

## [The Fed and the Great Virus Crisis](#)

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### Appendix 2

#### A Timeline of the Covid-19 Pandemic, 2020

Date	Event
Dec. 31, 2019	The World Health Organization (WHO) says a mysterious pneumonia is sickening dozens in Wuhan, China.
Jan. 11, 2020	China reports its first Covid-19 death, a 61-year-old man in Wuhan.
Jan. 21, 2020	The first confirmed case in the US is reported, a man in his 30s who had recently traveled to Wuhan.
Jan. 23, 2020	China imposes strict lockdown in Wuhan, a city of more than 11 million.
Jan. 30, 2020	The WHO declares a global health emergency.
Feb. 2, 2020	The first Covid-19 death is reported outside of China. Global air travel is restricted.
Feb. 5, 2020	Diamond Princess cruise ship is quarantined.
Feb. 7, 2020	A Chinese doctor who tried to raise the alarm dies from Covid-19 infection.
Feb. 10, 2020	China's Covid-19 deaths exceed those of 2003-04 SARS crisis.
Feb. 11, 2020	Virus that's referred to as "the novel Covid-19" is renamed "Covid-19."
Feb. 14, 2020	France announces the first Covid-19 death in Europe.
Feb. 23, 2020	Italy sees a major surge in cases.
Feb. 24, 2020	Iran emerges as a focus point.
Feb. 26, 2020	Latin America reports its first case of Covid-19.
Feb. 29, 2020	The US reports first Covid-19 death.
Mar. 11, 2020	The WHO declares Covid-19 a pandemic.
Mar. 13, 2020	President Trump declares national emergency.
Mar. 15, 2020	The CDC recommends no gatherings of 50 or more people in the US.
Mar. 16, 2020	Latin America begins to feel the effects.
Mar. 17, 2020	The EU bars most travelers from outside the bloc. Northern Californians are ordered to "shelter in place."
Mar. 19, 2020	Italy's death toll surpasses China's.
Mar. 20, 2020	New York City is declared the US's outbreak epicenter.
Mar. 24, 2020	India announces a 21-day complete lockdown. Japan postpones Olympics.
Mar. 26, 2020	The US leads the world in confirmed Covid-19 cases.
Mar. 27, 2020	President Trump signs the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
Apr. 2, 2020	Cases top 1 million. Millions of people lose their jobs.
Apr. 6, 2020	UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, infected with Covid-19, is moved into intensive care.
Apr. 9, 2020	Evidence that first Covid-19 cases in New York City came from Europe.
Apr. 10, 2020	Cases surge in Russia.
Apr. 21, 2020	Officials discover earlier known US Covid-19 deaths in California.
Apr. 26, 2020	The global death toll surpasses 200,000.
Apr. 30, 2020	Airlines announces rules requiring face masks.
May 5, 2020	Covid-19 reaches France in December, doctors say, rewriting the epidemic's timeline.
May 17, 2020	Japan and Germany, two of the world's largest economies, enter recessions.
May 22, 2020	Infections in Latin America continue to rise.
May 27, 2020	Covid-19 deaths in the US pass 100,000.
Jun. 4, 2020	Covid-19 tears into regions previously spared.
Jun. 11, 2020	Covid-19 cases in Africa top 200,000.
Jun. 20, 2020	Southern US states see sharp rise in cases.
Jun. 30, 2020	The EU says it will reopen borders to 14 countries, but not the US.

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Jul. 1, 2020	Iran announces new lockdown measures.
Jul. 2, 2020	US states reverse reopening plans.
Jul. 7, 2020	US submits formal notice that it will withdraw from the WHO. Brazil's president tests positive for Covid-19.
Jul. 10, 2020	US sets seven records in 11 days. Hong Kong shuts down schools amid a third wave.
Jul. 11, 2020	President Trump wears a mask in public for the first time.
Jul. 15, 2020	Tokyo raises its pandemic alert level.
Jul. 16, 2020	A study in South Korea finds that older children spread the virus comparably to adults.
Jul. 17, 2020	India reaches a million coronavirus cases. Lockdowns are reimposed.
Jul. 19, 2020	The WHO announces Covid-19 can be airborne.
Jul. 21, 2020	European leaders agree on a \$857 billion stimulus package.
Aug. 1, 2020	In the US, new cases in July are more than double those of any other month.
Aug. 10, 2020	The CDC begins developing a plan to distribute a Covid-19 vaccine.
Aug. 11, 2020	Trump administration reaches deal to buy Moderna's vaccine.
Aug. 18, 2020	Universities that had reopened campuses for the fall semester begin moving classes online.
Aug. 22, 2020	Global virus deaths surpass 800,000.
Sep. 3, 2020	The virus surges at US colleges, totaling more than 51,000 cases.
Sep. 6, 2020	India reports the second-highest number of cases among countries, more than 4 million.
Sep. 13, 2020	The Midwest sees a surge of new cases.
Sep. 18, 2020	Israel imposes a second national lockdown.
Sep. 22, 2020	The US death toll surpasses 200,000.
Sep. 28, 2020	Global deaths reach 1 million.
Oct. 1, 2020	NYC becomes the first major US city to reopen all its public schools for in-person learning.
Oct. 2, 2020	President Trump tests positive for the virus.
Oct. 5, 2020	President Trump leaves hospital, continues receiving treatment.
Oct. 11, 2020	The world records more than 1 million new cases in three days.
Oct. 19, 2020	Belgium closes restaurants and imposes a curfew to halt a spike in cases.
Oct. 24, 2020	Poland's president tests positive.
Nov. 4, 2020	US reports unprecedented 100,000 cases in 1 day.
Nov. 5, 2020	England enters a national lockdown. Covid-19 cases at US colleges hit a quarter million.
Nov. 8, 2020	The US surpasses 10 million infections.
Nov. 9, 2020	FDA issues Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Eli Lilly's antibody treatment.
Nov. 18, 2020	The US death toll hits 250,000.
Nov. 20, 2020	The CDC warns against holiday travel.
Nov. 21, 2020	The FDA grants EUA of the Covid-19 antibody treatment given to President Trump.
Dec. 2, 2020	The UK approves Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine.
Dec. 3, 2020	President-elect Biden says he will ask Americans to wear masks for 100 days.
Dec. 8, 2020	The UK begins vaccinations.
Dec. 11, 2020	The FDA approves the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine.
Dec. 14, 2020	The US death toll surpasses 300,000.
Dec. 18, 2020	The FDA approves Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine.
Dec. 20, 2020	London enters a severe lockdown, ordered by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.
Dec. 21, 2020	New Covid-19 variant circulates in the UK.
Dec. 23, 2020	US buys more Pfizer vaccine.
Dec. 30, 2020	UK approves EUA for the AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid-19 vaccine.
Dec. 31, 2020	US falls short of goal to give 20 million vaccinations by year-end.

Sources: ABC NEWS, Timeline: How coronavirus got started, *The New York Times*, A Timeline of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and AJMC, A Timeline of COVID-19 Developments in 2020.