



April 6, 2020

Hundreds of doctors and civil rights groups urge CDC and U.S. government to release race and ethnicity data on COVID-19 cases in order to ensure the proper response in black communities.



April 7, 2020

A report from the Chicago Tribune notes that 68% of the COVID-19 related deaths in Chicago occur among the city's African American community, illuminating racial disparities of the pandemic in the U.S.



April 8, 2020

U.S. Health and Human Services announces first contract for ventilator production goes to General Motors under the Defense Production Act.



April 10, 2020

The U.S. surpasses Italy as the global leader for reported deaths due to COVID-19 (23,036 deaths)



April 13, 2020

Most U.S. states report widespread cases of COVID-19.



April 13, 2020

At a White House press briefing, President Trump announces that the U.S. will cease funding to the World Health Organization, shaking the public health community during the pandemic.



April 26, 2020

Clinicians in the United Kingdom note increased reports of previously healthy children presenting with severe inflammatory syndrome with Kawasaki disease-like features. The cases occurred in children testing positive for current or recent infection with SARS-CoV-2. This condition would later be known as Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), an inflammatory condition that affects children with COVID-19.



April 24, 2020

Georgia, Alaska, and Oklahoma begin to partially reopen their states despite concerns from health experts saying it was too early to reopen.



April 30, 2020

President Trump launches Operation Warp Speed, an initiative to produce a vaccine for the coronavirus as quick as possible with CDC as an integral member.

Mid 2020