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Timeline of Trump's Coronavirus Responses

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- May 2018** The Trump Administration disbands the White House pandemic response team.
- July 2019** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) epidemiologist embedded in China's disease control agency left the post, and the Trump Administration eliminated the role.
- Oct. 2019** "Currently, there are insufficient funding sources designated for the federal government to use in response to a severe influenza pandemic."
- Jan. 22, 2020** "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China. It's going to be just fine."
- Jan. 24, 2020** Trump praises China's handling of the coronavirus: "China has been working very hard to contain the Coronavirus. The United States greatly appreciates their efforts and transparency. It will all work out well. In particular, on behalf of the American People, I want to thank President Xi!"

- Jan. 28, 2020** “This will be the biggest national security threat you face in your presidency...This is going to be the roughest thing you face” Trump’s National Security Advisor to Trump
- Jan. 30, 2020** “The lack of immune protection or an existing cure or vaccine would leave Americans defenseless in the case of a full-blown coronavirus outbreak on US soil,...This lack of protection elevates the risk of the coronavirus evolving into a full-blown pandemic, imperiling the lives of millions of Americans.” [Memo from Trump Trade Advisor Peter Navarro]
- Feb. 2, 2020** “We pretty much shut it down coming in from China.”
- Feb. 7, 2020** “It’s also more deadly than even your strenuous flu... This is deadly stuff” [Trump in a private interview with Bob Woodward from *The Washington Post* made public on Sept. 9, 2020]
- Feb. 10, 2020** “I think the virus is going to be—it’s going to be fine.”
- Feb. 10, 2020** “Looks like by April, you know in theory when it gets a little warmer, it miraculously goes away.”
- Feb. 24, 2020** “The Coronavirus is very much under control in the USA... the Stock Market starting to look very good to me!”
- Feb. 25, 2020** “CDC and my Administration are doing a GREAT job of handling Coronavirus.”
- Feb. 25, 2020** “I think that's a problem that’s going to go away... They have studied it. They know very much. In fact, we’re very close to a vaccine.”
- Feb. 26, 2020** “The 15 (cases in the US) within a couple of days is going to be down to close to zero.”
- Feb. 26, 2020** “We're going very substantially down, not up.”
- Feb. 26, 2020** “Well, we're testing everybody that we need to test. And we're finding very little problem. Very little problem.”
- Feb. 26, 2020** "This is a flu. This is like a flu."
- Feb. 27, 2020** “It’s going to disappear. One day, it’s like a miracle, it will disappear.”
- Feb. 27, 2020** “The ineptness with which the Trump Administration approached this problem is not only serious, it can be deadly if not changed in the approach.” – Rep. Lloyd Doggett [[During a hearing](#), Rep. Doggett questions HHS Sec. Azar on Trump's refusal to take this virus seriously, warning about mask and test shortages]
- Feb. 28, 2020** “We're ordering a lot of supplies. We're ordering a lot of, uh, elements that frankly we wouldn't be ordering unless it was something like this. But we're ordering a lot of different elements of medical.”
- March 2, 2020** “You take a solid flu vaccine, you don't think that could have an impact, or much of an impact, on corona?” [Trump to health officials who answered "No."]
- March 2, 2020** “A lot of things are happening, a lot of very exciting things are happening and they’re happening very rapidly.”

