

- January 15, 2020  
The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare reports an imported case of laboratory-confirmed novel coronavirus.
- January 17, 2020  
CDC begins screening passengers on direct and connecting flights from Wuhan, China at San Francisco, California, New York City, New York, and Los Angeles, California and plans to expand screening to other major airports.
- January 17, 2020  
CDC deploys a team to Washington state to assist with contact tracing efforts in response to the first reported case of 2019-nCOV in the U.S.
- January 20, 2020  
CDC confirms the first U.S. laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 in the U.S. from samples taken on January 18 in Washington state.
- January 21, 2020  
CDC transitions from a Center-led Incident Management Structure to an Agency-wide Structure and activates its Emergency Response System
- January 21, 2020  
CDC artists Alissa Eckert and Dan Higgins create “an identity” for the novel coronavirus by designing the iconic red and white virus image.
- January 22, 2020  
The World Health Organization International Health Regulation Emergency Committee meets. The Emergency Committee decides to not declare the novel coronavirus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Committee decides instead to monitor the situation and reconvene in 10 days to re-discuss.
- January 22, 2020  
The World Health Organization confirms human-to-human spread of the novel coronavirus.
- January 27, 2020  
The United States Food and Drug Administration announces that it will take “critical actions to advance development of novel coronavirus medical countermeasures” with interagency partners, including CDC.