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Timeline: How Italy's coronavirus crisis became the world's deadliest

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coronavirus — a staggering total that could nonetheless be some cause for hope because it's the second day of decline from Saturday's high of 793.

The big picture: Monday marks two weeks since Italy entered a nationwide lockdown, with officials warning at the time that we wouldn't get a sense of how effective the measures had been until right about now.

- Italians are desperate for signs that a corner is being turned. So too are other countries that have been tracking their outbreaks based on how far they are behind Italy's.

Timeline:

- **Jan. 31:** Italy suspends flights to China and declares a national emergency after two cases are confirmed in Rome (*2 confirmed cases*).
- **Feb. 20:** A man in Lombardy tests positive after previously leaving the hospital without a test. He is believed to have spread the disease widely before developing severe symptoms (*3 cases*).
- **Feb. 23:** Small towns hit by the outbreak are placed under quarantine. Carnival celebrations and some soccer matches are canceled (*150 cases*).
- **March 4:** Schools and universities are closed (*3,089 cases*).
- **March 8:** Several northern provinces are placed



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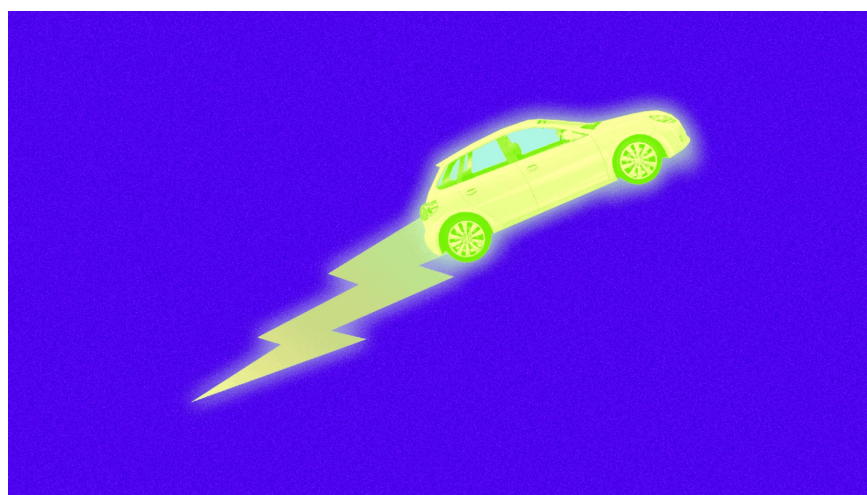
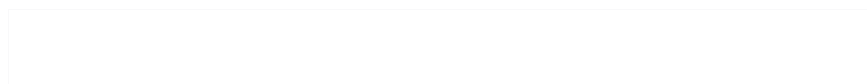


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