative result for COVID-19 in two minutes.

March 31, 2020: The Small Business Administration and the Treasury Department announced their guidelines for the \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the centerpiece of the CARES Act.

March 31, 2020: President Trump warns Americans of "very painful" two weeks ahead.

March 31, 2020: Dr. Fauci says that Americans should be prepared for 100,000 deaths.

March 31, 2020: The White House reveals details on death-estimate models that go up to 240,000 deaths, driving President Trump's decision to extend the guidelines until April 30.

March 31, 2020: The FDA [stood up a new program](#) to expedite the development of potentially safe and effective life-saving treatments. The program, known as the [Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program \(CTAP\)](#).

APRIL

April 1, 2020: There are more than 216,000 cases in the United States, according to a [Johns Hopkins University tally](#). More than 5,100 people have died nationwide.

April 1, 2020: A record 6.6 million Americans filed for unemployment in the week ending March 28.

April 1, 2020: The Treasury Department announced that Social Security recipients will not have to file a tax return to receive a stimulus check.

April 1, 2020: While the president has said nationwide stay-at-home order is "pretty unlikely," nearly 90% of Americans live in areas under a stay-at-home order issued by their state's governors.

April 1, 2020: According to U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reconsidering guidance on who should wear face masks from insights about asymptomatic spread of the virus.



April 1, 2020: President Trump acknowledged that the federal stockpile of personal protective equipment is nearly depleted.

April 1, 2020: Wyoming is the only state that has not had any reported coronavirus deaths.

April 1, 2020: Globally, the number of cases has surpassed 941,000 with more than 47,000 deaths, Hopkins reports.

April 1, 2020: Millions more Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week, as businesses continue to lay off and furlough workers amid the coronavirus outbreak.

April 1, 2020: A record 6.6 million workers filed for their first week of unemployment benefits in the week ending March 28. Economists polled by Refinitiv had expected 3.5 million claims.

April 1, 2020: Coronavirus deaths across the U.S. have topped 5,000 and all but 11 states have issued sweeping orders for residents to stay home — affecting nearly 90% of the country's population.

April 1, 2020: 11 states that have not issued statewide stay at home orders include: Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

April 1, 2020: New York Governor Cuomo cited a model that showed as many as 16,000 New Yorkers could die from the virus.

April 1, 2020: New York, now the epicenter of the outbreak, has reported at least 84,025 cases and 2,219 deaths. (At least 45,707 of those infections and 1,374 of the deaths are in New York City.)

April 1, 2020: Dr. Deborah Birx said that a coronavirus antibody test could be available "within this month" — which could help medical care workers identify who may have immunity to the virus.

April 2, 2020: Trump says national stockpile of personal protective equipment is near depletion because government "sending it directly to hospitals."

April 2, 2020: Residents from at least 38 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico are under orders to stay home as Trump resists nationwide call.

April 2, 2020: The FDA eases restrictions on gay and bisexual men to donate blood.

April 2, 2020: FEMA asks the Department of Defense for 100,000 body bags.

April 3, 2020: President Trump says CDC now advising Americans wear non-medical masks.



April 3, 2020: President Trump says national stockpile of personal protective equipment is near depletion because government "sending it directly to hospitals."

April 3, 2020: Residents from nearly 40 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico are under orders to stay home as Trump resists nationwide call.

April 3, 2020: New White House procedure: Anyone close to President Trump will get rapid COVID-19 test.

April 3, 2020: The President secured legislation to allow states to temporarily increase unemployment benefits for workers who have lost their jobs. This legislation provides an additional 13 weeks of benefits and creates a new program to help the self-employed and independent contractors who become unemployed.

April 3, 2020: Individuals earning up to \$75,000 will receive checks of up to \$1,200, plus an additional \$500 for each child.

April 3, 2020: President Trump signed historic legislation to launch the Paycheck Protection Program, providing nearly \$350 billion in loans to small businesses to help cover payroll and other costs.

April 3, 2020: The Administration is offering enhanced disaster assistance loans and other forms of assistance for small businesses that have lost revenue as a result of the coronavirus. This support is critical to help businesses stay operational and keep workers employed.

April 3, 2020: The USDA is working with the private sector to make sure children have access to quality meals during school closures.

April 3, 2020: The Department of Education has set interest rates on all federally-held student loans to 0% for at least 60 days.

April 4, 2020: FEMA and HHS have ordered 180 million ... N-95 masks. And we're working now with 3M to see whether or not that all works out, but we want them to help our country.

April 4, 2020: FEMA and HHS continue to monitor the data on an hourly basis where provided by the states in order to most effectively target the distribution of supplies.

April 4, 2020: The supply chain logistics task force led by Adm. John Polowczyk – who's doing a fantastic job – will ensure they're distributed to the healthcare and critical infrastructure workers in the areas with the most pressing requirements.

April 4, 2020: 1,000 military personnel are deploying to New York City to assist where they're needed the most.



April 4, 2020: The FDA established the Coronavirus Treatment Accelerator program, which is expediting the development of new antiviral and other therapies.

April 4, 2020: HHS continues to speed the development of therapies derived from human blood that have the potential to lessen the severity or shorten the length of the illness.

April 4, 2020: Gilead Sciences initiated a phase three – that’s down the line, meaning – clinical studies of the drug Remdesivir.

April 4, 2020: FDA is prioritizing the drug [hydroxychloroquine] to come in for clinical trials and for general use for physicians.

April 4, 2020: FDA stood up a formal convalescent plasma program, which some reports noted that this is of benefit to patients in other countries who have had the COVID-19 virus.

April 4, 2020: Yesterday, the Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program to help employers keep paying their workers. In 24 hours, the Small Business Administration and over 1,200 lending partners processed over 28,000 loans – it’s so far ahead of schedule – and billions of billions of dollars. It’s worked out incredibly well.”

