COVID-19 timeline

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JAN

Dec 31
Chinese authorities treat dozens of cases of pneumonia of unknown cause

Jan 7
The outbreak was identified as a new **coronavirus**

Jan 23
Wuhan is pace under quarantine orders by Chinese authorities

Jan 30
WHO declares a **global health emergency**

Jan 31
The Trump administration restricts travel from China

FEB

Feb 2
First death reported outside China in the Philippines

Feb 11
WHO announces that the new coronavirus would be called '**COVID-19**'

Feb 17
Chinese officials draft legislation to curb the practice of eating wildlife

Feb 19
Two cases reported in Iran. Hours later, officials confirmed both patients died

Feb 20
South Korea reported its first death

Feb 23
Italy sees major surge in coronavirus cases and officials lock down towns

Feb 24
The Trump administration asks Congress for $1.25 billion for coronavirus response

The US stock market plummeted over coronavirus fears, after the Dow Jones Industrial Average experienced the worst day in two years

Feb 26
Latin America reports its first case in Brazil

Feb 28
Sub-Saharan Africa records its first case

Feb 29
The US records its first death and announces additional travel restrictions involving Iran, Italy, South Korea

MAR

March 1
UN releases US £15m to help vulnerable countries battle the spread of the coronavirus

March 3
US approves widespread coronavirus testing

WHO calls on industry and governments to increase manufacturing by 40% to meet rising global demand of personal protective equipment for health workers

March 4
FCA expects all firms to have contingency plans to deal with major events

March 8
Italy issues a lockdown to quarantine 16 million people in Lombardy region

Tim Cook encourages remote work at Apple global offices due to coronavirus

March 9
Italian PM imposes country-wide lockdown and suspends sporting activity at all levels until April

Qatar imposes travel ban on 14 countries

Saudi Arabia imposes lockdown and restricts travel

Deutsche Bank splits London trading teams to curb coronavirus

The oil market experiences one of its biggest one-day falls in history

March 10
WTO suspends meetings until March 20 after coronavirus case revealed

Financial firms around the world ramp up contingency plans as coronavirus hits

Hundreds of COVID-19 Patients allowed to try Gilead's Ebola drug

FDA suspends most foreign food and drug inspections over coronavirus outbreak

March 11
The coronavirus outbreak is a **global pandemic** WHO officials says

UK promising £30bn fiscal stimulus in coronavirus response

Trump restricts all travel' from EU to US