- March 4, 2020** “Now, and this is just my hunch, and — but based on a lot of conversations with a lot of people that do this. Because a lot people will have this and it's very mild.”
- March 4, 2020** “If we have thousands or hundreds of thousands of people that get better just by, you know, sitting around and even going to work — some of them go to work, but they get better.”
- March 5, 2020** “I NEVER said people that are feeling sick should go to work.”
- March 5, 2020** “The United States... has, as of now, only 129 cases... and 11 deaths. We are working very hard to keep these numbers as low as possible!”
- March 6, 2020** “I think we’re doing a really good job in this country at keeping it down... a tremendous job at keeping it down.”
- March 6, 2020** “You have to be calm. It’ll go away.”
- March 6, 2020** “Anybody right now, and yesterday, anybody that needs a test gets a test. They’re there. And the tests are beautiful.... the tests are all perfect like the letter was perfect. The transcription was perfect. Right? This was not as perfect as that but pretty good.”
- March 6, 2020** “I like this stuff. I really get it. People are surprised that I understand it... Every one of these doctors said, ‘How do you know so much about this?’ Maybe I have a natural ability. Maybe I should have done that instead of running for president.”
- March 6, 2020** “I don't need to have the numbers double because of one ship that wasn't our fault.”
- March 7, 2020** “No, I’m not concerned at all.
- March 8, 2020** “We have a perfectly coordinated and fine-tuned plan at the White House for our attack on CoronaVirus.”
- March 9, 2020** During a news conference, White House officials said the U.S. will have tested one million people that week and thereafter would complete 4 million tests per week. By the end of the week, the CDC had only completed a paltry 4,000 tests.
- March 10, 2020** “Just stay calm. It will go away.”
- March 11, 2020** The World Health Organization categorizes the coronavirus as a pandemic due to its alarming spread and severity.
- March 11, 2020** “It goes away....It’s going away. We want it to go away with very, very few deaths.”
- March 11, 2020** "the vast majority of Americans, the risk is very, very low"
- March 12, 2020** “The system is not really geared to what we need right now...That is a failing. Let’s admit it.” [Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to Congress]
- March 12, 2020** "You know, you see what's going on. And so I just wanted that to stop as it pertains to the United States. And that's what we've done. We've stopped it."
- March 13, 2020** “I don’t take responsibility at all.”

- March 13, 2020** The Atlantic reports that less than 14,000 tests have been done in the ten weeks since the Administration had first been notified of the virus, though Mike Pence had promised the week prior that 1.5 million tests would be available by this time.
- March 14, 2020** “I’d rate it a ten,” [Trump’s rating of his coronavirus response]
- March 15, 2020** “Relax”
- March 15, 2020** “This is a very contagious virus. It’s incredible. But it’s something that we have tremendous control over.”
- March 16, 2020** “Respirators, ventilators, all of the equipment-try getting it yourselves,”
- March 17, 2020** “The only thing we haven’t done well is get good press.”
- March 17, 2020** “I felt like it was a pandemic long before it was called a pandemic.”
- March 19, 2020** I intended "to always play it down." [Trump in a private taped interview with Bob Woodward, made public on September 9]
- March 20, 2020** “I say that you're a terrible reporter, that's what I say. I think it's a very nasty question, and I think it's a very bad signal that you're putting out to the American people." [Response to reporter’s question: "What do you say to Americans who are watching you right now who are scared?"]
- March 22, 2020** “WE CANNOT LET THE CURE BE WORSE THAN THE PROBLEM ITSELF.”
- March 24, 2020** “I'm also hopeful to have Americans working again by that Easter - that beautiful Easter day.”
- March 24, 2020** “We’ve never closed down the country for the flu,” Trump said. “So you say to yourself, what is this all about?”
- March 24, 2020** “They have to treat us well, also. They can’t say, ‘Oh, gee, we should get this, we should get that.’”
- March 25, 2020** “The faster we go back, the better it’s going to be.”
- March 26, 2020** The United States becomes the country with the most confirmed coronavirus cases. A title it keeps for the remainder of Trump's time in office.
- March 26, 2020** “Congratulations AMERICA!” [On Senate passage of third relief bill]
- March 26, 2020** “I don't believe you need 40,000 or 30,000 ventilators. You go into major hospitals sometimes, and they’ll have two ventilators. And now all of a sudden they’re saying, ‘Can we order 30,000 ventilators?’”
- March 26, 2020** “We’ve had a big problem with the young, a woman governor from — you know who I’m talking about — from Michigan,”
- March 27, 2020** “I love Michigan, one of the reasons we are doing such a GREAT job for them during this horrible Pandemic. Yet your Governor, Gretchen “Half” Whitmer is way in over her head, she doesn’t have a clue. Likes blaming everyone for her own ineptitude!”

