

COVID-19



**A timeline of
significant events,
including the
pandemic's effect
on the U.S. stock market**

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Index highs/lows are from 12/31/19 to 4/1/20.

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EVENT

DATE

Wuhan, China. Dozens treated for pneumonia; authorities say no evidence of person-to-person spread.¹

Tuesday
12/31/19

DOW JONES INDEX PRICE	change in price from 12/31/19	S&P 500 INDEX PRICE	change in price from 12/31/19	RUSSELL 2000 INDEX PRICE	change in price from 12/31/19
28,538		3,231		1,668	
28,957	↑1.5%	3,275	↑1.4%	1,665	↓-0.2
28,907	↑1.3%	3,288	↑1.8%	1,670	↑0.1%
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29,297	↑2.7%	3,317	↑2.7%	1,705	↑2.2%
29,196	↑2.3%	3,321	↑2.8%	1,686	↑1.0%
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Chinese authorities identify a novel coronavirus; reports of 59 cases.²

Thursday
1/9/20

China's state media reports first death, a 61-year-old man who visited the Huanan Seafood Market in Wuhan.³

Saturday
1/11/20

First coronavirus case emerges outside China; case reported in Thailand.⁴

Monday
1/13/20

RUSSELL 2000 HIGH

Thursday
1/16/20

Other countries (Japan, South Korea, Thailand) confirm cases, according to World Health Organization (WHO) first situation report.⁵

Monday
1/20/20

China confirms human-to-human transmission, indicating possibility of rapid spread.⁶

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, says National Institute of Health is working on a vaccine.⁷

First case in U.S. confirmed; 30-year-old man in Washington state who visited Wuhan.⁸

Tuesday
1/21/20

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Wuhan shut down. 570 infected worldwide with 17 deaths. ⁹ WHO says this is not yet a global health emergency. ¹⁰	Thursday 1/23/20	29,160	↑2.2%	3,326	↑2.9%	1,685	↑1.0%
China reports 1,287 cases and 41 deaths. ¹¹	Friday 1/24/20	28,990	↑1.6%	3,295	↑2.0%	1,662	↓-0.4%
U.S. confirms five new cases, all people who traveled to Wuhan during outbreak. ¹²	Sunday 1/26/20	28,536	0.0%	3,244	↑0.4%	1,644	↓-1.5%
U.S. expands screening of international travelers; says risk to Americans is low. Health and Human Services Sec. Alex Azar says “Americans should not worry for their own safety.” ¹³	Tuesday 1/28/20	28,723	↑0.6%	3,276	↑1.4%	1,658	↓-0.6%
White House announces new task force to keep Americans informed about health and travel information regarding the virus. ¹⁴	Wednesday 1/29/20	28,734	↑0.7%	3,273	↑1.3%	1,649	↓-1.2%
WHO declares global emergency; “a public health emergency of global concern.” ¹⁵ Trump says, “We think we have it very well under control.” Describes U.S. cases as “very little problem.” Says those affected “recuperating successfully.” ¹⁶	Thursday 1/30/20	28,859	↑1.1%	3,284	↑1.6%	1,648	↓-1.2%
Trump restricts travel from China; 9,800 infected and 213 deaths. ¹⁷ U.S. declares public health emergency; takes steps to restrict entry. ¹⁸	Friday 1/31/20	28,256	↓-1.0%	3,226	↓-0.2%	1,614	↓-3.3%
First death reported outside China; 44-year-old man from Phillipines; 360 dead. ¹⁹	Sunday 2/2/20	28,400	↓-0.5%	3,249	↑0.6%	1,632	↓-2.2%

