

- October 6, 2020  
Food insecurity among Americans will reach 52 million people due to the coronavirus pandemic, a 17 million increase than prepandemic numbers.
- October 7, 2020  
New Zealand declares itself virus free.
- November 1, 2020  
CDC announces the end of the no sail order for cruise ship companies.
- November 13, 2020  
Increased outbreaks are reported across the country due to large gatherings for Halloween.
- November 3, 2020  
The U.S. presidential election occurs, with response to the COVID-19 pandemic response being one of the issues most debated.
- December 3, 2020  
The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that health care professionals and residents of long-term care facilities be offered COVID-19 vaccine first in the initial phases of the COVID-19 vaccination program.
- December 11, 2020  
Food and Drug Administration issues an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 vaccine – the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.
- December 12, 2020  
The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issues interim recommendation for the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in persons aged 16 years or older for the prevention of COVID-19.
- December 14, 2020  
United States coronavirus (COVID-19) death toll surpasses 300,000.
- December 14, 2020  
Sandra Lindsay, a nurse in New York, becomes the first American outside a clinical trial to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.