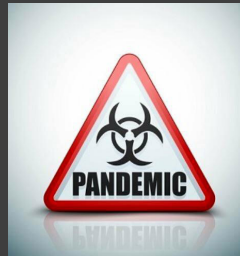


COVID-19: Timeline Continued

11 March 2020

World Health Organization declares the coronavirus outbreak as a global pandemic. This is defined as “a worldwide spread of a new disease for which most people do not have immunity”.



11 March 2020

Tom Hanks and his wife, Rita, announced they tested positive for COVID-19. They made the announcement on Instagram and said they would self isolate in Australia where he was filming for a movie. This was the first major celebrity to announce a positive



13 March 2020

President Donald Trump declares a national state of emergency, which allowed for the allocation of \$50 billion to fight against the pandemic in the United States.

March

On March 13, three states announced plans to close schools for an unforeseeable amount of time in concern for student and staff safety and health. Two days later on the 15th, 29 more states joined in on statewide school closures.

Sources used include who.int for initial dates, nbcnews.com for their COVID timeline, and pharmaceutical-technology.com for specifics on Italy.

Hard hit Italy continued to see a surge in positive cases throughout March. On March 16, Italian officials announced a total of 28,000 cases which grew by 3,000 from the day before. By the drastic increase in positive tests, officials announced they foresaw a total of 90,000 positive cases in Italy by the end of April.

16 March

President Donald Trump advised all Americans to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, halt any discretionary travel, and avoid eating out.

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Major Iowa Developments

Iowa Schools

March 13: Des Moines Public Schools announce they will close until March 29. They were the first district to announce a closure.

March 15: Gov. Reynolds recommends schools close for four weeks but does not require it at the time. Later this became a required mandate.

March 17: Gov. Reynolds signs a bill to waive required amount of school days due to closures.

April 2: School closures were extended to April 30th.

April 17: Gov. Reynolds announced schools will remain closed for the rest of the year. While schools weren't open, districts were required to provide continuous learning opportunities until the end of year.

June 1: School activities resume.



11 March 2020

All three Iowa universities, The University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and The University of Northern Iowa, announced they would move instruction online for the rest of the school year.

17 March 2020

Gov. Reynolds issues a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency. This order meant the closure of restaurants and bars, fitness centers, theatres, and casinos. All gatherings were limited to 10 people or less.



24 March 2020

The first COVID related death was announced. The individual was between the ages of 61 - 80 and lived in Dubuque county.

Who is Who

President Trump



"The Decision Maker" throughout COVID-19. He determined the course for the nation on testing, closures, and economic concerns.

Dr. Anthony Fauci



The top infectious disease expert in the United States since 1984. Dr. Fauci provided insight to the White House Administration throughout the pandemic.

Gov. Kim Reynolds



The governor of Iowa who was responsible for the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the crisis, Gov. Reynolds made decisions about closures of businesses and schools along with how to make testing available to sick Iowans.