- March 27, 2020** “Mike, don’t call the governor of Washington. You’re wasting your time with him...”
- March 27, 2020** “I want them to be appreciative. We've done a great job.”
- March 27, 2020** “We’re doing a great job for the state of Washington and I think the Governor...he’s constantly chirping and I guess complaining would be a nice way of saying it.”
- March 29, 2020** “Where are the masks going? Are they going out the back door? How do you go from 10,000 to 300,000?”
- March 29, 2020** “Unfortunately the enemy is death. It's death. A lot of people are dying. So it's very unpleasant.”
- March 30, 2020** "Stay calm, it will go away. You know it -- you know it is going away, and it will go away, and we're going to have a great victory."
- March 30, 2020** “I think New York should be fine, based on the numbers that we see, they should have more than enough. I mean, I’m hearing stories that they’re not used or they’re not used right.”
- March 30, 2020** “I haven’t heard about testing in weeks. We’re testing more than any other nation in the world. We’ve got these great tests...But I haven’t heard about testing being a problem.”
- March 30, 2020** “We inherited a broken test — the whole thing was broken.”
- March 31, 2020** “...it’s not the flu. It’s vicious.”
- April 1, 2020** "They have to treat us well, also. They can't say, 'Oh, gee, we should get this, we should get that.'" [Trump's response to governors who were pleading for medical gear and ventilators to treat surging coronavirus hospitalizations]
- April 2, 2020** “Massive amounts of medical supplies... are being delivered directly to states...Some have insatiable appetites & are never satisfied (politics?). The complainers should have been stocked up and ready long before this crisis hit.”
- April 2, 2020** “...the Federal Government is merely a back-up for state governments.”
- April 3, 2020** “I’m feeling good. I just don’t want to be doing -- somehow sitting in the Oval Office behind that beautiful resolute desk, the great resolute desk, I think wearing a face mask as I greet presidents, prime ministers, dictators, kings, queens, I don’t know, somehow I don’t see it for myself. I just don’t. Maybe I’ll change my mind.”
- April 5, 2020** “FEMA, the military — what they’ve done is a miracle...And you should be thanking them for what they’ve done, not always asking wise-guy questions.” [Trump's response to a reporter when asked about slow government response to coronavirus]
- April 6, 2020** “LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!”
- April 6, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 10,000**
- April 7, 2020** "So, you know, things are happening. It's a -- it's -- I haven't seen bad. I've not seen bad."

- April 7, 2020** "You are not going to die from this pill...I really think it's a great thing to try." [Trump promoting Hydroxychloroquine, not FDA approved to treat coronavirus]
- April 7, 2020** "That was a flu. OK. So you could say that I said it was a flu, or you could say the flu is nothing to -- sneeze at," [Regarding Spanish Flu]
- April 8, 2020** "I read about it maybe a day, two days ago,...It was a recommendation that he had, I think he told certain people on the staff, but it didn't matter. I didn't see it." [Trump referring to Peter Navarro's January warning]
- April 9, 2020** "I couldn't have done it any better," [When asked if his coronavirus response could have been better]
- April 11, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 20,000**
- April 13, 2020** "But I guess I'm doing OK, because, to the best of my knowledge, I'm the President of the United States, despite the things that are said."
- April 14, 2020** "Enough!" [When a reporter questioned his claim that his authority as president is "total"]
- April 14, 2020** "[w]hen somebody's the president of the United States, the authority is total."
- April 15, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 30,000**
- April 15, 2020** As Trump focuses on reopening, a leaked CDC and FEMA report warns of "significant risk of resurgence of the virus" with phased reopening.
- April 19, 2020** "Now we're going toward 50, I'm hearing, or 60,000 people [dead from the coronavirus]"
- April 20, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 40,000**
- April 22, 2020** "If [coronavirus] comes back though, it won't be coming back in the form that it was, it will be coming back in smaller doses that we can contain....it's also possible it doesn't come back at all."
- April 23, 2020** "I see the disinfectant that knocks it out in a minute, one minute. And is there a way we can do something like that by injection inside or almost a cleaning? As you see, it gets in the lungs, it does a tremendous number on the lungs, so it would be interesting to check that."
- April 23, 2020** "So, supposing we hit the body with a tremendous, whether its ultraviolet or just very powerful light, and I think you said, that hasn't been checked but you're gonna test it. And then I said, supposing it brought the light inside the body, which you can either do either through the skin or some other way..."
- April 23, 2020** "You see states are starting to open up now, and it's very exciting to see,"
- April 23, 2020** **Over 26 million jobless claims have been filed**
- April 24, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 50,000**

April 26, 2020 “The people that know me and know the history of our Country say that I am the hardest working President in history.”