April 4, 2020: The SBA also clarified that faith-based organizations, including houses of worship, are eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program – that’s great – as well as the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

April 4, 2020: The State Department has successfully coordinated the safe return of more than 40,000 Americans stuck abroad on over 400 flights from 75 countries.

April 5, 2020: President Trump said that in the days ahead, “America will endure the peak of this terrible pandemic, our warriors in this life-and-death battle are the incredible doctors and nurses and health care workers on the front line of the fight. We pledge to them our eternal gratitude and everlasting support. They make all of us very proud.”

April 5, 2020: 50 states and territories have now been approved for major disaster declarations.

April 5, 2020: Over 3,000 military and public health professionals have been deployed to New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and other parts of our country.

April 5, 2020: FEMA has sent 600 [ventilators] to Illinois, we have 100 to Massachusetts, we have 300 to Michigan, we have 200 to Louisiana, we have 500 ventilators, 500, going to New Jersey.

April 5, 2020: To help D.C. they will be establishing a federal medical station in the Washington, D.C.

April 5, 2020: In New York, the first time where the deaths were less from the previous day.



April 5, 2020: President Trump: "Thanks to the Army Corps of Engineers, New York City's Javits Center is now one of the largest hospitals in the United States. It's designated for treatment of the virus, patients, and staff by hundreds of federal medical personnel deployed from two Army hospital units."

April 5, 2020: On April 6, 2020, they will deliver an additional 600,000 N95 masks to New York City to take care of the needs of the public hospital system, and 200,000 N95 masks to Suffolk County, where they need it very badly.

April 5, 2020: Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Secretary Wilkie ordered veterans hospitals to begin preparing more than 1500 beds to make them available both at the ICU and the acute-care level to the states and localities across the country.

April 5, 2020: Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Secretary Wilkie will be informing the Governor of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards, tomorrow that we will give him access to our V.A. Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana to come to the aid of the people of the Pelican State."

April 5, 2020: Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Secretary Wilkie was given instructions to initiate the fourth mission in Michigan. We will be providing the people of Michigan access to hospital beds in both in Ann Arbor and in Detroit."

April 5, 2020: The administration is rapidly implementing the largest emergency economic relief package in American history. Billions of dollars in small business loans have already been processed through paycheck protection programs.

April 5, 2020: Since last Sunday, cargo planes have delivered almost – listen to this – 300 million gloves, almost 8 million masks, and 3 million gowns.

April 5, 2020: Governor Inslee announced that they were sending 400 ventilators back to the strategic national stockpile, and those will be deployed at the point of need.

April 5, 2020: President Trump said that the United States has now tested and given results, gotten results of 1.67 million people, more than any other country's been able to do.

April 5, 2020: Governor Whitmer spoke with VP Pence about a new program in Detroit that will make hydrochloroquine available for 3,000 patients through the Henry Ford Hospital.

April 5, 2020: The Trump Administration is actively working with drug manufacturers to monitor any potential drug supply chain issues.



April 5, 2020: The Administration is expanding research and consulting with experts to better understand the transmission of coronavirus.

April 5, 2020: The National Institutes of Health has announced the beginning of a clinical trial for a coronavirus vaccine candidate.

April 6, 2020: Surgeon General announced that this week will be like a “Pearl Harbor” and “9/11” moment.

April 6, 2020: Dr. Birx “This is the moment to not be going to the grocery store, not going to the pharmacy.”

April 6, 2020: Dr. Fauci said that he “will not say we have it under control... We are struggling to get it under control.”

April 6, 2020: Prime Minister Boris Johnson is placed in intensive care. President Trump said that he is saddened that good friend Boris Johnson in hospital.

April 6, 2020: The CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings or non-medical masks in public.

April 6, 2020: President Trump announced an agreement with 3M to produce and import 55.5 million N95 masks each month for the next three months.

April 6, 2020: President Trump held a call with CEOs from pharmaceutical and bio-tech companies to discuss potential coronavirus therapeutics.

April 6, 2020: President Trump had a “very friendly” phone call with former Vice President Joe Biden to discuss the coronavirus.

April 6, 2020: President Trump announced that 1.79 million coronavirus tests have been completed.

April 6, 2020: President Trump approved Governor Murphy’s request to allow New Jersey patients aboard the USNS Comfort.

April 6, 2020: President Trump approved Governor Cuomo’s request to allow the treatment of coronavirus patients on the USNS Comfort.

April 6, 2020: President Trump announced that CVS will open two new drive-thru coronavirus testing sites in Georgia and Rhode Island. Both will use Abbott’s rapid coronavirus test.

April 6, 2020: President Trump announced that the FDA authorized Inovio’s potential coronavirus vaccine for a clinical trial, while 10 potential coronavirus therapeutic agents are in “active trials” with another 15 potential therapeutics in plans for clinical trials.



April 6, 2020: President Trump praised the work of the private sector, including Apple and Salesforce, who have agreed to donate personal protective equipment to help defeat the coronavirus.

April 6, 2020: President Trump announced that The Army Corps of Engineers is building 22 field hospitals and alternative care sites in 18 states.

April 6, 2020: President Trump announced that 8,450 hospital beds and 8,000 ventilators have been deployed across the country from federal stockpiles.

April 6, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that to date \$4.1 billion has been allocated to states under federal disaster declarations.

April 6, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that 21,000 National Guard Servicemen have been activated across the country to assist in the fight against coronavirus.

April 6, 2020: VP Pence announced that thanks to California's donation of 500 ventilators, the federal government will send:

- 200 ventilators to MD
- 100 ventilators to DE
- 100 ventilators to NV
- 50 ventilators to DC
- 50 ventilators to Guam & the Northern Mariana Islands

April 6, 2020: The CDC began publishing a new, data-centered coronavirus surveillance report on coronavirus.gov.

April 6, 2020: HHS announced an additional \$186 million in CDC funding for state and local jurisdictions combatting the coronavirus.

