THE COVID – 19 PANDEMIC DECEMBER 2019 -???

(3 YEARS & COUNTING)



1st year

December 12th, 2019 - Patients in China begin to experience symptoms of a pneumonia-like illness that does not respond to standard treatments.

December 31st, 2019 – The "WHO" Country Office in China is informed. All initial cases seem to be connected to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market

January 1st, 2020 - The Huanan Seafood Market is closed due to worries of the "2002-2004 SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus or SARS-CoV-1) outbreak."

January 2nd, 2020 - WHO activates Incident Management Team across Headquarters

January 5th, 2020 - Disease spreads throughout China. Public Health officials share genetic sequence of the atypical virus with the rest of the world.

January 10th, 2020 - WHO publishes information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus on its website.

January 13th, 2020 - The Thailand Ministry of Public Health confirms for laboratory confirmed case outside of China.

January 15th, 2020 - Japanese Ministry of Health reports laboratory-confirmed case

January 17th, 2020 – CDC begins screening passengers for symptoms of the Coronavirus on direct & connecting flights from Wuhan, China to San Francisco, New York City, & Los Angeles.

January 19th, 2020 - CDC reports 1st laboratory-confirmed case of the Novel Coronavirus in the U.S.A in Washington State.

January 21st - CDC Artists create "An Identity" for the SARS-CoV-2 Virus

January 22nd, 2020 - WHO's International Health Regulation Emergency Committee meets and decides to not declare the 2019 Novel Coronavirus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). Instead, the committee decides to monitor the situation and reconvene in 10 days to re-evaluate.

January 23rd, 2020 - Wuhan, China is placed under lockdown due to Coronavirus outbreak.

January 28, 2020 - CDC issues a Level 3 Travel Health Notice—advising travelers to avoid all non-essential travel to China due to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus outbreak.

January 31, 2020 - CDC issues 14-day federal quarantine orders to all 195 U.S. citizens who were repatriated back to the U.S. on January 29, 2020, from Wuhan, China.

WHO's International Health Regulation Emergency Committee reconvenes early to declare the 2019 Novel Coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), declares the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a public health emergency.

February 3, 2020 - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) directs all flights from China and all passengers who have traveled to China within the last 14 days to be routed through one of eleven airports in the U.S. for enhanced screening procedures and possible quarantine. U.S. citizens who have been in Hubei province within 14 days of their return are subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine.

CDC submits an emergency use authorization (EUA) to FDA to expedite approval for a CDC developed SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test.

February 11, 2020 - WHO announces the official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 Novel Coronavirus outbreak: "COVID-19." The new name of this disease is an abbreviated version of "Coronavirus Disease 2019."

February 23, 2020 - As Italy becomes a global COVID-19 hotspot, the Italian government issues Decree-Law No. 6, containing urgent measures to contain and manage the epidemiological emergency caused by COVID-19, effectively locking down the country.

February 25, 2020 - CDC's Dr. Nancy Meissonier, the incident manager for the COVID-19 response, holds a telebriefing and braces the nation to expect mitigation efforts to contain the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the U.S. that may include school closings, workplace shutdowns, and the canceling of large gatherings and public events, stating that the "disruption to everyday life may be severe."

March 11, 2020 - After more than 118,000 cases in 114 countries and 4,291 deaths, the WHO declares COVID-19 a pandemic.

March 13, 2020 - The Trump Administration declares a nationwide emergency and issues an additional travel ban on non-U.S. citizens traveling from 26 European countries due to COVID-19.

March 14, 2020 - CDC issues a "no sail order" for all cruise ships—calling for them to cease activity in all waters that the U.S. holds jurisdiction over.

March 15, 2020 - States begin to implement shutdowns in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The New York City public school system— the largest school system in the U.S., with 1.1 million students— shuts down, while Ohio calls for restaurants and bars to close.

March 17, 2020 - Moderna Therapeutics begin the first human trials of a vaccine to protect against COVID-19 at a research facility in Seattle, Washington.