April 27, 2020 "I can't imagine why," [Trump's response to the influx in poison control calls about disinfectant]

April 29, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 60,000**

April 29, 2020 “It’s gonna go away, this is going to go away.”

May 3, 2020 “Look, we're going to lose anywhere from 75,000, 80,000 to 100,000 people,”

May 5, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 70,000**

May 5, 2020 **Consumer debt hits an all-time high**

May 5, 2020 “Well run States should not be bailing out poorly run States, using CoronaVirus as the excuse!”

May 5, 2020 “I always felt 60, 65, 70, as horrible as that is. I mean, you’re talking about filling up Yankee Stadium with death! So I thought it was horrible. But it’s probably going to be somewhat higher than that,”

May 5, 2020 “There’ll be more death, that the virus will pass, with or without a vaccine. And I think we’re doing very well on the vaccines but, with or without a vaccine, it’s going to pass, and we’re going to be back to normal,”

May 5, 2020 “I don’t want to be Mr. Gloom-and-Doom. It’s a very bad subject,...I’m not looking to tell the American people when nobody really knows what’s happening yet, ‘Oh, this is going to be so tragic.’”

May 6, 2020 The Brookings Institution reports that children were “experiencing food insecurity to an extent unprecedented in modern times” and “40.9 percent of mothers with children ages 12 and under reported household food insecurity since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.” Republicans block proposals to expand food stamps.

May 6, 2020 “Sporadic for you, but not sporadic for a lot of other people.” [Trump’s response to a nurse telling him that equipment supply has been “sporadic”]

May 7, 2020 **Over 33 million jobless claims have been filed**

May 8, 2020 “This is going to go away without a vaccine. It is going to go away. We are not going to see it again.”

May 9, 2020 “This is going to go away without a vaccine.”

May 11, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 80,000**

May 11, 2020 “Coronavirus numbers are looking MUCH better, going down almost everywhere. Big progress being made!”

May 11, 2020 “We have met the moment and we have prevailed,”

May 14, 2020 “Could be that testing’s, frankly, overrated. Maybe it is overrated.”

May 14, 2020 “Don’t forget, we have more cases than anybody in the world. But why? Because we do more testing,”

May 15, 2020 “Vaccine or no vaccine, we’re back. And we’re starting the process. In many cases, they don’t have vaccines and a virus or a flu comes and you fight through it.

- May 16, 2020** “We’ve done a GREAT job on Covid response, making all Governors look good, some fantastic (and that’s OK), but the Lamestream Media doesn’t want to go with that narrative, and the Do Nothing Dems talking point is to say only bad about “Trump”. I made everybody look good, but me!”
- May 18, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 90,000**
- May 19, 2020** “When we have a lot of cases, I don't look at that as a bad thing, I look at that as, in a certain respect, as being a good thing,...Because it means our testing is much better. I view it as a badge of honor, really, it's a badge of honor.”
- May 21, 2020** USA Today reports that home mortgage delinquencies surged by 1.6 million in April, the largest single-month jump in history.
- May 22, 2020** **Over 38 million jobless claims have been filed**
- May 27, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 100,000**
- May 29, 2020** “We will be today terminating our relationship with the World Health Organization”
- June 6, 2020** **U.S death toll passes 110,000**
- June 6, 2020** “Hopefully George is looking down right now and saying this is a great thing that’s happening for our country...This is a great day for him. It’s a great day for everybody. This is a great day for everybody. This is a great, great day in terms of equality.” [Trump referring to George Floyd, who was murdered on May 25, 2020.]
- June 15, 2020** “At some point this stuff goes away and it’s going away.”
- June 17, 2020** “It’s fading away. It’s going to fade away.”
- June 18, 2020** “And it is dying out. The numbers are starting to get very good.”
- June 20, 2020** "Testing is a double-edged sword,...When you do testing to that extent, you're going to find more people, you're going to find more cases, so I said to my people, 'Slow the testing down, please.'"
- June 22, 2020** **U.S death toll passes 120,000**
- June 23, 2020** “Cases are going up in the U.S. because we are testing far more than any other country, and ever expanding. With smaller testing we would show fewer cases!”
- June 23, 2020** "It's going away,"
- June 25, 2020** “The number of ChinaVirus cases goes up, because of GREAT TESTING, while the number of deaths (mortality rate), goes way down. The Fake News doesn’t like telling you that!”
- June 25, 2020** “Coronavirus deaths are way down. Mortality rate is one of the lowest in the World. Our Economy is roaring back and will NOT be shut down. “Embers” or flare ups will be put out, as necessary!”