April 6, 2020: HHS announced it will be purchasing 15 minute coronavirus tests from Abbott for state, territorial, and tribal labs and for the Strategic National Stockpile.

April 6, 2020: The Department of Education announced a streamlined process making it easier for states to use federal education funding for distance learning during the coronavirus outbreak.

April 7, 2020: President Trump participated in a conference call with banking executives to discuss how to best deliver financial aid and technical assistance to small businesses.

April 7, 2020: President Trump announced the SBA has processed "more than \$70 billion" in loans to help small businesses as part of the Paycheck Protection Program.



April 7, 2020: President Trump approved a major disaster declaration for Minnesota related to the coronavirus outbreak.

April 7, 2020: President Trump announced that in addition to the 8,675 ventilators in the strategic national stockpile, the federal government will be acquiring 110,000 ventilators in the next three months to be distributed to states in need.

April 7, 2020: President Trump announced that 1.87 million coronavirus tests have been completed.

April 7, 2020: President Trump announced his intent to ask Congress for an additional \$250 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program to loan to small businesses.

April 7, 2020: Vice President Pence participated in a conference call with over 500 business owners to discuss their needs amid the coronavirus response effort.

April 7, 2020: CMS Administrator Verma announced that CMS will make available an additional \$30 billion in grants this week for health care organizations with increased operating costs due to the coronavirus.

April 7, 2020: The State Department announced an additional \$225 million in health, humanitarian, and economic assistance to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus around the world.

April 7, 2020: As part of Project Airbridge, UPS and FEMA began shipments of 25 flights with more than three million pounds of medical supplies.

April 7, 2020: The Department of Transportation finalized a requirement that airlines who receive assistance under the CARES Act continue flights to destinations they were serving before the outbreak, ensuring commercial flights are available.

April 7, 2020: The EPA distributed over 1,100 N95 masks to the California Office of Emergency Services.

April 8, 2020: Dr. Fauci was questioned about why the government is not doing more to help black Americans especially hard hit by COVID-19.

April 8, 2020: An intelligence report warned White House of contagion in China as early as November.

April 8, 2020: The Democrats seek to double the Trump administration's newest request for \$250B in emergency funding.

April 8, 2020: The CDC issues new guidance that would allow some people to return to work.



April 8, 2020: President Trump notes Americans are celebrating Passover and Easter amid the crisis. "We're going to have many Easters together in churches in the future." – President Trump

April 8, 2020: President Trump spoke to over 10,000 faith leaders & more than 3,000 state, local, and tribal officials to discuss the coronavirus response effort.

April 8, 2020: Secretary Pompeo announced that since January, over 50,000 Americans have been repatriated by 90 countries in over 480 flights.

April 8, 2020: Under the DPA, HHS announced a \$646.7M contract with Philips to produce 2,500 ventilators for the Strategic National Stockpile by the end of May, and a total of 43,000 by December.

April 8, 2020: President Trump approved a major disaster declaration for Vermont related to the coronavirus outbreak.

April 8, 2020: President Trump announced that a Project Airbridge shipment of protective gowns landed in Dallas, Texas.

April 8, 2020: President Trump announced that 10 drugs to potentially be used against the coronavirus are currently in clinical trial.

April 8, 2020: President Trump thanked Indian PM Modi for allowing a shipment of the life-saving drug hydroxychloroquine to be released to the U.S.

April 8, 2020: Vice President Pence announced:

- \$98B in forgivable loans were disbursed through the Paycheck Protection Program.
- 27,000 National Guard service members were activated across the country to assist in the coronavirus response.

April 8, 2020: The CDC issued new guidance for how essential and critical workers who have been exposed to the coronavirus can return to work, with precautions.

April 8, 2020: Four additional flights as part of Project Airbridge landed across the country, delivering PPE and other medical supplies.

April 8, 2020: Customs and Borders Protection announced with FEMA that it will detain shipments of PPE in order to keep critical medical supplies within the U.S. for domestic use.

April 8, 2020: HHS announced an agreement with DuPont and FedEx to rapidly manufacture and deliver 2.25M new Tyvek Protective Suits to the Strategic National Stockpile over the next five weeks.



April 8, 2020: HHS expanded telehealth services for Native Americans through The Indian Health Service.

April 8, 2020: HHS authorized pharmacists to order and administer coronavirus tests, further expanding the availability of testing.

April 8, 2020: HHS awarded \$1.3B from the CARES Act to 1,387 health centers in all 50 states, 8 territories, and the District of Columbia to fight coronavirus.

April 8, 2020: CMS issued updated guidance based on CDC guidelines to protect patients and health care workers in hospitals from the coronavirus.

April 8, 2020: The USDA announced its approval of Arizona's & California's request for food stamp recipients to purchase food online, allowing these recipients to purchase groceries for delivery.

April 8, 2020: The VA announced that it has begun using funding from the CARES Act to pay overtime, hire new staff, and purchase supplies including PPE, beds, and pharmaceuticals.

April 9, 2020: President Trump spoke with mental health advocates from across the country to discuss their work amid the coronavirus outbreak.

April 9, 2020: President Trump approved major disaster declarations related to the coronavirus outbreak for:

- Alaska
- Idaho

April 9, 2020: President Trump announced that 24 Project Airbridge flights have been completed to date, with an additional 49 flights scheduled.

April 9, 2020: President Trump announced that there are currently 19 potential coronavirus therapies being tested and another 26 potential therapies in active planning for clinical trials.

April 9, 2020: President Trump announced that, to date, over 2 million coronavirus tests have been completed.

April 9, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that \$125B in Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loans has been approved to date.

April 9, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that a total of 29,000 National Guard service members have been activated across the country to assist in the coronavirus response.



April 9, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that to date 4,100 military medical personnel have been deployed to New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

April 9, 2020: The Treasury Department announced that it extended over 300 tax filing, payment, and administrative deadlines to give relief to taxpayers.