March 27, 2020 - The Trump Administration signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The act includes funding for \$1,200 per adult (with expanded payments for families with children), expanded unemployment benefits, forgivable small business loans, loans to major industries and corporations, and expanded funding to state and local governments in response to the economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

Apple releases an app with a COVID-19 symptom and exposure questionnaire telling people how to isolate and monitor symptoms and giving recommendations on testing and when to contact a medical provider if they believe they have contracted or have been exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

March 31, 2020 - At a White House Press Briefing, Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Brix announce that between 100,000 and 240,000 deaths in the U.S. are expected—even if social distancing and public health measures are perfectly enacted.

April 3, 2020 - At a White House press briefing, CDC announces new mask wearing guidelines and recommends that all people wear a mask when outside of the home.

April 4th, 2020 - More than 1 million cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed worldwide.

April 20th, 2020 - As the pandemic grows, shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) become dire.

April 30, 2020 - The Trump Administration launches Operation Warp Speed, an initiative to produce a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 virus as quickly as possible.

Since mid-March 2020, more than 26.5 million people in the U.S. have filed for unemployment, increasing the number of people without health insurance amid a pandemic.

May 9th, 2020 - The unemployment rate in the U.S. is 14.7 % - the highest since the Great Depression

May 28th, 2020 - The recorded death toll from COVID-19 in the U.S.A. surpasses 100,000 people.

June 8, 2020 - The World Bank states that the COVID-19 pandemic will plunge the global economy into the worst recession since World War II.

June 10, 2020 - The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. surpasses 2 million.

June 24, 2020 - Three weeks after Black Lives Matter protests broke out across the country in the wake of the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, data from 300 of the largest U.S. cities found no evidence of a COVID-19 spike in the weeks following the beginning of the protests—researchers determined that social distancing behaviors went up as people tried to avoid the protests.

July 9th, 2020 – The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S.A. surpasses 3 million. The U.S.A begins the process of withdrawing from WHO.

July 14, 2020 - CDC again calls on all people to wear cloth face masks when leaving their homes to prevent the spread of COVID-19, calling masks "a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19."

August 14th, 2020 - CDC releases data indicating that most COVID-19 positive people are infectious to others for up to 10 days after symptoms first appear, but that individuals with severe illness or who are immunocompromised may be infectious for up to 20 days.

August 24, 2020 - The first documented case of COVID-19 reinfection is confirmed by the University of Hong Kong.

August 26, 2020 - FDA issues an EUA for Abbott's BinaxNOW Covid-19 Test Kit—a rapid antigen test that can detect a COVID-19 infection in 15 minutes using the same technology as a flu test.

September 22nd, 2020 – The reported death toll in the U.S.A. from COVID-19 surpasses 200,000.

September 30th, 2020 - CDC Extends the no sail order for a cruise ship through

October 7, 2020 - New Zealand lifts restrictions and declares COVID-19 "beaten" after a cluster of 179 cases in Auckland (the country's largest outbreak yet) is fully contained.

November 20, 2020 - As COVID-19 case numbers in the U.S. surge past 11 million, CDC recommends that Americans stay home for Thanksgiving and avoid contact with all people not living in their household for the last 14 days.

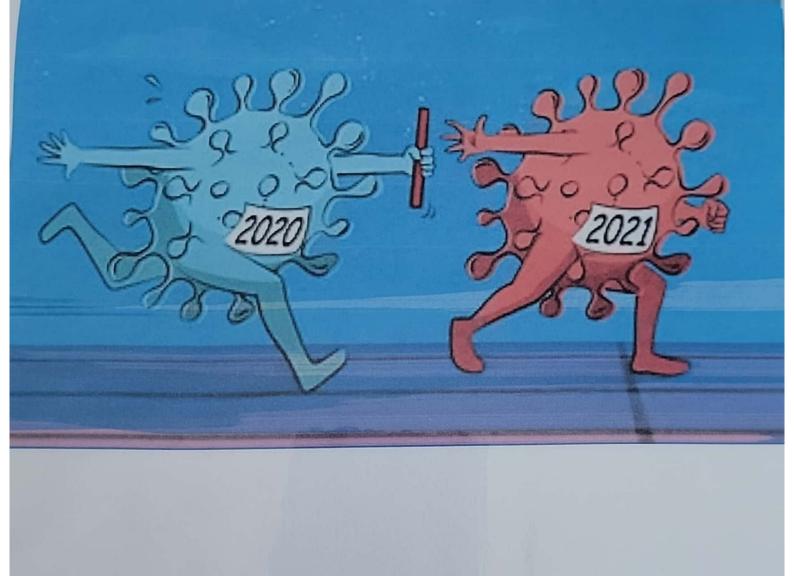
December 17th, 2020 - CDC records the highest number of drug overdose deaths ever in a 12-month period ending in May 2020 in the U.S.—more than 81,000.

