

COVID-19 GLOBAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

International, Federal, and State Timelines

November 17, 2019

First known case in Hubai, China

December 1,2019

• First information from Wuhan, China

December 31, 2019

- Wuhan China government confirmed treating dozens of cases
- No evidence the virus was spread by humans
- Health officials in China said they were monitoring to prevent outbreak from developing into something severe
- Chinese health officials notified WHO of cases
- WHO is notified of cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan

January 1,2020

WHO set up Incident Management Support Team

January 4, 2020

WHO reported on social media a cluster of pneumonia cases was being investigated;
 but there had been no deaths related to it

January 5, 2020

WHO published 1st disease outbreak associated with a new virus

January 7, 2020

Outbreak in China identified as Coronavirus

January 10, 2020

- WHO issues comprehensive report with advice to all countries how to detect, test, and manage potential cases based on what was known at that time
- Infection control guidance was published based on SARS and MERS experiences

January 11, 2020

- Chinese media reported 1st known death from illness caused by virus which infected dozens of people. A 61 y/o male who was a regular customer at the market in Wuhan.
- Report of his death came just before one of China's biggest holidays, where hundreds of millions of people travel across the country

January 12, 2020

China publicly shared a genetic sequence of Covid-19

January 13, 2020

• Officials with WHO confirm a Covid-19 case in Thailand; 1st outside China

January 14, 2020

• Press briefing by WHO stating there may be limited human-to-human transmission (mainly between family members) and there is a possible risk of wider outbreak

January 17, 2020

 CDC began implementing screening at airports in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

January 20, 2020

- First confirmed case outside mainland China occurred in Japan, South Korea and Thailand according to WHO
- First confirmed case in US came on January 21, 2020 in Washington State where a man in his 30's developed symptoms after returning from Wuhan
- WHO sent members to Wuhan to investigate

January 22, 2020

• WHO issued statement there was advanced human-to-human transmission in Wuhan

January 23, 2020

- Chinese authorities closed off Wuhan by cancelling planes and trains leaving the city. Suspended buses, subways, and ferries within it.
- At this point, 17 people had died, and more than 570 others were infected including Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, South Korea, and the US
- WHO convened Emergency Committee to assess if outbreak constituted a public health emergency of international concern and would take 10 days to decide

January 28, 2020

• WHO leaders return to China for further investigation and discussion

January 29, 2020

• First group of 195 people return from China to US and 14-day quarantine

January 30, 2020

- WHO declared global health emergency amid thousands of new cases in China
- US State Department warned travelers to avoid China
- WHO met again and consensus was a Public Health Emergency of International Concern was apparent
 - Declared the virus 2019 NCOV
 - Was the 6th time WHO declared PHEIC since 2005
 - Reported 7,818 cases worldwide (most in China) and 82 cases in 18 countries outside China

January 31, 2020

- Trump administration restricted travel to China
- Sec. Alex Azar of US Dept HHS declares COVID pandemic and under Dept of Homeland Security suspends entry into the US
- Suspended entry into the US by a foreign nationals who had traveled to China in the last 14 days, excluding immediate family members of American Citizens or permanent residents

• At this date, 213 people had died and nearly 9,800 people were infected worldwide

February 2, 2020

- Ist coronavirus death reported outside China; 44 y/o Philippine man
- Over 360 died thus far

February 3, 2020

• WHO releases Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to protect states with weaker health care systems

February 5, 2020

- Cruise ship in Japan quarantined thousands; a 2 -week trip to Southeast Asia more than 3,600 passengers began quarantine aboard Diamond Princess in Yokohama, Japan. Officials screening passengers and the number of people who tested positive and became the largest number of coronavirus cases outside China
- By February 13, # stood at 213

February 7, 2020

- A Chinese doctor who tried to raise alarm died from Coronavirus. Dr. Li Wenliang tried to warn that infections could spin out of control
- In early January, authorities reprimanded him, and he was forced to sign a denouncement saying Chinese government mishandled the situation

February 11,2020

- Coronavirus was officially named Novel Covid-19 by WHO; an acronym that stands for coronavirus disease of 2019
- The name does not make reference to people, places, or animals given the global stigma
- February 12 the death toll in China reached 1,113 and total confirmed cases 44,653
- 393 cases outside China in 24 countries