April 9, 2020: Working with the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve announced new lending programs providing up to \$2.3T in loans to businesses and state & local governments.

April 9, 2020: HHS announced it would relax enforcement of HIPAA for pharmacies and other organizations that are working at coronavirus testing sites, helping these groups focus on testing.

April 9, 2020: Secretary of Education DeVos announced that \$6.3B in CARES Act funding will be immediately distributed to colleges and universities to provide cash grants to students affected by the coronavirus.

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April 9, 2020: The EPA announced that more than 11,500 pieces of PPE have been transferred to FEMA, which will be later transferred to state and local agencies across New England combating the coronavirus.

April 9, 2020: The USDA launched the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program in Michigan, which will help feed children eligible for USDA school lunch programs who are now home during the coronavirus outbreak.

April 9, 2020: The USDA announced relief for farmers across the country by giving borrowers 12 months to repay marketing assistance loans (MAL), helping protect farmers from being forced to sell crops to make loan payments.

April 9, 2020: The CMS temporarily suspended a number of regulations so that hospitals, clinics, and other health care providers can book the number of staff to confront the coronavirus.

April 10, 2020: President Trump announced that 60 mask sterilization systems, with the ability to clean over 80,000 masks approximately 20 times, will be sent to 10 cities.

April 10, 2020: President Trump spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the global coronavirus response and the global energy market.

April 10, 2020: President Trump announced that a field hospital in Seattle will be leaving, as Washington State's coronavirus outbreak becomes more manageable.



April 10, 2020: President Trump announced that his administration is working to bring blood-based serology tests to market “as quickly as possible” so Americans can determine if they have had the coronavirus.

April 10, 2020: President Trump announced that he will be establishing an “Opening Our Country Council” with more details coming early next week.

April 10, 2020: President Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum to facilitate the supply of medical equipment and other humanitarian relief to Italy.

April 10, 2020: Dr. Fauci spoke to Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson and Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon to discuss coronavirus mitigation in those states.

April 10, 2020: Vice President Pence, CDC Director Redfield, & Surgeon General Adams spoke to over 400 leaders of the African American community, including Jesse Jackson, NAACP representatives, & the National Black Nurses Association to discuss the impact of the coronavirus.

April 10, 2020: Vice President Pence spoke to Colorado Governor Jared Polis about the specific needs of his state’s battle against the coronavirus.

April 10, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that more than 2.1M coronavirus tests have been completed to date.

April 10, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that:

- 29,600 National Guard Troops have been activated
- 4,700 active duty medical personnel have been deployed to nine states

April 10, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that to date, 26 Project Airbridge flights have landed in the U.S. with PPE, with four flights scheduled to land today with 250,000 gowns and 25M pairs of gloves.

April 10, 2020: HHS began delivering \$30B in relief funding to health care providers, part of the \$100B allocated to health care providers by the CARES Act.

April 10, 2020: The FDA approved an emergency authorization for a blood purification device to treat coronavirus patients.

April 10, 2020: Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao announced \$1B for Amtrak to continue rail service and respond to the spread of the coronavirus.

April 10, 2020: The Treasury Department launched a web portal to help Americans who did not file tax returns receive their coronavirus relief payments under the CARES Act.



April 10, 2020: The Treasury Department announced it will launch a new “get my payment” app where Americans can enter their direct deposit information to get coronavirus relief payments quicker.

April 10, 2020: The VA deployed medical staffers to New Orleans to help “surge” personnel in the area, which is currently being heavily impacted by the coronavirus.

April 11, 2020: President Trump approved a major disaster declaration for Wyoming related to the coronavirus outbreak, marking the first time in U.S. history a President has declared that a major disaster exists in all 50 states.

April 11, 2020: The DoD announced it is using The Defense Production Act to get the private sector to produce 39 million N95 masks within 90 days, a \$133M investment.

April 11, 2020: Three Project Airbridge flights landed in Chicago, Illinois, delivering over 62 million gloves.

April 11, 2020: The Department of Justice announced it is monitoring state and local social distancing regulations to ensure religious organizations are not unfairly targeted.

April 11, 2020: The USDA added Florida & Idaho to the food stamp online pilot program, allowing food stamp recipients to purchase food online.

April 11, 2020: CMS expanded the requirements that private health insurers provide free coronavirus testing, saying that this includes anti-body testing and costs related to coronavirus testing, like emergency room or urgent care visits.

April 12, 2020: A deal brokered by President Trump was announced between The OPEC countries, Russia, and the U.S. to cut production and stabilize the oil market amid dual disruptions from coronavirus and the price war between Saudi Arabia & Russia.

April 12, 2020: The FDA issued an emergency authorization to devices from Advanced Sterilization Products, which can decontaminate approximately 4 million N95 respirators each day.

April 12, 2020: The FBI uncovered an international fraud scheme related to the attempted purchase of 39 million N95 masks by a Service Employees International Union Affiliate.

April 13, 2020: Business leaders and the CDC warn that the economy will recover slowly.

April 13, 2020: Governors team up to discuss reopening their states. President Trump asserts “total” authority to overrule them.

April 13, 2020: The SBA has guaranteed 1,035,086 loans under the Paycheck Protection Program. For more information on loan activity, [click here](#).



April 13, 2020: The White House and federal agencies have briefed more than 65,000 State, Local, and Tribal leaders in every state and territory in the nation.

April 13, 2020: Since the beginning of the outbreak, the White House and federal agencies have held more than 140 briefings with state and local leaders.

April 13, 2020: President Trump has approved disaster declarations in all 50 states, four territories, and the District of Columbia, opening up federal resources to aid state and local leaders.

April 13, 2020: FEMA is delivering critical supplies and helping build emergency medical sites in hard hit states across the country. Thanks to the President's quick action, some states like California and Washington had even more supplies than needed and ventilators were redeployed to New York.

