

Table 1: Timeline of important events

Date	On the ground	Local	Central
2019/12/27	Doctor Zhang Jixian reported the case to Jiangnan District CDC		
2019/12/29	Doctor Zhang's hospital reported directly to city and provincial health commissions	City and provincial level health commissions notified, started to conduct epidemiological studies	
2019/12/30		Wuhan health commission issued documents about the "unknown virus pneumonia"	Director Gao Fu of CCDC came across information online; National Health Commission received reports from Hubei health commission, organized the first group of experts to Wuhan
2019/12/31		Wuhan HC released the first bulletin about the "pneumonia";	
2020/1/1	Shut down Huanan seafood market		CCDC formed an emergency response group
2020/1/3		Wuhan HC released the white pamphlet as the reporting criteria;	
2020/1/4		Wuhan's 13th Political Consultative Conference 3 rd meeting opening	
2020/1/5		Wuhan HC released the 3 rd bulletin indicating "no clear evidence of person-to-person transmission, no medical personnel infected";	
2020/1/6		Wuhan's 13th Political Consultative Conference 4 th meeting opening	CCDC launched secondary emergency response
2020/1/7		Wuhan 14 th People's Congress 5 th meeting opening	CCDC announced the chlamydia for this outbreak is a new kind of coronavirus; Xi Jinping addressed the outbreak in the central politburo committee meeting
2020/1/8		Wuhan People's congress and political consultative conference closings	NHC sent the second group of experts arrived in Wuhan
2020/1/10			CCDC released the genome sequence and submitted to WHO
2020/1/16			CCDC launched the highest-level emergency response; NHC published the first treatment plan, relaxing the reporting criteria
2020/1/19		Wuhan held press conference claiming the outbreak to be "controllable"	NHC high-level expert group arrived in Wuhan and conducted research on grounds
2020/1/20		Hubei Office of Emergency Management held the spring festival gala	Doctor Zhong Nanshan announced person-to-person transmission is possible on television