- June 30, 2020** The U.S. has just 4% of the global population, but 25% of global coronavirus cases and the second-highest death rate per capita.
- July 1, 2020** "I think we're going to be very good with the coronavirus." "I think that, at some point, that's going to sort of disappear, I hope."
- July 6, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 130,000**
- July 7, 2020** "I think we are in a good place."
- July 7, 2020** The president predicted that in the next two to four weeks, "I think we're going to be in very good shape."
- July 8, 2020** "In Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and many other countries, **SCHOOLS ARE OPEN WITH NO PROBLEMS**. The Dems think it would be bad for them politically if U.S. schools open before the November election, but it is important for the children & families. May cut off funding if not open!"
- July 8, 2020** "I disagree with @CDCgov on their very tough & expensive guidelines for opening schools. While they want them open, they are asking school [sic] to do very impractical things. I will be meeting with them!!!"
- July 18, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 140,000**
- July 19, 2020** "I think we have one of the lowest mortality rates in the world"
- July 19, 2020** "Many of those cases are young people that would heal in a day"
- July 19, 2020** "They have the sniffles, and we put it down as a test"
- July 21, 2020** "You will never hear this on the Fake News concerning the China Virus, but by comparison to most other countries, who are suffering greatly, we are doing very well - and we have done things that few other countries could have done!"
- July 27, 2020** "America will develop a vaccine very soon, and we will defeat the virus. We will have it delivered in record time."
- July 28, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 150,000**
- July 28, 2020** "He's got this high approval rating. So why don't I have a high approval rating with respect -- and the administration -- with respect to the virus?" (Trump referring to Anthony Fauci)
- Aug. 1, 2020** "Wrong! We have more cases because we have tested far more than any other country, 60,000,000. If we tested less, there would be less cases," (Donald Trump in a retweet of Anthony Fauci saying the U.S. has seen more cases than European countries because it only shut down a fraction of its economy amid the pandemic)
- Aug. 3, 2020** "I think we are doing very well and I think ... as well as any nation,"
- Aug. 3, 2020** "They are dying. That's true. And you — it is what it is."
- Aug. 3, 2020** "OPEN THE SCHOOLS!!!"
- Aug. 3, 2020** "Right now I think it's under control."

- Aug. 3, 2020** "You know, there are those that say you can test too much, you do know that."
- Aug. 4, 2020** "...we have among the lowest numbers." - White House Press Briefing
- Aug. 5, 2020** "If you look at children, children are almost - and I would almost say definitely - but almost immune from this disease."
- Aug. 5, 2020** "We're supplying the world now with ventilators. You go back four months, we didn't have any." - Fox and Friends
- Aug. 5, 2020** "It will go away like things go away"
- Aug. 6, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 160,000**
- Aug. 12, 2020** **U.S. reports the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in one day since mid-May**
- Aug. 16, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 170,000**
- Aug. 19, 2020** *New York Times* report reveals that in December 2020 that Trump yelled, "You're killing me! This whole thing is! We've got all the damn cases...I want to do what Mexico does. They don't give you a test till you get to the emergency room and you're vomiting," at Jared Kushner during an August 19, 2020 meeting.
- Aug. 22, 2020** "Many doctors and studies disagree with this!" (Donald Trump in a quote tweet of a Twitter moment stating that the FDA is revoking hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine for COVID-19 treatment, as they are "unlikely to be effective")
- Aug. 22, 2020** "The deep state, or whoever, over at the FDA is making it very difficult for drug companies to get people in order to test the vaccines and therapeutics. Obviously, they are hoping to delay the answer until after November 3rd. Must focus on speed, and saving lives!"
- Aug. 23, 2020** The President claims that ballot drop boxes are a "voter security disaster" and a "big fraud," "possible for a person to vote multiple times" and that they aren't "Covid sanitized."
- Aug. 26, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 180,000**
- Aug. 31, 2020** "We've done a great job in Covid but we don't get the credit."
- Aug. 31, 2020** **Over Six million Americans have tested positive for the coronavirus.**
- Sept. 4, 2020** There will be a vaccine "before the end of the year and maybe even before Nov. 1. I think we can probably have it sometime in October."
- Sept. 9, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 190,000**
- Sept. 10, 2020** "I really do believe that we are rounding the corner. The vaccines are right there"
- Sept. 10, 2020** "This is nobody's fault but China."