- CDC has released coronavirus mitigation strategies which have helped inform state and local efforts.
- The Administration is covering costs for states deploying National Guard units to assist with response efforts, while ensuring governors remain in command.

April 14, 2020: President Trump announced that he will be speaking to all 50 governors and will be authorizing each individual governor of each individual state to implement a re-opening "and a very powerful re-opening plan of their state at a time and in a manner, as most appropriate."

April 14, 2020: Major League Baseball confirmed Tuesday that 27 teams will participate in a study looking for COVID-19 antibodies among club employees and their relatives.

April 14, 2020: President Trump announced that his administration will halt funding of the World Health Organization while a review is conducted to assess their role in "severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of the coronavirus."

April 14, 2020: The Trump administration is partnering with hospitals across the country to create an innovative new system called the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve.

April 14, 2020: The FDA has now authorized the first test developed by researchers from Rutgers University that can be self-administered by patients (by using their saliva) in healthcare settings, which will reduce exposure for medical workers and save personal protective equipment.

April 14, 2020: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) deliveries coordinated or currently being shipped by FEMA and HHS:

- 38.2 million N95 respirators



- 32.6 million surgical masks
- 5.5 million face shields
- 4.7 million surgical gowns
- 30.3 million gloves
- 212,000 coveralls
- 8,600 medical station beds

April 14, 2020: Ventilators provided or shipped so far from the Strategic National Stockpile and the Department of Defense:

- More than 10,800 nationwide
- 4,400 to New York
- 1,558 to New Jersey
- 700 to Michigan
- 600 to Illinois
- 470 to Maryland
- 400 to Louisiana

April 14, 2020: FEMA launched Project Air Bridge to expedite imports of critical PPEs. More than 40 Air Bridge flights have taken place as of April 14.

April 14, 2020: 28 million tablets of Hydroxychloroquine have been shipped across the country from the Strategic National Stockpile.

April 14, 2020: President Trump announced many of the esteemed executives, economists, scholars, and industry leaders who together will form various [Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups](#). These bipartisan groups of American leaders will work together with the White House to chart the path forward toward a future of unparalleled American prosperity.

April 14, 2020: The SBA and Treasury posted new documents to their respective PPP websites:

- The [Interim Final Rule](#) announcing Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans for the Paycheck Protection Program. This information is being posted in advance of publication in the Federal Register. The official version will appear in the Federal Register.
- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions \(Updated\)](#)

April 14, 2020: President Trump met with former Coronavirus patients who have fully recuperated from the illness. He invited them to the White House to share their recovery stories with the American people.

April 14, 2020: The Transportation Department announced \$10 billion in relief for America's airports from the Trump Administration's newly created CARES Act airport grant program.



April 14, 2020: The Department of Energy announced it is negotiating crude oil storage contracts totaling 23 million barrels to help US energy producers affected by lower demand.

April 14, 2020: The EPA announced that it has temporarily waived certain approvals for manufacturers producing disinfectants for use against the coronavirus.

April 14, 2020: The Department of Education Announced \$3 billion in education block grants for states to help schools, students, and educators at all levels.

April 14, 2020: The VA announced it has made a total of 1,500 hospital beds around the country available to FEMA.

April 14, 2020: GM began mass production on an order of 30,000 Ventec ventilators, 600 ventilators are expected to be shipped this month and the full order will be completed by August.

April 15, 2020: President Trump and VP Pence held a teleconference with governors on “economic revival,” and will announce new reopening guidelines for states.

April 15, 2020: Many Americans are encountering problems as relief checks hit bank accounts.

April 15, 2020: President Trump said that the U.S. has “passed the peak for new cases” nationwide, while doctors have cautioned different areas will have varied peaks.

April 15, 2020: Dr. Fauci said that widespread testing and contact tracing will be necessary for reopening.

April 15, 2020: President Trump announced that new guidelines for re-opening the country will be announced tomorrow, in consultation with governors and lawmakers.

April 15, 2020: President Trump announced that more than 3.3 million coronavirus tests have been completed.

April 15, 2020: President Trump announced that 44 Project Airbridge flights have delivered supplies to date.

April 15, 2020: HHS awarded \$90 million to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients to combat coronavirus.

April 15, 2020: The Treasury Department launched the “Get My Payment” web app, allowing taxpayers to submit their direct deposit information online for their Coronavirus Economic Impact Payments.

April 15, 2020: The Treasury Department announced that supplemental security income recipients will receive their coronavirus relief payments as they would their SSI benefits, directly into their bank accounts or by debit cards or by check.



April 15, 2020: CMS announced Medicare will nearly double payments for “high-throughout” coronavirus tests, incentivizing health care providers to increase the supply and speed of testing.

April 15, 2020: The Department of Labor awarded more than \$131 million in dislocated worker grants to help workers impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

April 16, 2020: More than 145,000 people have died worldwide of COVID-19, according to data from [Johns Hopkins University](#). The United States has the highest confirmed death toll, with more than 33,000 fatalities.

April 16, 2020: President Trump releases guidelines to states on reopening the economy.

April 16, 2020: 5.2 million more jobless claims push the ranks of America's unemployed to 22 million.

April 16, 2020: Nearly all COVID-19-positive pregnant women monitored for a study were asymptomatic.

April 17, 2020: 4.18 million Americans have been tested for COVID-19.

April 17, 2020: The United States has now conducted more total tests than all of the following nations combined: France, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, India, Austria, Australia, Sweden, and Canada.

April 17, 2020: The CMS is finalizing new guidelines for doctors and patients to resume elective surgeries.

April 17, 2020: The CMS announced that they are requiring nursing homes to report to patients and their families if there are cases of the COVID-19 virus inside the nursing home.

April 18, 2020: President Trump announced that over 4 million coronavirus tests have been completed to date, double the number of tests done by any other country.

