TWO YEARS OF COVID-19

March 2022 marks two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Keeping up with the rapid pace of developments has been a challenge. *U* Magazine offers this timeline of selected milestones over the past two years, current to February 6, 2022.

2020

JAN 25
CDC confirms California's first coronavirus case, the third case in the U.S.

FEB 6
California woman is first confirmed coronavirus death in the U.S.

MARCH 4
Gov. Newsom declares state of emergency in California.

MARCH 11
WHO declares coronavirus a pandemic. President Trump bans travelers from parts of Europe from entering U.S. for 30 days.

MARCH 13
President Trump declares national emergency. LA Unified School District announces school closures.

MARCH 19
Gov. Newsom issues statewide shelter-in-place order. Most non-essential retail businesses closed.

MARCH 25
Gov. Newsom announces all California residents age 16 or older can get vaccine beginning in April.

MAY 12
CDC advisory committee recommends Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12 to 15.

JUNE 15
U.S. surpasses 600,000 COVID-19 deaths.

JUNE 15
California drops most masking, distancing and capacity requirements as state economy fully reopens.

JULY 15
LA County health officials announce masks again required indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

AUG 12
FDA authorizes third dose of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for certain individuals.

AUG 23
FDA approves Pfizer vaccine for people age 16 and older; it is first COVID vaccine to move out of emergency-use authorization in the U.S.

SEP 22
FDA authorizes booster shots for older recipients of Pfizer vaccine.

OCT 20
FDA authorizes booster shots for older recipients of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

NOV 1
Global death toll surpasses 5 million.

NOV 2
CDC approves Pfizer's vaccine for children ages 5 to 11.

NOV 8
U.S. reopens borders to fully vaccinated international travelers with proof of COVID-19 vaccination and a negative test.

NOV 19
FDA approves Pfizer and Moderna boosters for all adults.

NOV 27
WHO alert of a "variant of concern" leads to renewed U.S. travel restrictions.

APRIL 3
CDC and White House Coronavirus Task Force recommend Americans mask in public.

JUNE 18
Gov. Newsom issues statewide mask mandate.

JULY 27
Pfizer and Moderna begin large-scale trials of potential COVID-19 vaccines.

OCT 22
Remdesivir becomes first drug approved by FDA to treat COVID-19.

DEC 11
FDA approves emergency-use authorization for Pfizer vaccine.

DEC 18
FDA grants emergency-use authorization to Moderna vaccine.

SEPT 28
Global death toll tops 1 million.

2021

JAN 12
Federal government tells states to begin vaccinating all Americans age 65 and older.

JAN 15
Global death toll tops 2 million.

JAN 25
Gov. Newsom cancels state's stay-at-home order. Some services allowed to reopen with limited capacity.

FEB 4
U.S. surpasses 900,000 COVID-19 deaths.

FEB 12
California announces people 16 to 64 who are disabled or at high risk from COVID-19 will be eligible to be vaccinated.

FEB 16
Pre-K through sixth-grade schools eligible to reopen in LA County.

FEB 22
U.S. surpasses 500,000 COVID-19 deaths.

FEB 27
FDA grants emergency-use authorization for Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

DEC 2
First case of omicron variant in U.S. identified in California patient.

NOV 30
FDA advisory panel recommends authorization of first antiviral pill for COVID-19.

DEC 14
U.S. surpasses 800,000 COVID-19 deaths.

DEC 22 & 23
FDA gives emergecy-use authorization for two COVID-19 antiviral pills to treat people with mild to moderate cases.

DEC 28
U.S. tops 267,000 daily cases, setting new record.

2022

JAN 3
FDA authorizes Pfizer booster for children ages 12 to 15.

JAN 25 & 26
Pfizer and Moderna announce testing of COVID-19 boosters tailored to omicron variant.

JAN 31
FDA approves Moderna vaccine for people 18 and older.

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