 WHO had Research and Innovation Forum with 400 experts worldwide meet regarding this new virus

February 14, 2020

- Iran emerged as 2nd focus point
- Iran announced 2 coronavirus cases on February 19; less than I week later reported 61 cases and 12 deaths, more than any other country at the time and public health warned that Iran was a cause for worry
- Iran's borders are crossed each year by millions of religious pilgrims, migrant workers and others
- Cases in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Lebanon, and United Arab Emirates and I in Canada have been tracked back to Iran

February 26, 2020

- Latin America reports 1st case of coronavirus
- Brazilian officials said a 61 y/o male who had returned recently from Italy tested positive; it was the 1st known case in Latin America. Contact tracing to passengers on the plan with the individual were taken
- VP Pence named to head Covid-19 taskforce

February 28, 2020

- Infections spiked Europe
- Italy, where 800 people had been infected by this date and remained an area of concern.
- Cases in 14 other countries, including Northern Ireland and Wales, could be tracked back to Italy
- Germany had nearly 60 cases by Feb 27 and France had 57 cases, more than triple the number from 2 days earlier
- England and Switzerland reported additional cases, where Belarus, Estonia and Lithuania all reported their 1st infections

- Iran reported 34 deaths of 388 cases
- Sub-Saharan Africa had 1st case in Nigeria, Africa; patient was an Italian citizen who had returned to Lagos from Milan

February 29, 2020

- US reports 1st death from covid-19; patient was near Seattle, Washington
- 2 people died earlier, but covid-19 was not found related to their deaths until months later
- # of global cases rose to 87,000
- Trump issued highest level of warning "do not travel" for areas of Italy and South Korea

March 3, 2020

- US officials approve widespread testing
- CDC lifts all Federal restrictions on testing for coronavirus according to VP Pence
- News came after CDC 1st attempt to produce a diagnostic kit fell flat
- Coronavirus had infected greater than 90,000 globally and killed more than 3,000 according to WHO

March 4, 2020

• CMS suspends non-emergency surgery

March 6, 2020

Gov Ivey establishes Coronavirus Task Force

March 8, 2020

• US confirmed cases topped 500

March 10, 2020

Iran cases topped 900

March 11, 2020

- Trump blocked most visitors from continental Europe
- WHO declares Covid-19 a pandemic; President Trump activates Defense Production Act
- Halts travelers from European countries other than Britain for 30 days as WHO
 declared coronavirus a pandemic (with alarming levels of spread and severity) and
 stock markets plunged further

March 12, 2020

All schools were closed from March 18- April 6, 2020

March 13, 2020

- Trump declared National Emergency; Governor Ivey issues Executive Order
- More than \$50 billion in federal funds available to states and territories to combat coronavirus
- Gives hospitals and doctors more flexibility to respond to virus and makes it easier to treat people remotely
- Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund got donations via WHO
- Italy's death toll 1,000 with 15,000 cases
- First recorded case of Covid-19 in Alabama
- Gov Ivey declares State of Public Health Emergency

March 14, 2020

• Spain spiked 2,000 new cases to total 3,800 with 84 deaths

March 15, 2020

- CDC recommends no gatherings of more than 50 people in US for next 8 weeks
- Including weddings, funerals, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, and conferences
- March 16 Trump advised citizens to avoid groups of more than 10 people

NY city public schools announced closing (largest in nation 1.1 million students)

March 16, 2020

- Latin America begins to feel effects with several countries imposing restrictions on citizens to slow virus
- Venezuela announced national quarantine beginning March 17
- Ecuador and Peru implemented countrywide lockdowns, while Columbia and Costa Rica closed borders
- President of Brazil encouraged mass demonstrations by his supporters against his opponents in Congress

March 17, 2020

- France imposed nationwide lockdown prohibiting gatherings of any size and postponing 2nd round in municipal elections
- Residents told to stay home, officials allowed people to go out for fresh air but warned that meeting a friend in the street or park would be punishable with a fine
- France had greater than 6,500 infections and greater than 140 deaths according to WHO
- EU barred most travelers from outside bloc
- European leaders voted to close off at least 26 countries to nearly all visitors from the rest of the world for at least 30 days
- Ban on nonessential travel outside the bloc was 1st coordinated response by European Union