April 18, 2020: President Trump announced that 1.6 million small businesses have participated in the paycheck protection program and reiterated his request that Congress replenish funding for the program.

April 18, 2020: President Trump offered to send ventilators to Iran, if the Iranian government accepted the assistance.

April 18, 2020: President Trump consulted with FEMA and military officials about the coronavirus response.



April 18, 2020: President Trump spoke to the leaders of Poland, South Korea, and Bahrain about the global response to the coronavirus.

April 18, 2020: The USDA added West Virginia to the SNAP online pilot program, allowing food stamp recipients to purchase food online and for delivery.

April 19, 2020: President Trump announced that 4.18 million coronavirus tests have been completed to date – more tests than France, The U.K., South Korea, Japan, Singapore, India, Austria, Australia, Sweden, and Canada combined.

April 19, 2020: President Trump announced his administration is working on using the DPA to increase the production of testing swabs.

April 19, 2020: President Trump participated in a call with Republican senators on opening up America again.

April 19, 2020: 64 Project Airbridge flights have been completed to date carrying over 600 million pieces of gloves, gowns, and other PPE, with 50 additional flights scheduled in the future.

April 19, 2020: CMS Administrator Verma announced new requirements for nursing homes to report outbreaks of coronavirus to patients, patients' families, and the CDC.

April 19, 2020: President Trump held calls with the head of the Eastern Orthodox Church Archbishop Bartholomew I, Turkish President Erdogan, and President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte about the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

April 19, 2020: The global coronavirus death toll stands at more than 165,000, according to [data](#) compiled by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. The actual numbers, however, are [believed to be much higher](#).

April 19, 2020: Many cities and states have begun counting probable deaths caused by COVID-19, including [New York City](#), the epicenter of the disease in the United States.

April 19, 2020: The U.S. has more cases than any other country in the world, with at least 755,000.

April 19, 2020: President Trump said that he will invoke the Defense Production Act to increase the manufacturing of swabs used to test for coronavirus, according to the Associated Press.

April 20, 2020: Governors of some states have started detailing plans to reopen, while other states have extended existing stay-at-home orders.

April 20, 2020: President Trump announced that HHS has distributed the \$30 billion in relief funding to health care providers under the CARES act.



April 20, 2020: President Trump announced that there are currently 72 active trials for coronavirus therapies, with 211 additional therapies in the planning stages for active trials.

April 20, 2020: Vice President Pence and members of the coronavirus task force spoke to all 50 state governors and provided each with a list of labs with additional testing capacity in their respective states.

April 20, 2020: Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers Gen. Todd Semonite announced that USACE has, to date, executed the construction of 32 facilities across the country, creating approximately 16,000 more beds.

April 20, 2020: The Trump Administration announced its helping increase testing swab production by 30M per month - assisting an Ohio manufacturer to convert production lines to produce 10M swabs a month & using the DPA to help Puritan Medical Products produce 20M testing swabs a month.

April 20, 2020: CMS Deputy Administrator and CMMI Director Brad Smith announced that 650,000 infrared thermometers have been secured by the federal government in anticipation of future demand for these devices as states re-open.

April 20, 2020: Vice President Pence and Dr. Birx visited FEMA HQ and thanked FEMA staff for their hard work.

April 20, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that all DoD and federal labs will be made available for states to use in order to increase testing capacity.

April 20, 2020: Vice President Pence and Adm. Giroir announced that current testing capacity means that all 50 states are "ready right now to enter phase one" if they meet other criteria of the President's opening up America guidelines.

April 20, 2020: HHS announced a partnership with Oracle and their donation of a therapeutic learning system, an online platform designed for collecting crowd-sourced data on potential coronavirus therapies.

April 20, 2020: Vice President Pence announced that the CDC is deploying teams of 10-12 experts to all states and territories to assist in contact tracing.

April 20, 2020: HHS' substance abuse and mental health services administration (SAMHSA) announced \$110 million in emergency grants for those suffering from mental illness and substance abuse amid the coronavirus pandemic.

April 20, 2020: The Defense Department announced the hospital ship the USNS Comfort has started admitting patients from New Jersey.



April 20, 2020: The Defense Department announced the US will be providing humanitarian support and relief to Italy, including transportation, supplies, and telemedicine.

April 20, 2020: The EPA announced expanded research efforts into the coronavirus' impact on the environment and human health.

April 20, 2020: The VA announced it acquired a 470,000 sq. ft. facility in Texas to help provide overflow bed capacity to treat coronavirus cases, which will eventually serve as an outpatients and specialty care clinic for veterans.

April 20, 2020: Acting DHS Secretary Wolf announced that US, Canada, and Mexico had extended non-essential travel restrictions for an additional 30 days.

April 20, 2020: The Justice Department announced it cleared antitrust barriers which could have blocked the drug distribution company AmerisourceBergen from distributing medicine and supplies as part of the coronavirus response, including hydroxychloroquine.

April 20, 2020: The USDA approved Arizona and Illinois to join the pandemic EBT program, which will help feed children eligible for USDA school lunch programs in these states who are now at home during the coronavirus outbreak.

April 20, 2020: CMS announced it is incentivizing Medicare health care providers to report more coronavirus data to help treat and fight the spread of the disease.

April 21, 2020: After negotiations with the Trump Administration, the Senate passed the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which includes an additional \$382B for the PPP, \$75B for hospitals, and \$25B for coronavirus testing efforts.

April 21, 2020: President Trump announced that 20 states announced plans to enter phase one of the reopening up America again guidelines.

April 21, 2020: President Trump officially announced plans to suspend immigration, with certain exceptions, for 60 days.

April 21, 2020: President Trump met with Governor Cuomo at the White House to discuss coronavirus testing.

April 21, 2020: President Trump announced that the FDA has now authorized more than 50 coronavirus diagnostic tests and four antibody tests.

April 21, 2020: HHS announced \$995 million in CARES Act grants for older adults and the disabled.