December 18th, 2020 - FDA issues an EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

December 24, 2020 - More than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the U.S. in just 10 days: healthcare workers and older adults living in long-term care facilities are the first to be vaccinated with the goal of vaccinating every person as soon as enough vaccine doses are available.

December 27, 2020 - The Trump Administration signs the second COVID Relief Act into law. The bill includes \$900 billion in funding for enhanced unemployment benefits, business loans, the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and testing kits, and direct cash payments of \$600.

December 29, 2020 - The first case of the COVID-19 B.1.1.7 / "Alpha" variant is detected in the U.S. by the Colorado Department of Health.



I CAN'T GO TO THE MOVIE THEATER OR PIZZA PARLOR! I MISS MY CLASSMATES









2nd Year of the pandemic

January 18th, 2021 - The reported death toll from COVID-19 in the US surpasses 400,00 people.

January 21, 2021 - The Biden Administration announces the National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response, an outline of 7 goals to restore trust, vaccinate, test, and treat COVID-19 while protecting schools, businesses, and workers in addition to advancing health equity and building the nation's preparedness for future pandemics, calling it "a wartime undertaking."

The Biden Administration reverses the Trump Administration's attempt to withdraw from WHO and joins the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility "COVAX", a program aimed at vaccinating people in low- and middle-income countries against COVID-19.

January 25, 2021 - The first case of the COVID-19 P.1 / "Gamma" variant, first identified by scientists in Brazil, is detected in Minnesota.

January 26th, 2021- More than 23 million COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the US.

January 28, 2021 - The first case of the COVID-19 B 1.351 / "Beta" variant, first identified by scientists in South Africa, is detected in South Carolina.

February 18, 2021 - An estimated 2.5 million women and 1.8 million men have left the workforce since the start of the pandemic in the U.S.

February 21, 2021 - The recorded COVID-19 death toll in the U.S. surpasses 500,000.

February 27, 2021 - FDA approves an emergency use authorization (EUA) for Johnson & Johnson's one-shot COVID-19 vaccine for all people ages 18 years and older.

February 28, 2021 - ACIP recommends Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for all people ages 18 years and older.

March 8, 2021 - CDC recommends that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely gather with other fully vaccinated people indoors without masks and without socially distancing.

March 11th, 2021 - The Biden administration launches the "Find a Vaccination Website" and a 1-800 Number.

The Biden Administration signs the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan into law. The stimulus bill includes funding for expanded unemployment benefits, rental assistance, and COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as extending the child tax credit for one year and providing direct cash payments of up to \$1,400 per person.

March 29, 2021 - A CDC study finds that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, are highly effective at preventing infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus in real-world conditions among healthcare personnel, first responders, and other essential workers (groups that are more likely than the general population to be exposed to the virus because of their occupations), reducing their risk of infection by 90%.

April 21, 2021 - More than 200 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the U.S.

June 1, 2021 - The COVID-19 B.1.617.2 / "Delta" variant, first identified in India, becomes the dominant variant in the U.S. The variant begins a third wave of infections during the summer of 2021.

July 9, 2021 - CDC and FDA release a joint statement assuring the public that Americans who have been fully vaccinated do not need a booster shot at this time.

July 27, 2021 - Amid a Delta variant surge, CDC releases updated masking guidance recommending that everyone in areas with substantial or high transmission wear a mask indoors.

August 11, 2021 - CDC releases a statement assuring the public that COVID-19 vaccination is safe for pregnant and breastfeeding people. CDC studies have found that an infection with COVID-19 during pregnancy increases the risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 and that there is no evidence that any vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems in women or men.

August 13, 2021 - ACIP recommends an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine after the two-dose vaccine series.

