

# Coronavirus Timeline

## Also see:

October 2 Report from the Select Subcommittee on the coronavirus crisis  
<https://www.priestsforlife.org/pdf/20-10-02-COVID19-National-Plan.pdf>

White House Report: President Trump's Historic Coronavirus Response  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-trumps-historic-coronavirus-response/>

***The following is an abbreviated list of actions President Trump took immediately upon learning of the virus that originated in Wuhan, China.***

**December 31:** China reports the discovery of the coronavirus to the World Health Organization

**January 7:** In the U.S., the CDC established a coronavirus incident management system to better share and respond to information about the virus.

**January 17:** The CDC began implementing public health entry screening at three U.S. airports that received the most travelers from Wuhan – San Francisco, New York JFK, and Los Angeles.

**January 20:** Dr. Anthony Fauci announced the National Institutes of Health is working on the development of a vaccine for the coronavirus.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/20/health/coronavirus-nih-vaccine-development/index.html>

**January 31:** The Trump Administration:

- Declared the coronavirus a public health emergency.
- Announced Chinese travel restrictions.
- Suspended entry into the United States for foreign nationals who pose a risk of transmitting the coronavirus.

<https://wamu.org/story/20/01/31/trump-declares-coronavirus-a-public-health-emergency-and-restricts-travel-from-china/>

**Feb. 1: Biden Tweets that Trump travel restrictions are xenophobic**

“We are in the midst of a crisis with the coronavirus. We need to lead the way with science — not Donald Trump’s record of hysteria, xenophobia, and fear-mongering. He is the worst possible person to lead our country through a global health emergency.”

**February 3:** 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:** CDC developed a diagnostic test

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

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/02/11/hhs-janssen-join-forces-on-coronavirus-vaccine.html>

**Feb. 24:** Democrat House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tours Chinatown in San Francisco, hugging supporters and asserting, “We feel safe and sound.”

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/nancy-pelosi-visits-san-franciscos-chinatown/2240247/>

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

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-issues-new-policy-help-expedite-availability-diagnostics>

**March 6:** President Trump signed an \$8.3 billion bill to fight the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/06/trump-signs-8point3-billion-emergency-coronavirus-spending-package.html>

**March 11:** President Trump announced a 30-day travel ban from Europe.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/12/world/europe/europe-coronavirus-travel-ban.html>

**March 13:** President Trump declared a national emergency to access \$42 billion in existing funds to combat the coronavirus.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-13/trump-to-declare-national-emergency-to-speed-virus-response>

**March 15:**

- President Trump held a phone call with over two dozen grocery store executives to discuss on-going demand for food and other supplies.
- HHS announced it would have 1.9 million COVID-19 tests available in 2,000 labs this week.
- Google announced a partnership with the Trump Administration to develop a website dedicated to coronavirus education, prevention, & local resources.
- All 50 states were contacted through FEMA to coordinate “federally-supported, state-led efforts” to end coronavirus.

[https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-2-03-15-20-intl-hnk/h\\_a1f19f8f4a419f59447c002a6a3c064e](https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-2-03-15-20-intl-hnk/h_a1f19f8f4a419f59447c002a6a3c064e)

**March 16:**

- 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.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-members-coronavirus-task-force-press-briefing/>

- President Trump held a teleconference with governors to address preparedness and response.

**March 17:**

- European Union closes its borders to travelers. (As of Oct. 6, American travelers were still banned from Europe).
- The Army Corps of Engineers was “on standby” to assist federal and state government.

**March 18:**

- President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which provides free testing and paid sick leave for workers impacted by the coronavirus.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201/text>

- Temporary closure of the U.S.-Canada border to non-essential traffic announced.
- President Trump announced plans to invoke the Defense Production Act to increase supplies needed to combat coronavirus.
- FEMA activated in every region at its highest level of response.
- U.S. Navy to deploy USNS Comfort and USNS Mercy hospital ships.
- All foreclosures and evictions will be suspended.

**March 19:**

State Department advised Americans to avoid all international travel.

**March 20:**

President Trump convened a call with 12,000 small-business owners to discuss relief efforts.