April 21, 2020: FEMA approved nearly \$5 million for BiPAP breathing machines for Pennsylvania.



April 21, 2020: The FDA issued an emergency approval for the first coronavirus test where a sample can be collected at home.

April 21, 2020: The State Department announced it is coordinating international humanitarian assistance with pacific nations including Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Taiwan.

April 21, 2020: The USDA announced that states of Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas have been added to the SNAP online program, allowing food stamp recipients to purchase food online.

April 21, 2020: Education Secretary DeVos announced an additional \$6.2 billion in grants is available for universities to continue providing educational services during the outbreak, such as distance and remote learning programs.

April 21, 2020: During a radio [interview with Hugh Hewitt](#) Attorney General William Barr discussed the state's "stay-at-home" restrictions amid the coronavirus pandemic.

April 22, 2020: President Trump is suspending new immigrant visas to put American communities and workers first as we move toward safely reopening the economy. The pause will be in effect for 60 days, and the Administration will continue to monitor the labor market to amend or extend the proclamation if needed.

April 22, 2020: President Trump's efforts will ensure we continue to put American workers first as we begin to reopen our economy. American workers have been hurt through no fault of their own due to the coronavirus.

April 22, 2020: Two pet cats in New York state have tested positive for the coronavirus, marking the first cases in companion animals in the United States, federal officials say.

April 22, 2020: During remarks to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, President Donald Trump said they his administration will "begin to reopen our national parks and public lands for the American people to enjoy."

April 22, 2020: NYC Mayor Bill De Blasio said that the July 4th fireworks will go on, in "different way."

April 22, 2020: Italy tops 25,000 coronavirus-related deaths.

April 22, 2020: The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture announced Wednesday morning that emergency benefit increases have reached \$2 billion per month for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households across the country.

April 22, 2020: Health officials say two people died with the coronavirus in California weeks before the first reported US death.



April 22, 2020: Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that he has enlisted former Mayor Mike Bloomberg to help create a "tracing army" that will find infected people and get them into isolation.

April 23, 2020: The U.S. House sends President Trump a nearly \$500 billion package for small business and hospitals.

April 23, 2020: The oldest brother of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Donald Reed Herring, has died from the coronavirus.

April 23, 2020: One in six Americans have been are unemployed due to the coronavirus.

April 23, 2020: Secretary of State Pompeo said that China is using the coronavirus to push territory claims.

April 23, 2020: Africa has registered a 43% jump in reported COVID-19 cases just in the last week.

April 23, 2020: The UN Secretary-General says that the pandemic is becoming a human rights crisis.

April 23, 2020: Japan says that 14 more crew members on Italian cruise ship test positive for COVID-19.

April 24, 2020: President Trump said that he was being sarcastic when he floated disinfectant as virus treatment.

April 24, 2020: U.S. Navy leaders recommend reinstating the Roosevelt captain fired over a virus warning.

April 24, 2020: Georgia moves ahead with some their planned re-openings despite criticism.

April 24, 2020: President Trump signed the \$484 billion relief bill into law, which replenishes the Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses strapped by the lockdowns across the country and provides money for hospitals and increased testing.

April 24, 2020: The FDA issued a warning against using anti-malaria drugs, such as hydroxychloroquine, that the administration touted.

April 24, 2020: According to DHS, sunlight could potentially have a "powerful" effect on killing COVID-19.

April 24, 2020: Michigan's governor has extended the state's stay-at-home order.

April 24, 2020: President Trump says that social distancing guidelines "may" be extended into summer or later.



April 25, 2020: With many countries reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, New Zealand is proving a model of recovery and is lifting part of its strict lockdown.

April 25, 2020: The World Health Organization has pushed back against the theory that individuals can only catch the coronavirus once, as well as proposals for reopening society that are based on this supposed immunity.

April 26, 2020: New York City says its poison control center received a higher-than-normal number of calls in the day after President Trump speculated that injecting household disinfectants could be a coronavirus treatment.

April 26, 2020: Children across Spain were able to leave their homes for the first time in six weeks as the government eased restrictions that have kept anyone under the age of 14 from venturing in public.

April 26, 2020: For the first time this month, New York's daily death toll from COVID-19 has dropped below 400, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

April 26, 2020: Italy's Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced that his country will soon begin the process of re-opening its economy after undergoing the longest novel coronavirus lockdown anywhere to date.

April 27, 2020: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has added several new symptoms to its existing list of symptoms for COVID-19.

April 27, 2020 U.K. prime minister Boris Johnson [returns to work](#) with a hopeful message.

April 27, 2020: Almost [3 million cases](#) of COVID-19 confirmed globally.

April 27, 2020: About 20 states are [set to reopen some businesses](#) in the next coming days.

April 28, 2020: President Trump uses the Defense Production Act to ensure that Americans have a reliable supply of products like beef, pork, and poultry.

April 28, 2020: The Paycheck Protection Program, which is part of the CARES Act that was recently into law is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

April 28, 2020: President Trump announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This [30-day window](#) will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives.

April 28, 2020: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began the distribution of an additional \$20 billion of the \$50 billion general distribution to Medicare facilities and



providers impacted by COVID-19, augmenting the \$30 billion that was allocated earlier this month.

April 28, 2020: U.S. cases of COVID-19 rose 2.5% from the day before to surpass 1 million, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University and Bloomberg News.

April 28, 2020: The U.S. government's top infectious disease specialist is "cautiously optimistic" scientists will develop a Covid-19 vaccine that can protect against future outbreaks of a virus he said is unlikely to disappear.

April 28, 2020: New York City reported a decline in the number of people admitted to hospitals for the new coronavirus, to 112 from 122 as of April 25.

