



## COVID-19 Response: Timeline of Events and Major Milestones

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Timeline as of August 24, 2022

*References below were pulled from a variety of online sources (federal documents, media reporting, legislative tracking, and health agency sites, etc.)*

### Late 2019

**December 12:** A cluster of patients in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China begins to experience shortness of breath and fever.

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**December 31:** The World Health Organization (WHO) China Country Office is informed of a number of cases of pneumonia of unknown etiology (unknown cause) detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province.

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### Early 2020

**January 7:** CDC Establishes a 2019-nCoV Incident Management Structure.

**January 17:** CDC begins screening passengers on direct and connecting flights from Wuhan, China at San Francisco, New York City, and Los Angeles airports. 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:** CDC confirms the first U.S. laboratory-confirmed case of 2019-nCoV in the U.S. in Washington State.

**January 22:** The WHO confirms human-to-human spread of the novel coronavirus.

**January 30:** The WHO declares the novel coronavirus outbreak a public health emergency of international concern.

**January 31:** U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declares the SARS-CoV-2 virus a public health emergency and the White House 2019 Novel Coronavirus Task Force announces implementation of new travel policies effective February 2.

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**February 8:** One of the first CDC test kits arrives at a public health laboratory in east Manhattan, New York City, New York. The laboratory reports that the test produces 'untrustworthy results.'

**February 9:** CDC updates its evaluation and testing guidance for Patients Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 to any patients with a severe respiratory illness even in the absence of travel history to affected areas or known exposure to another case to prepare for additional person-to-person spread.