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

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/sarahhansen/2020/03/23/fed-unveils-unlimited-asset-purchases-300-billion-loan-program-what-does-it-mean-for-you/#7a3ab00b1eaf>

**March 25:** Vice President Pence confirmed 4,000 ventilators shipped to New York.

[https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-03-24-20-intl-hnk/h\\_2a62942d25644e1cdf301eb3057b8ec7](https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-03-24-20-intl-hnk/h_2a62942d25644e1cdf301eb3057b8ec7)

**March 26:** Remdesivir receives approval for Fast Track Designation from the FDA

[https://www.fda.gov/media/137574/download#:~:text=Veklury%20\(remdesivir\)%3F-.A.,the%20treatment%20of%20COVID%2D19](https://www.fda.gov/media/137574/download#:~:text=Veklury%20(remdesivir)%3F-.A.,the%20treatment%20of%20COVID%2D19)

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

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>

**March 28:** The CDC advised residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to avoid non-essential domestic travel for 14 days to #StopTheSpread.

**March 30:** President Trump announced:

- Further private sector commitments to manufacturing personal protective equipment by MyPillow, Honeywell, Jockey, Procter & Gamble, and United Technologies.
- FEMA has dedicated \$1.3 billion to assist New York State's coronavirus response.
- Ford Motor Company committed to producing 50,000 ventilators in the next 100 days.

**March 31:** President Trump announced that the Treasury Department and SBA are rapidly mobilizing money from the CARES Act's \$349 billion paycheck protection program.

**April 2:**

- President Trump approves using the temporary hospital set up at the Javits Center in New York City to treat Covid patients.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2020-04-02/trump-approves-new-york-javits-center-to-treat-coronavirus-patients>

- Defense Production Act invoked to help six companies get the supplies they need to make ventilators.

**April 3:** The SBA launched the Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses, issuing more than 17,500 loans valued at \$5.4 billion.

<https://www.sba.gov/article/2020/apr/03/sbas-paycheck-protection-program-small-businesses-affected-coronavirus-pandemic-launches>

**April 4:** President Trump announced that 1,000 members of the Defense Department's Medical Corps will be deployed to New York.

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/DOD-Response-Timeline/>

**April 6:** President Trump announced that The Army Corps of Engineers is building 22 field hospitals and alternative care sites in 18 states; also that 8,450 hospital beds and 8,000 ventilators have been deployed across the country from federal stockpiles.

**April 9:** President Trump announced that there are currently 19 potential coronavirus therapies being tested and another 26 potential therapies in active planning for clinical trials; also, 2 million coronavirus tests have been completed.

**April 12:** 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.

**April 13:** Vice President Pence announced that there are currently just under 7,000 ventilators in the Strategic National Stockpile and that no one has been denied a ventilator who needed one.

**April 16:** President Trump announced new, phased "Opening up America Again" guidelines.

**April 22:** Vice President Pence announced that 5,500 active-duty military personnel are currently deployed to assist in the coronavirus response, including 964 medical personnel in 17 hospitals in 7 states.

**May 1:** Remdesivir receives approval under the FDA Emergency Use Authorization

<https://www.fda.gov/media/137564/download>

**May 15:** Trump administration announces 'Operation Warp Speed' to accelerate the development of vaccines and treatments

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/15/trump-administration-announces-framework-and-leadership-for-operation-warp-speed.html>

**July 16:** Dexamethasone receives approval under the FDA Emergency Use Authorization

<https://www.fdanews.com/articles/198076-fda-adds-dexamethasone-to-covid-19-temporary-compounding-lists>

**August 23:** Convalescent plasma is approved for treatment under the FDA Emergency Use Authorization

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-issues-emergency-use-authorization-convalescent-plasma-potential-promising-covid-19-treatment>

**Aug. 31:** Democrat House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is caught getting a haircut and a blowout at a closed-by-Covid San Francisco salon.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/pelosi-san-francisco-hair-salon-owner-calls-it-slap-in-the-face>

**Oct. 1:** President Trump tested positive for Covid, is admitted to Walter Reed Medical Center.

**Oct. 5:** President Trump is released from Walter Reed after treatment with a steroid, an anti-viral drug and an experimental antibody; returns to the White House.

**Oct. 10:** President Trump makes his first public appearance.

**Oct. 12:** After testing negative for Covid on two consecutive days, President Trump returns to the campaign trail with a rally in Florida.

**For the complete timeline of President Trump's efforts to battle the pandemic, go to [DonaldJTrump.com](http://DonaldJTrump.com)**