April 28, 2020: "There are some good preliminary data to suggest that it is a benefit, this is a therapy that we've been scaling up over the last two months," FDA Chief Stephen Hahn [told](#) Fox Business. On Gilead and its drug remdesivir, he said: "We've been in very close contact with the company and are working closely with them to look at what those data show"

April 29, 2020: Dr. Fauci said that mortality rates have tended to be "better" with the drug remdesivir than in placebo groups, calling it "good news" for treatment.

April 29, 2020: President Trump says virus "is going away" and that he sees a "new normal being what it was three months ago."

April 29, 2020: In a reversal, House lawmakers will not return to Washington next Monday, (April 5) citing health concerns amid the pandemic; Senate set to return.

April 29, 2020: A second round of coronavirus is "inevitable," [Dr. Anthony Fauci warned](#).

April 30, 2020: The White House social distancing guidelines, initially enacted for 15 days and extended for another 30, expired.

April 30, 2020: Dr. Fauci says a vaccine could come as early as January, one day after saying the drug remdesivir shows promise in treatment.

April 30, 2020: President Trump signs a proclamation to declare month of May "Older Americans Month," and outlines steps to protect seniors from coronavirus.

April 30, 2020: Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said meat packing plants could be prepared to reopen in days after the president's executive order.

April 30, 2020: The Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued a rare statement saying that they are continuing to look at whether the novel coronavirus outbreak began at a Chinese government lab in Wuhan.



April 30, 2020: Dr. Anthony Fauci warned that new cases of the coronavirus are a certainty and advised states to follow the guidelines for phased reopening laid out by the federal government.

MAY

May 1, 2020: The Food and Drug Administration has authorized Gilead for emergency use of remdesivir to treat COVID-19.

May 1, 2020: President Trump says that the U.S. will "hopefully" come in below 100,000 deaths from coronavirus.

May 1, 2020: Most states that are relaxing some restrictions do not appear to be satisfying the "[gating criteria](#)" [the White House suggested](#) "before proceeding to phased comeback," as part of the [guidelines](#) for "Opening Up America Again."

May 2, 2020: White House economic adviser Kevin Hassett said that another stimulus package – called phase four – might not be necessary.

May 2, 2020: For the first time in weeks, residents in [some states across the US will be able to return to weekend routines](#) after governors began easing restrictions put in place to combat the coronavirus.

May 3, 2020: President Trump says up to 100,000 Americans may die from coronavirus.

May 4, 2020: The Trump administration projects about 3,000 daily deaths by early June.

May 4, 2020: The FDA says that companies selling antibody tests must prove accuracy within 10 days.

May 4, 2020: More states are allowing certain businesses to open-up.

May 4, 2020: The FDA is tightening rules around antibody tests after facing criticism over a flood of inaccurate tests.

May 4, 2020: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is set to explore how many children are infected by COVID-19.

May 4, 2020: President Trump signed an Executive Order allowing meat and poultry processors to continue operations to the maximum extent possible.

May 4, 2020: The President announced \$16 billion in assistance for farmers and ranchers who experience economic losses during this pandemic.

May 5, 2020: An influential model [forecasts that 134,000 people will die](#) of the virus in the country.



May 5, 2020: There are 108 potential Covid-19 vaccines in development around the world, according to the World Health Organization. Eight of the potential vaccines are approved for clinical trials.

May 5, 2020: A top U.S. general said that there isn't conclusive evidence on where the coronavirus originated in Wuhan, China, saying "we don't know" whether it began in a Chinese lab or a wet market.

May 6, 2020: A teams of doctors at Mount Sinai Hospital reported that blood thinning drugs may help save some patients worst affected by coronavirus.

May 6, 2020: [New genetic analysis](#) dispels speculation that Covid-19 was in circulation among people long before it was recognized, dashing the hope that any population may have already built up some immunity.

May 7, 2020: COVID-19 cases pass 3.8 million; deaths top 267,000.

May 7, 2020: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reversed a decision to allow the emergency use of dozens of N-95 face masks made in China, after government testing found many of the masks didn't work properly.

May 8, 2020: The House Oversight Committee has released documents showing that about 90% of all the personal protective equipment in the stockpile has been distributed to state and local governments. The remaining 10% is being held in reserve for federal workers.

May 8, 2020: CDC Director Robert Redfield announced the new guidance during the daily White House briefing on the U.S. efforts to stop the spread of the virus.

May 8, 2020: U.S. researchers have opened another safety test of an experimental COVID-19 vaccine, this one using a skin-deep shot instead of the usual deeper jab.

May 8, 2020: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is considering changing its guidelines for self-isolation to make it easier for those who have been exposed to someone with the coronavirus to return to work if they are asymptomatic.

May 9, 2020: Mass unemployment: The U.S. economy lost [a record 20.5 million jobs in April](#), marking the largest single month of job losses since officials began tracking the data. Canada has recorded the second-highest unemployment rate in its history.

May 9, 2020: [President Donald Trump](#) confirmed Friday that [Vice President Mike Pence's](#) press secretary tested positive, meaning two White House staff members are confirmed to have the virus.



May 9, 2020: The USDA is partnering with private distributors who will buy a variety of food and package it into boxes that it will deliver to food banks. The USDA said it will spend \$100 million a month on fruits and vegetables, \$100 million on dairy products and a \$100 million on meat products.

May 10, 2020: The CEO of biotechnology company Regeneron says that he's optimistic about an artificial antibody treatment for coronavirus that could enter clinical trials next month – but says it's too soon to know whether it will help prevent or treat infection.

May 11, 2020: More than [82,000](#) people have died in the U.S. The federal government is allocating [\\$11 billion](#) to states for "the sole support of testing."

May 11, 2020: [Three top U.S. health officials](#) are entering either full or partial quarantine after two White House staffers tested positive.

IN ADDITION

- Trump has held hundreds of calls and meetings with business leaders from the pharmaceutical industry, airlines, health insurers, grocery stores, retail stores, banks, and more.
- Trump has conducted dozens of teleconferences with governors and other state and local leaders.



