



Module 2 Chronology

The chronology has been prepared by the Inquiry Legal Team to assist with identifying key events during the pandemic. It is not an exhaustive list of events. Annex A is a list of acronyms for government departments, bodies, organisations and job titles used in the chronology. Annex B is a list of categories used in the chronology.

	DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT
1.	31/12/2019	Key Events - International	China confirms 27 cases of pneumonia of unknown origin in Wuhan City. Taiwan starts screening airline passengers from Wuhan for fever.
2.	02/01/2020	Papers / Publications	PHE provides a written update on the outbreak of viral pneumonia in China.
3.	05/01/2020	WHO	WHO publishes first Disease Outbreak News report.
4.	07/01/2020	WHO	Wuhan Institute of Virology sequences the full genome of the virus.
5.	08/01/2020	Papers / Publications	PHE provides a second written update to DHSC's Emergency Preparedness and Health Protection directorate and the CMO.
6.	09/01/2020	WHO	WHO Statement regarding cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, China.
7.	10/01/2020	Public Announcement	PHE advises people travelling to Wuhan to take simple precautions such as practising good hand and personal hygiene.
8.	10/01/2020	Public Announcement	Government publishes guidance for health care providers outlining infection prevention and control measures to be taken in response to COVID-19.
9.	11/01/2020	Key Events - International	Chinese media reports the first death from the novel coronavirus.
10.	13/01/2020	NERVTAG	NERVTAG Meeting 1.

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11.	13/01/2020	WHO	The Ministry of Public Health in Thailand reports the first case outside of China.
		Key Events - International	
12.	14/01/2020	WHO	WHO announces that no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission of the novel Coronavirus has been identified in Wuhan, China.
13.	16/01/2020	Papers / Publications	Correspondence between Prof Neil Ferguson, Jonathan Van-Tam, DCMO and Prof Sir Chris Whitty, CMO regarding estimate of outbreak in Wuhan, China.
14.	17/01/2020	Key Events - International	Imperial College London estimate more than 1,700 cases in Wuhan City.
15.	19/01/2020	WHO	WHO issues a statement stating there is evidence of human-human transmission.
		Key Events - International	
16.	20/01/2020	WHO	Reports of 282 infections, 4 outside China, and 6 deaths.
17.	21/01/2020	Key Events - International	DHSC update on Wuhan novel coronavirus.
18.	21/01/2020	NERVTAG	NERVTAG Meeting 2.
19.	21/01/2020	WHO	WHO published its first Novel Coronavirus 2019-nCoV report and tweets that it is now very clear that there is at least some human-to-human transmission.
20.	21/01/2020	Key Events - UK	The issue of Covid-19 was raised with the Cabinet Secretary for the first time.
21.	22/01/2020	SAGE	Precautionary SAGE Meeting 1.
	23/01/2020	WHO	International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meets but does not declare a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.
22.	22/01/2020	Key Events - UK	The UK risk level is raised from very low to low. Enhanced monitoring is put in place for all direct flights from Wuhan to the UK. FCDO advises against all but essential travel to Wuhan.
		Papers / Publications	
23.	23/01/2020	Public Announcement	Statement from DHSC and PHE on the coronavirus situation in Wuhan, China. Outlining precautionary measures being taken by the UK.
		Papers / Publications	
24.	24/01/2020	Papers / Publications	NHS national bodies advise identifying patients with possible COVID-19 based on travel history, isolating and testing them.
25.	24/01/2020	COBR	COBR Novel Coronavirus (M)(20)(1) Meeting chaired by the Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.