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China criticizes U.S. government's travel restrictions in reaction to outbreak. ²⁰	Monday 2/3/20	28,400	↓-0.5%	3,249	↑0.6%	1,632	↓-2.2%
Diamond Princess cruise ship quarantined off coast of Japan. 3,600 passengers; 700+ cases. ²¹	Wednesday 2/5/20	29,291	↑2.6%	3,335	↑3.2%	1,682	↑0.8%
Chinese doctor (Dr. Li Wenliang) who tried to raise the alarm dies. Had been reprimanded in early January. ²²	Friday 2/7/20	29,103	↑2.0%	3,328	↑3.0%	1,657	↓-0.7%
WHO officially names the new coronavirus COVID-19. "Co" for coronavirus, "Vi" for virus, "D" for disease, 2019 for year. ²³	Tuesday 2/11/20	29,276	↑2.6%	3,358	↑3.9%	1,678	↑0.5%
China death toll at 1,113; confirmed cases at 44,653; 3,893 cases outside China in 24 countries. ²⁴ DJIA HIGH	Wednesday 2/12/20	29,551	↑3.5%	3,379	↑4.6%	1,689	↑1.3%
More than 14,000 new cases in Hubei Province. ²⁵	Thursday 2/13/20	29,423	↑3.1%	3,374	↑4.4%	1,694	↑1.5%
France reports first death in Europe, an 80-year-old Chinese tourist. ²⁶	Friday 2/14/20	29,398	↑3.0%	3,380	↑4.6%	1,688	↑1.1%
China reports 143 deaths, drop in new cases. WHO says China has "bought the world time." ²⁷ <i>Qiushi</i> , Communist Party journal, reveals Chinese President Xi knew about virus two weeks prior to commenting publicly. ²⁸	Saturday 2/15/20	29,232	↑2.4%	3,370	↑4.3%	1,684	↑0.9%
443 passengers leave the Diamond Princess in Japan; 621 infected remain onboard. ²⁹ S&P 500 HIGH	Wednesday 2/19/20	29,348	↑2.8%	3,386	↑4.8%	1,693	↑1.4%

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WHO reports 76,000 global cases. ³⁰	Thursday 2/20/20	29,220	↑2.4%	3,373	↑4.4%	1,696	↑1.7%
Secretive South Korean church linked to surge of infections there. Government shuts kindergartens, nursing homes, community centers. Virus now in Iran, unknown source. ³¹	Friday 2/21/20	28,992	↑1.6%	3,338	↑3.3%	1,679	↑0.6%
Italy surges to 150+ cases and locks down towns. ³²	Sunday 2/23/20	27,961	↓-2.0%	3,226	↓-0.2%	1,628	↓-2.4%
Trump asks Congress for \$1.25 billion for response to coronavirus. U.S. has 35 cases, no deaths. ³³	Monday 2/24/20	27,961	↓-2.0%	3,226	↓-0.2%	1,628	↓-2.4%
Dow Jones Industrial Average drops 1,000 pts; worst in two years. Fears virus will weaken economy. ³⁴							
S&P 500 down 3%. Trump's top economic advisor, Larry Kudlow, assures investors the administration has the virus "contained." Says it may be a "human tragedy" but won't be an "economic tragedy." ³⁵	Tuesday 2/25/20	27,081	↓-5.1%	3,128	↓-3.2%	1,572	↓-5.8%
National Institute of Health (NIH) says clinical trial of antiviral drug remdesivir in adults with the virus has begun at University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. ³⁶							
Latin America reports first case, 61-year-old man who had returned from Italy. ³⁷	Wednesday 2/26/20	26,958	↓-5.5%	3,116	↓-3.5%	1,553	↓-6.9%
CDC reports first case of suspected local transmission in U.S. to patient with no travel history to an outbreak area. ³⁸							
Trump says widespread U.S. outbreak is not inevitable; top health officials tell Americans more infections are coming. ³⁹	Thursday 2/27/20	25,767	↓-9.7%	2,979	↓-7.8%	1,498	↓-10.2%

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Number of infections in Europe spikes (Italy 800 cases; Germany almost 60, France 57). Cases in 14 other countries traced back to Italy. Sub-Saharan Africa reports first case, Italian citizen who returned from Milan. ⁴⁰	Friday 2/28/20	25,409	↓-11.0%	2,954	↓-8.6%	1,476	↓-11.5%
First death in U.S. (Washington state—two deaths in WA state nursing home later recorded as first U.S.). ⁴¹	Saturday 2/29/20	26,703	↓-6.4%	3,090	↓-4.4%	1,518	↓-9.0%
Global cases 87,000+. Number of cases increases in Iran, Italy, and South Korea. ⁴²							
Florida governor declares public health emergency in state. Kentucky, New York, Maryland, Utah, and Oregon follow shortly. ⁴³	Sunday 3/1/20	26,703	↓-6.4%	3,090	↓-4.4%	1,518	↓-9.0%
Center for Disease Control (CDC) lifts all federal restrictions on testing, allowing widespread testing; WHO reports 90,000 infected and 3,000 dead. ⁴⁴	Tuesday 3/3/20	25,917	↓-9.2%	3,003	↓-7.0%	1,486	↓-10.9%
Federal Reserve “cuts its benchmark interest rate by a sizable half-percentage” to support economy due to spread of the virus. ⁴⁵							
Senate okays \$8.3 billion for federal public health agencies to be used for vaccines, tests, potential treatments. ⁴⁶	Thursday 3/5/20	26,121	↓-8.5%	3,024	↓-6.4%	1,479	↓-11.4%
Trump blocks visitors from Europe (but not Great Britain). ⁴⁷	Wednesday 3/11/20	23,553	↓-17.5%	2,741	↓-15.1%	1,264	↓-24.2%
Dow Jones Industrial Average falls into a bear market. Dow has fallen more than 20% from last peak on Feb. 12. ⁴⁸							
WHO calls coronavirus a national pandemic; says first pandemic caused by a coronavirus. Stock markets plunge. ⁴⁹							
Trump declares national emergency. ⁵⁰	Friday 3/13/20	23,186	↓-18.8%	2,711	↓-16.1%	1,210	↓-27.5%