- Sept. 10, 2020 “We've possibly done the best job”
- Sept. 10, 2020 “We have rounded the final turn”
- Sept. 10, 2020 “I think that we've probably done the best job of any country”
- Sept. 14, 2020 Trump was asked if he is afraid of Coronavirus risk at his rallies: “I’m on a stage, it’s very far away, so I’m not at all concerned.”
- Sept. 16, 2020 “If you take the blue states out, we’re at a level I don’t think anybody in the world would be at.”
Reporter: “[The head of the CDC] said that the vaccine for the general public wouldn’t be available until next Summer or maybe even early fall. Are you comfortable with that timeline?” Trump: “I think he made a mistake when he said that. That’s just incorrect information.”
- Sept. 16, 2020
- Sept. 19, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 200,000**
- Sept. 21, 2020 “Take your hat off to the young because they have a hell of an immune system. But [the virus] affects virtually nobody. It’s an amazing thing. By the way, open your schools everybody, open your schools.”
- Sept. 21, 2020 “We're rounding the corner," "With or without a vaccine. They hate when I say that but that's the way it is. ... We've done a phenomenal job. Not just a good job, a phenomenal job. Other than public relations, but that's because I have fake news. On public relations, I give myself a D. On the job itself, we take an A+.”
- Sept. 21, 2020 “In some states, thousands of people — nobody young. Below the age of 18, like, nobody. They have a strong immune system, who knows? Take your hat off to the young, because they have a hell of an immune system. But it affects virtually nobody. It’s an amazing thing. By the way, open your schools everybody, open your schools.”
- Sept. 21, 2020 “It affects elderly people, elderly people with heart problems, if they have other problems, that's what it really affects, that's it. In some states thousands of people — nobody young — below the age of 18, like nobody — they have a strong immune system — who knows?”
- Sept. 23, 2020 “I think we’re rounding the turn very much.”
- Sept. 28, 2020 “And I say, and I’ll say it all the time: We’re rounding the corner. And, very importantly, vaccines are coming, but we’re rounding the corner regardless. But vaccines are coming, and they’re coming fast. ”
- Sept. 29, 2020 “Well, so far we have had no problem whatsoever. ” [Trump referring to the thousands of people attending his rallies]
- October 2, 2020 **Trump and the First Lady test positive for Coronavirus. More than a dozen White House staff and aides test positive shortly thereafter.**
- Oct. 5, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 210,000**
- Oct. 5, 2020 “Don’t be afraid of Covid.”
- Oct. 6, 2020 “Many people every year, sometimes over 100,000, and despite the Vaccine, die from the Flu, Are we going to close down our Country? No, we have learned to

live with it, just like we are learning to live with Covid, in most populations far less lethal!!!"

**Oct. 10,
2020**

"But it's going to disappear; it is disappearing."

**Oct. 11,
2020**

"...We have done a "phenomenal" job, according to certain governors. Many people agree...And now come the Vaccines & Cures, long ahead of projections!"

**Oct. 12,
2020**

"Under my leadership, we're delivering a safe vaccine and a rapid recovery like nobody can even believe. And if you look at our upward path, no country in the world has recovered the way we've recovered economically or otherwise, not even close."