August 18, 2021 - HHS, CDC, and FDA release a statement concluding that booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines will be needed to protect against severe disease, hospitalization, and death in the coming months.

September 3, 2021 - CDC announces an additional \$300 million in funding for community health worker services to support COVID-19 prevention and control.

September 24, 2021 - ACIP recommends Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine boosters for all people to be given at least 6 months after their primary vaccination series.

October 6, 2021 - WHO publishes a clinical case definition of "post COVID-19 condition" or long COVID. The symptoms of long COVID include, but are not limited to, fatigue, shortness of breath, and / or cognitive dysfunction that persists for at least two months and impacts everyday life, three months from the onset of an initial COVID-19 infection.

October 7th, 2021- CDC adds mental health conditions to the list of risk factors associated with severe illness from COVID-19

October 21, 2021 - ACIP recommends Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine boosters for all people ages 65 years and older and all people ages 18 years and older who are residents of long-term care settings, have underlying medical conditions, and who live or work high-risk settings to be given least 6 months after their primary vaccination series. ACIP also recommends booster shots for everyone who received Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine more than two months ago.

October 29, 2021 - CDC releases data in MMWR showing that unvaccinated individuals who had been recently infected with COVID-19 were about 5 times more likely to be re-infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus than fully vaccinated individuals with no prior COVID-19 infections.

November 2, 2021 - ACIP recommends the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric COVID-19 vaccine for all children ages 5-11 years.

November 8, 2021 - All non-citizens who are traveling to the U.S. will now be required to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to fly to the U.S.

November 10, 2021 - CDC and WHO report that more than 22 million infants missed their first dose of the measles vaccine in 2020. This is the largest global increase of unvaccinated children in two decades.

November 26, 2021 - WHO designates the COVID-19 "Omicron" variant, first identified by scientists in South Africa, as a "variant of concern." Changes in the spike protein of the Omicron variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, concern scientists around the world due to the potential for increased transmissibility and decreased vaccine protection.

November 29, 2021 - CDC recommends that everyone ages 18 years and older who received a Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine should receive a booster shot 2 months after their initial J&J vaccine.

December 9, 2021 - CDC and FDA expand COVID-19 booster recommendations to include everyone ages 16 years and older.

December 15, 2021 - The recorded death toll from COVID-19 surpasses 800,000 in the U.S.

December 23rd, 2021 - CDC updates its recommendations for the isolation and quarantine periods for healthcare workers, decreasing their isolation time after infection with COVID-19. Asymptomatic healthcare workers can now return to work after 7 days with a negative test and healthcare workers who have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines doses, including a booster, do not need to quarantine after a high-risk exposure.

December 27, 2021 -

CDC shortens the recommended isolation period for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask around others if they are asymptomatic or if their symptoms are resolving (resolving is defined as without a fever for 24 hours)

CDC updates the recommended quarantine period for people exposed to someone with COVID-19 to wear a mask around others for 10 days and get tested on day 5 if you have been boosted or vaccinated within the last 6 months. If the exposed individual is unvaccinated, CDC now recommends a quarantine period of 5 days, followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.

January 3rd, 2022 - FDA amends the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to allow a single booster dose for all individuals ages 12–15 years; shortens the time-period between the completion of primary vaccination series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months; and allows for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children ages 5–11 years.

January 4, 2022 - ACIP shortens the recommended time between the primary vaccination series and a booster shot for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine from 6 months to 5 months.

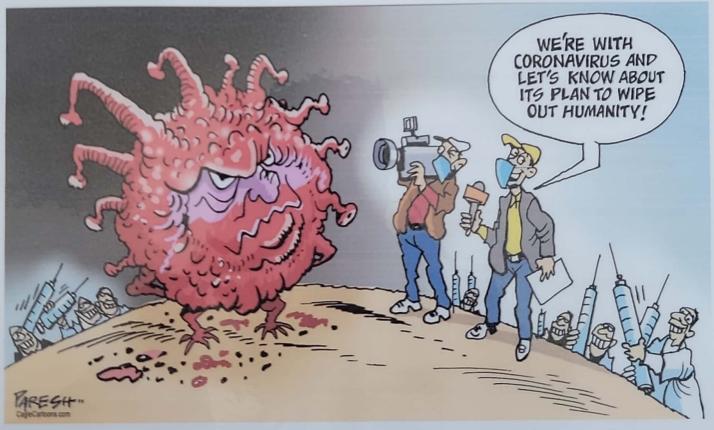
ACIP recommends that moderately or severely immunocompromised children ages 5-11 years receive an additional primary dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