March 18, 2020

- Pres. Trump signs into law H.R. 6021, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Pub. L. 116-127)
- First Supplemental State of Emergency Covid-19 issued

March 19, 2020

- For the first time, China reported 0 local infections: none from the previous day. Signaled an end to China's epidemic could be in sight
- Experts said they need to see at least 14 days consecutively without new infections to be considered over
- Officials said 34 new cases confirmed in people who arrived in China from elsewhere

March 20, 2020

- ABN Emergency Rule §610-X-4-.19ER effective date regarding licensing during pandemic
- Second Supplemental State of Emergency Covid-19 issued

March 21, 2020

Hawaii ordered mandatory 14- day quarantine for travelers

March 23, 2020

- Prime Minister locked down Britain; closed nonessential shops and barred meetings of more than 2 people and required all people to stay in their homes except times for food and medicine. Those that disobeyed would be fined by police
- Third Supplemental State of Emergency Covid-19 issued

March 24, 2020

- Tokyo Olympics delayed until 2021; only times before when cancelled was due to war in 1916, 1940 and 1944
- India announced 21-day lockdown I day after it halted all domestic flights
- # of cases about 500 there and pledged to spend \$2 billion on medical supplies, isolations rooms, ventilators, and training for medical staff

March 25, 2020

First death of Covid-19 patient in Alabama (Jackson County)

March 26, 2020

Fourth Supplemental State of Emergency Covid-19 issued

March 27, 2020

Trump signs \$2 trillion stimulus package

March 28, 2020

- CDC issues travel advisory to New York, New Jersey, Connecticut curtailing travel for 14 days
- Nonessential businesses, venues and activities ordered to close
- >600 confirmed cases; 3 deaths on record (additional deaths being investigated)
- Covid-19 confirmed in at least 6 nursing homes in the state

March 29, 2020

• White House extends social distancing guidelines though April 30th

April 2, 2020

- Cases topped I million in 171 countries and 6 continents killing at least 51,000
- Within weeks, pandemic put nearly 10 million Americans out of work and 6.6 million people applied for unemployment in the last week of March
- Until March, worst week for unemployment was 695,000 in 1982
- ABN has resources on site, including employee tracking sheet
- Fifth Supplemental State of Emergency Covid-19 issued

April 3, 2020

- CDC advises all Americans to wear face masks and maintain social distancing
- Sixth Supplemental State of Emergency Covid-19 issued

April 4, 2020

• Statewide Stay at Home order enacted until April 30, 2020; except as necessary to perform essential activities

April 6, 2020

 Prime Minister Boris Johnson was placed in ICU for covid-19 and later released on April 12

April 8, 2020

• Companies planned vaccine trials; at least 2 dozen companies announced vaccine programs aimed at ending pandemic

April 10, 2020

- Cases surged in Russia; the number of people hospitalized in Moscow doubled from previous week with covid-19 cases.
- 2/3 of the country's 12,000 reported cases are in Moscow; this pushed Moscow's healthcare system to its limit and was well before its expected peak

April 14, 2020

- Trump planned to stop US funding to WHO based on suspected mishandling of coronavirus in US
- Global economy slid toward contraction. International Monetary Fund warned that
 the global economy was headed for its worst downturn since the Great Depression
 and predicted world economy would contract by 3% in 2020; a reversal from it
 forecast of growth by 3.3%

April 16, 2020

• Brazil's President fired health minister over disagreement of lockdown measures

April 17, 2020

• Chili issued "immunity cards" to people who had recovered from the virus; card holders were allowed to return to work, despite concerns about possible risk of transmission

April 21, 2020

• Officials discovered earlier known US coronavirus deaths in California

• Santa Clara Co announced 2 residents there died of coronavirus February 6 and February 17 making them the earliest known deaths in the US; information was gained from autopsies

April 23, 2020

 ABN sends notice to employers that pandemic now beyond 30 days from April 3rd notice for licensing so if still using out of state staff they need to apply for temporary licenses