**Oct. 12,
2020**

"I went through it. Now, they say I'm immune. I can feel—I feel so powerful."

**Oct. 12,
2020**

"When this first came out, if we didn't do a good job, they predicted 2.2 million people would die, we're 210,000. We shouldn't be at, one, it's China's fault. They allowed this to happen."

**Oct. 15,
2020**

"Excess mortality, we're a winner on the excess mortality. And what we've done has been amazing. And we have done an amazing job. And it's rounding the corner and we have the vaccines coming, and we have the therapies coming."

**Oct. 18,
2020**

"He'll listen to the scientists... If I listened totally to the scientists, we would right now have a country that would be in a massive depression instead — we're like a rocket ship. Take a look at the numbers." [Trump referring to Biden]

**Oct. 19,
2020**

U.S. death toll passes 220,000

**Oct. 19,
2020**

"People are saying whatever. Just leave us alone. They're tired of it. People are tired of hearing Fauci and all these idiots...Fauci is a nice guy. He's been here for 500 years."

**Oct. 19,
2020**

"They are getting tired of the pandemic, aren't they? You turn on CNN, that's all they cover. 'Covid, Covid, Pandemic, Covid, Covid.' You know why? They're trying to talk everybody out of voting. People aren't buying it, CNN, you dumb bastards."

**Oct. 20,
2020**

Politico reports that The White House is considering slashing millions of dollars for coronavirus relief, HIV treatment, screenings for newborns and other programs in Democratic-led cities that President Donald Trump has deemed "anarchist jurisdictions."

**Oct. 22,
2020**

"We are rounding the turn (on coronavirus). We are rounding the corner."

**Oct. 24,
2020**

"Turn on television: 'covid, covid, covid, covid, covid.' A plane goes down, 500 people dead, they don't talk about it — 'covid, covid, covid, covid,' "By the way, on November 4th, you won't hear about it anymore."

**Oct. 26,
2020**

"Cases up because we TEST, TEST, TEST. A Fake News Media Conspiracy. Many young people who heal very fast. 99.9%. Corrupt Media conspiracy at all time high. On November 4th., the topic will totally change. VOTE!"

**Oct. 26,
2020**

"We have made tremendous progress with the China Virus, but the Fake News refuses to talk about it this close to the Election. COVID, COVID, COVID is being

- used by them, in total coordination, in order to change our great early election numbers. Should be an election law violation!"
- Oct. 27, 2020 "So they brought it down now, immunity, from life to four months. And you know now with them, you can't watch anything else. You turn on... COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID. Well, we have a spike in cases. You ever notice, they don't use the word death. They use the word cases, cases. Like, "Barron Trump is a case." He has sniffles. He was sniffing. One Kleenex, that's all he needed. One, and he was better. But he's a case"
- Oct. 27, 2020 "November 4th. On November 4th, you'll hear, "It's getting better. It's getting better." You watch. No, no, they're doing heavy COVID because they want to scare people, and people get it." [Trump referring to news media]
- Oct. 28, 2020 "Covid, Covid, Covid is the unified chant of the Fake News Lamestream Media. They will talk about nothing else until November 4th., when the Election will be (hopefully!) over. Then the talk will be how low the death rate is, plenty of hospital rooms, & many tests of young people."
- Oct. 30, 2020 "More Testing equals more Cases. We have the best testing. Deaths WAY DOWN. Hospitals have great additional capacity! Doing much better than Europe. Therapeutics working!"
- Oct. 30, 2020 **Nine million Americans have now been infected by the coronavirus.**
- Oct. 30, 2020 "Our doctors get more money if someone dies from Covid," and so "when in doubt choose Covid."
- Nov. 1, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 230,000**
- Nov. 1, 2020 "Biden wants to LOCKDOWN our Country, maybe for years. Crazy! There will be NO LOCKDOWNS. The great American Comeback is underway!!!"
- Nov. 2, 2020 "Joe Biden is promising to delay the vaccine and turn America into a prison state— locking you in your home while letting far-left rioters roam free. The Biden Lockdown will mean no school, no graduations, no weddings, no Thanksgiving, no Christmas, no Fourth of July"
- Nov. 2, 2020 "We have more Cases because we have more Testing!"
- Nov. 9, 2020 "If Joe Biden were President, you wouldn't have the Vaccine for another four years, nor would the @US_FDA have ever approved it so quickly. The bureaucracy would have destroyed millions of lives"
- Nov. 10, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 240,000**
- Nov. 11, 2020 **U.S. hits a record 140,000 COVID-19 cases per day**
- November 11, 2020 **Texas hits 1 million confirmed COVID-19 cases**
- Nov. 18, 2020 **U.S. death toll passes 250,000**

