

# Then to now: the COVID-19 pandemic

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2020



**DEC. 31, 2019**  
World Health Organization notified of pneumonia cluster from "unknown cause" in Wuhan

**JAN. 7, 2020**  
Chinese authorities isolate the novel coronavirus, share genetic sequence on Jan. 12

**JAN. 9, 2020**  
First death from novel coronavirus reported in Wuhan

**JAN. 21, 2020**  
First U.S. coronavirus case confirmed by CDC in Washington man

**JAN. 23, 2020**  
University of Kentucky sends first campus message about the novel coronavirus

**JAN. 31, 2020**  
WHO declares public health emergency as world surpasses 200 deaths

**FEB. 3, 2020**  
United States declares public health emergency

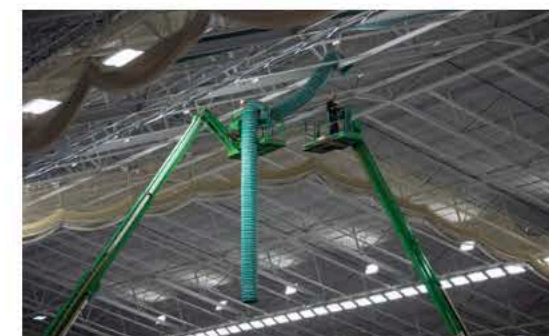
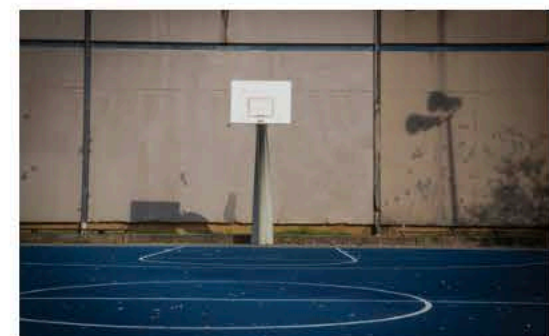
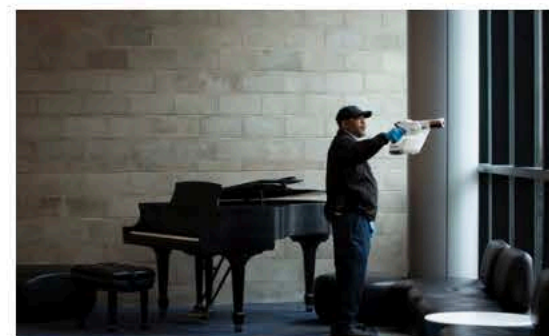
**FEB. 6, 2020**  
First U.S. death from COVID-19 occurs, but is not confirmed until April through postmortem testing

**FEB. 11, 2020**  
WHO announces official name of new disease as COVID-19

**MARCH 2, 2020**  
UK expands travel restrictions, begins to extricate students studying abroad

**MARCH 6, 2020**  
First case of COVID-19 confirmed in Kentucky, in isolation at UK Chandler Hospital

**MARCH 11, 2020**  
WHO declares COVID-19 a global pandemic  
UK announces that classes will be held online for two weeks following spring break



**MARCH 12, 2020**  
All NCAA tournaments, including March Madness, canceled

**MARCH 13, 2020**  
Last day of in-person instruction at UK

**MARCH 16, 2020**  
Gov. Andy Beshear announces state of emergency, issues first wave of restrictions

**MARCH 17, 2020**  
UK announces the rest of the semester will be held online

**MARCH 25, 2020**  
U.S. Senate votes unanimously to pass first round of relief for Americans with CARES Act

**MARCH 27, 2020**  
Students move all belongings out of dorms, campus facilities adjusted for social distancing

**APRIL 3, 2020**  
UK announces plans for field hospital on campus

**APRIL 8, 2020**  
76-day lockdown ends in Wuhan, city of virus's origin, with worst yet to come for other countries

**APRIL 10, 2020**  
Refunds for spring costs transfer into student accounts

**APRIL 28, 2020**  
U.S. surpasses 1 million cases of COVID-19

**MAY 1, 2020**  
UK announces it will reopen for fall semester

**MAY 22, 2020**  
Restaurants allowed to reopen in Kentucky



**MAY 27, 2020**  
U.S. surpasses 100,000 deaths from COVID-19

**JUNE 8, 2020**  
New Zealand lifts most COVID-19 restrictions after 'eliminating' virus

**JULY 9, 2020**  
Gov. Andy Beshear signs executive order mandating masks in public spaces, businesses

**JULY 17, 2020**  
Two weeks after the Fourth of July, the U.S. records its highest-yet daily new cases at 75,119

**AUG. 17, 2020**  
First day of fall semester as UK resumes in-person classes for first time since pandemic began

**SEPT. 9, 2020**  
Kentucky surpasses 1,000 deaths from COVID-19

**SEPT. 23, 2020**  
UK surpasses 1,000 student cases of COVID-19 since fall semester began

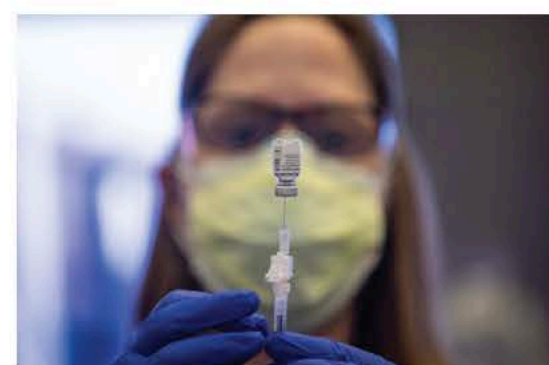
**SEPT. 27, 2020**  
First hospitalization of UK student reported

**OCT. 2, 2020**  
President Donald Trump is announced to have COVID-19 and is hospitalized

**NOV. 9, 2020**  
U.S. records more than 10 million cases of COVID-19

**NOV. 24, 2020**  
In-person aspect of fall semester, first reopened semester, ends

**DEC. 11, 2020**  
First vaccine against COVID-19 approved for emergency use by FDA



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**DEC. 15, 2020**  
UK HealthCare begins first COVID-19 vaccinations for medical staff

**DEC. 18, 2020**  
Second COVID-19 vaccine, from Moderna, approved by FDA

**DEC. 17, 2020**  
President Trump signs second COVID relief bill into law, releasing \$900 billion in aid

**JAN. 8, 2021**  
New daily cases in the U.S. peak at 315,179, according to CDC following family gatherings for holidays

**JAN. 13, 2021**  
UK begins vaccinations for non-healthcare employees

**JAN. 19, 2021**  
UK opens mass vaccine clinic at Kroger Field

**JAN. 20, 2021**  
President Joe Biden signs national mandate requiring masks to be worn on federal property

**JAN. 25, 2021**  
Classes begin for third semester since pandemic began

**JAN. 26, 2021**  
Kentucky confirms first cases of COVID-19 variants

**FEB. 9, 2020**  
UK commits to vaccinating all employees

**FEB. 22, 2020**  
U.S. surpasses 500,000 deaths from COVID-19 in 11 months

**FEB. 26, 2021**  
Third COVID-19 vaccine, which had trials in Lexington through UK, is approved by FDA