April 24, 2020

- European Union pressured by China watered down a report on disinformation
- Although the initial report was not particularly harsh, European officials delayed and rewrote a document to dilute focus on China who is a vital trading partner with them
- Trump criticized over statement regarding bleach and isopropyl alcohol ingestion

April 26, 2020

• Global death toll surpasses 200,000 and has sickened over 2.8 million worldwide

April 30, 2020

- Statewide "Safer at Home" order enacted through May 15, 2020
- >6,800 cases; 241 deaths with more being investigated

May 5, 2020

- US reports 1,180,634 cases of Covid-19 with 68,934 deaths. Globally, there are 3,603,270 cases with 251,910 reported deaths
- Of interest, NYC had 15 children hospitalized ages 2-15 in ICU with toxic shock like symptoms. ½ needed BP support and 5 were on ventilators. All had fever and 4 tested positive for Covid-19 on admission

May 7, 2020

 Total of 8,699 confirmed cases in Alabama; 477 confirmed cases in Montgomery County

- EEOC updates COVID-19 Technical Assistance Publication; New Sections G3-5 https://www.eeoc.gov/newsroom/eeoc-updates-covid-19-technical-assistance-publication
- 'What you should know about COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO laws' expands on the previous publication. The newly added questions and answers G.3, G.4, and G.5, provide information about the accommodation of employees with underlying medical conditions. Refer to the following link for the full text: https://www.eeoc.gov/wysk/what-you-should-know-about-covid-19-and-ada-rehabilitation-act-and-other-eeo-laws

May 8, 2020

- Governor Kay Ivey announces Liability Protections for Businesses and Health Care Providers alabamapublichealth.gov/legal/assets/soe-covid19-liability-protection
- Alabama Department of Public Health issues Emergency Order Suspending Certain
 Public Gatherings Due to Risk of Infection By COVID-19 [Safer at Home] Order
- Guidelines for Safeguarding All Businesses
- Guidelines for Athletic Facilities
- Guidelines for Close Contact Personal Service Businesses
- Guidelines for Restaurants and Bars
- Guidelines for Places of Worship

May 9, 2020

 Total of 9,486 confirmed cases in Alabama; 1,225 hospitalizations; 388 COVID-19 deaths in Alabama

May 12, 2020

 Total of 10,260 confirmed cases in Alabama; 1280 hospitalizations; 428 COVID-19 deaths in Alabama

May 14, 2020

• 4,371,611 total of global cases confirmed; 297,682 COVID-19 deaths

- 1,427,243 total of US cases confirmed; 85,017 COVID deaths
- Total of 10,700 confirmed cases in Alabama; 1,331 hospitalizations; 450 COVID-19 deaths in Alabama
- Total of 705 confirmed cases in Montgomery County; 19 COVID-19 deaths in Montgomery County

May 15, 2020

- OCR [Office of Civil Rights] issues bulletin on Guidance on Translation Requirements During Lockdown
- The bulletin may be found at: https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/lep-bulletin-5-15-2020-english.pdf (PDF), (Español)

May 20, 2020

- Total of 950 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County; 12,701 confirmed cases in the state of Alabama
- New Directive from OSHA as to recordability of COVID-19. See April's Guidance: https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-10/enforcement-guidance-recording-cases-coronavirus-disease-2019-COVID-19. See May's Guidance at the same link; a memo was published on May 19, 2020 that goes into effect May 26, 2020 that revises the reporting criteria.

May 21, 2020

Coronavirus cases top 5 million worldwide

May 26, 2020

• Total of 1052 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County; 13,418 confirmed cases in the state of Alabama

May 30, 2020

Total of 1,311 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County; over 15,000 confirmed cases in the state of Alabama

June 1, 2020

- Total of 1,732 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County; 18,075 cases confirmed in the state of Alabama
- 223,235 have been tested and 644 deaths have been reported in the state due to COVID-19

June 2, 2020

- 6,194,533 confirmed cases worldwide with 376,320 deaths per WHO
 - US 2,905,432 cases
 - Europe 2,175,941 cases
 - Eastern Mediterranean 536,148 cases
 - Southeast Asia 283,845 cases
 - Western Pacific 184,305 cases
 - Africa 108,121 cases