- Nov. 19, 2020** Last Coronavirus Task Force press briefing under the Trump Administration.
- Nov. 24, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 260,000**
- Dec. 2, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 270,000**
- Dec. 7, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 280,000**
- Dec. 8, 2020** “Before Operation Warp Speed, the typical time [for vaccine approval] could be infinity.”
- Dec. 8, 2020** Trump continues holding White House holiday parties despite guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit indoor gatherings and curtail travel amid the spike in virus infections. Masks are not required, according to guests.
- Dec. 9, 2020** **3,103 U.S. COVID-19 deaths in one day**
- Dec. 10, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 290,000**
- Dec. 14, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 300,000**
- Dec. 17, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 310,000**
- Dec. 22, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 320,000**
- Dec. 22, 2020** “Distribution of both vaccines is going very smoothly. Amazing how many people are being vaccinated, record numbers. Our Country, and indeed the World, will soon see the great miracle of what the Trump Administration has accomplished. They said it couldn’t be done!!!”
- Dec. 25, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 330,000**
- Dec. 30, 2020** As recently as mid-December, the Trump administration touted an ambitious goal: 20 million COVID-19 vaccinations by the year’s end. A CDC tracker shows only about 2 million people have been vaccinated so far.
- Dec. 31, 2020** **U.S. death toll passes 340,000**
- Dec. 31, 2020** Trump tweets, “The Federal Government has distributed the vaccines to the states. Now it is up to the states to administer. Get moving!”
- Dec. 31, 2020** HHS awards a contract to a private firm to review COVID-19 tests in an attempt to bypass scientists at the FDA.
- January 1** **U.S. surpasses 20 million confirmed COVID-19 cases**
- January 3** **U.S. death toll passes 350,000**
- January 3** “Something how Dr. Fauci is revered by the LameStream Media as such a great professional, having done, they say, such an incredible job, yet he works for me and the Trump Administration, and I am in no way given any credit for my work. Gee, could this just be more Fake News?”
- January 3** “The number of cases and deaths of the China Virus is far exaggerated in the United States because of @CDCgov’s ridiculous method of determination

compared to other countries, many of whom report, purposely, very inaccurately and low. “When in doubt, call it Covid.” Fake News!” Fauci responds, ““The deaths are real deaths. All you need to do is go out into the trenches...”

- January 3** Trump tweets, “The vaccines are being delivered to the states by the Federal Government far faster than they can be administered!”
- January 4** **CDC reports that 4.6 million people have been vaccinated.**
- January 6** **U.S. death toll passes 360,000**
- January 6** **Trump mob storms Congress. Officials reported at least 3,963 new coronavirus deaths in the US, a new single-day record.**
- January 9** **U.S. death toll passes 370,000**
- January 12** HHS Secretary Alex Azar announced that the federal government would begin releasing vaccine doses that had been held in reserve for second shots, but no such reserve existed. His false announcement raised false hopes among state and local officials.
- January 13** **U.S. death toll passes 380,000**
- January 14** The Trump administration promised to have 20 million people given their first shot by the end of 2020. Two weeks later, they have administered just over 11 million.
- January 15** **12 million doses of vaccine administered.**
- January 16** **U.S. death toll passes 390,000**
- January 18** Washington Post reports that emergency PPP loans were provided for organizations that spread misinformation about coronavirus and vaccination.
- January 20** Each day in January, covid-19 killed an average of 3,100 people in the United States — one every 28 seconds.
- January 20, 2021** **Trump's term in office saw over 25 million confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States, over 400,000 of which resulted in death.**
- President-elect Joseph R. Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are sworn into office.**

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