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CDC recommends gatherings of no more than 50. ⁵¹	Sunday 3/15/20	20,189	↓-29.3%	2,386	↓-26.1%	1,037	↓-37.8%
Dow dives 13%, worst drop in 30 years. ⁵²	Monday 3/16/20	20,189	↓-29.3%	2,386	↓-26.1%	1,037	↓-37.8%
France declares nationwide lockdown. WHO says 6,500 infections, 140 deaths in France European Union closes 26 countries to travel for 30 days. First coordinated response by EU. ⁵³	Tuesday 3/17/20	21,237	↓-25.6%	2,529	↓-21.7%	1,107	↓-33.7%
Leaked federal plan warns new pandemic “will last 18 months or longer” and may come in “mutiple waves” of infections. ⁵⁴							
Trump announces he’ll “invoke the Defense Production Act to marshal the private sector in response to the pandemic.” ⁵⁵ RUSSELL 2000 LOW	Wednesday 3/18/20	19,899	↓-30.3%	2,398	↓-25.8%	991	↓-40.6%
China reports no new local infections for previous day; Italy’s death toll (400+) surpasses China’s. ⁵⁶	Thursday 3/19/20	20,087	↓-29.6%	2,409	↓-25.4%	1,059	↓-36.5%
Italy surpasses China in coronavirus-related deaths. 3,405 dead. California governor issues stay-at-home order in his state. ⁵⁷							
New York City declared epicenter in U.S. ⁵⁸ Stocks have worst week since 2008 as effect from coronavirus hits harder. Dow sinks 900 points. Illinois and New York issue stay-at-home orders, affecting 70 million Americans. ⁵⁹	Friday 3/20/20	19,174	↓-32.8%	2,305	↓-28.7%	1,014	↓-39.2%
Companies move to increase medical supplies; Hawaii’s governor declares mandatory 14-day quarantine for arriving visitors. ⁶⁰	Saturday 3/21/20	20,944	↓-26.6%	2,471	↓-23.5%	1,072	↓-35.8%

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<p>Boris Johnson locks down Britain.⁶¹</p> <p>New York City confirms 21,000 cases; largest epicenter of outbreak in U.S.⁶²</p> <p>DJIA LOW; S&P 500 LOW</p>	Monday 3/23/20	18,592	↓-34.9%	2,237	↓-30.7%	1,002	↓-39.9%
<p>Tokyo Olympics delayed to 2021</p> <p>India starts 21-day lockdown.⁶³</p> <p>Trump speaks of loosening restrictions; says he hopes to have country “opened up and just raring to go by Easter.”⁶⁴</p>	Tuesday 3/24/20	20,705	↓-27.4%	2,447	↓-24.2%	1,097	↓-34.3%
<p>U.S. has most cases in world; 81,321 cases, 1,000+ deaths.⁶⁵</p>	Thursday 3/26/20	22,552	↓-21.0%	2,630	↓-18.6%	1,180	↓-29.3%
<p>Trump signs stimulus bill, unprecedented \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package.⁶⁶</p>	Friday 3/27/20	21,637	↓-24.2%	2,541	↓-21.3%	1,132	↓-32.2%
<p>CDC travel advisory for New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut.⁶⁷</p>	Saturday 3/28/20	22,327	↓-21.8%	2,627	↓-18.7%	1,158	↓-30.6%
<p>Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Kansas, North Carolina issue stay-at-home orders (265 million Americans).⁶⁸</p>	Monday 3/30/20	22,327	↓-21.8%	2,627	↓-18.7%	1,158	↓-30.6%
<p>Over 1/3 of humanity is under some form of lockdown; 80% of Americans under lockdown. 35 states have stay-at-home orders.⁶⁹</p>	Tuesday 3/31/20	21,917	↓-23.2%	2,585	↓-20.0%	1,153	↓-30.9%
<p>Authorities report almost 922,000 confirmed cases worldwide; approximately 656,000 active, 193,000 recoveries, 46,000 deaths.⁷⁰</p>	Wednesday 4/1/20	20,944	↓-26.6%	2,471	↓-23.5%	1,072	↓-35.8%

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