January 5, 2022 - ACIP recommends that all adolescents ages 12–17 years receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

January 7, 2022 - FDA amends the EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to shorten the time between the primary series of the vaccine and a booster dose from at least 5 months to 6 months for individuals ages 18 years and older. The same day, CDC endorses the FDA's recommendation.

January 14, 2022 - CDC updates guidelines on masks to emphasize fit, comfort, and consistent wear.





Year 3 of the COVID-19 Pandemic

January 19, 2022 - The Biden Administration purchases 1 billion COVID-19 tests and creates an online portal where people can order free at-home rapid antigen COVID-19 tests through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

January 31, 2022 - FDA fully approves the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

February 4th, 2022 - The number of recorded deaths in the U.S. due to COVID-19 surpasses 900,000.

February 18th, 2022 - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services confirms that a child in Wisconsin has died from multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), a rare but serious condition associated with COVID-19 infection in children.

March 2, 2022 - WHO releases data showing that the COVID-19 pandemic triggered a 25% increase in anxiety and depression worldwide, with young people and women at the highest risk.

March 3, 2022 - CDC updates the "COVID-19 Community Level," showing that more than 90% of the U.S. population is in a location with either low or medium COVID-19 community transmission level.

March 5, 2022 - More than 10 billion people have received a COVID-19 vaccine, with WHO reporting that 10,704,043,684 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered worldwide. About 56% of the world is now fully vaccinated

March 8, 2022 - Hawaii becomes the last state to announce an end to its universal indoor mask mandate, scheduled for March 26, 2022.

March 14, 2022 - Several regions in China face new lockdowns under the "COVID Zero" policy when cases of the Omicron variant are found.

March 15th, 2022 - India begins vaccinating adolescents ages 12-14 years with the COVID-19 vaccine Corbeau

Schools reopen after two years of closures. School aged children return to school 2 days a week alternating with tele-school.

CDC outlines its goals for the third year of a global COVID-19 response: to increase vaccination levels around the world, reduce spread of COVID-19 and its impact, expand scientific knowledge of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and strengthen public health leadership while improving long-term health security worldwide.

March 29, 2022 - CDC and FDA both recommend a second mRNA COVID-19 vaccine booster for immunocompromised individuals and all adults ages 50 and older 4 months after their last booster dose.

April 18, 2022 - CDC's mask mandate for indoor public transportation is struck down by a judge in Florida.

April 21, 2022 - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) extends the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for all non-citizens entering the U.S.

April 22, 2022 - For the second year in a row, COVID-19 was the third leading cause of death in the U.S.- after heart disease and cancer.

May 12, 2022 - The number of recorded deaths due to COVID-19 in the U.S. reaches 1 million (1,000,000).

Initial research suggests that between 4% and 36% of all people infected with COVID-19 will experience symptoms lasting at least six-months.

May 28, 2022 - The weekly average of new COVID-19 infections in the U.S. is now six times higher than it was in 2021. Currently, there are 119,725 new cases reported each week.

June 2, 2022 - A Kaiser Foundation study tested three widespread false statements about COVID-19 vaccines: "pregnant women should not get the COVID-19 vaccine; it is unsafe for women who are breastfeeding to get a COVID-19 vaccine; and the COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to cause infertility."

June 10, 2022 - The global market for N95 masks is predicted to reach \$11.8 billion by 2026.

June 18, 2022 - ACIP recommends Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccines for everyone ages 6 months - 5 years.

June 30, 2022 - The highly transmissible omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5., FDA calls for Omicron-specific updates to COVID-19 vaccine boosters.

July 8, 2022 - New York Department of Health recommends that all people should wear N95, KN95, or KF94 masks in all public indoor settings and when in crowded outdoor areas due to high community transmission of COVID-19.

