

August 2020 Events by Week

August Week 1 (7/16-7/22)

- Federal officers use unmarked vehicles to grab protestors in Portland.
- On Friday (7/17), John Lewis, an icon of the civil rights movement, Georgia congressman and force in the Democratic party, dies at age 80 of pancreatic cancer.
- Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg announces that her liver cancer has returned and she is receiving chemotherapy but she will remain on the court.
- 40 states report COVID-19 cases are rising.
- Members of the European Union agree to an \$850 billion dollar stimulus plan to help economic recovery from the damage done by the Coronavirus pandemic.
- On Wednesday (7/22), over 4.1 million cases of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 146,183 deaths. Worldwide, over 15.3 million cases and 630,191 deaths.

August Week 2 (7/23-7/29)

- On Thursday (7/23), Major League Baseball begins a pandemic shortened season.
- California passes New York in total COVID-19 cases with more than 413,000.
- President Trump cancels the Jacksonville Republican National Convention amid Florida record high daily COVID-19 infections.
- On Saturday night (7/26), Hurricane Hanna hits part of south Texas with 90 mph winds and 15 inches of rain.
- Representative John Lewis is the first Black lawmaker to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol.
- The CEOs of Facebook, Amazon, Apple and Google testify before the House Judiciary Committee about censorship, free speech and monopoly.
- On Wednesday (7/29), over 4.5 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 153,719 deaths. Worldwide, over 17.1 million cases and 669,241 deaths.

August Week 3 (7/30-8/5)

- Commerce Department says the Gross Domestic Product shrank at an annual rate of 32.9% in the second quarter of 2020. This is more than three times the previous record of 10% in 1958.
- President Trump tweets that the November election should be delayed, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell shuts down the idea quickly.
- Civil rights leader John Lewis is laid to rest in Atlanta where Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama all speak.
- Census Bureau is cutting short critical door knocking efforts for the 2020 census by one month. Employees are fearful of a massive undercount.
- A massive explosion rocks Beirut, Lebanon caused by 2,000 tons of ammonium nitrate. Over 130 confirmed dead and 4,000 injured.
- On Wednesday (8/5), over 4.8 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 158,171 deaths. Worldwide, over 18.7 million cases and 706,041 deaths.

August Week 4 (8/6-8/12)

- On Thursday (8/6), more than three million people lose power in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut after rain and high winds from tropical storm Isaias.
- The New York Attorney General seeks to dissolve the National Rifle Association following an investigation finding alleged fraud and abuse by the non-profit's executives.
- The Lebanese prime minister and cabinet resign after outrage over the catastrophic explosion in Beirut.
- U.S. employers add 1.8 million jobs in July, less than half the number added in June.
- On Tuesday (8/11), Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden picks Senator Kamala Harris of California as his 2020 running mate.
- On Wednesday (8/12), over 5.1 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 165,934 deaths. Worldwide over 20.5 million cases and 747,845 deaths.

July 2020 Events by Week

July Week 1 (6/18-6/24)

- The Supreme Court blocks the Trump administration from ending DACA and the protection of “DREAMers.”
- On Friday (6/19), Juneteenth gets widespread attention as Americans protest police brutality and racism.
- On Saturday (6/20), only 6,200 attend an indoor Trump rally in Tulsa.
- On Tuesday (6/23), five states hold primary elections: New York, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and Mississippi.
- The President visits the U.S. border in Yuma and holds a Students for Trump rally for a crowd of 3,000 in a church in Phoenix.
- On Wednesday (6/24), over 2.45 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 137,073 deaths. Worldwide over 9.2 million cases and 477,273 deaths.

July Week 2 (6/25-7/1)

- COVID-19 cases spiking in Florida, Texas and Arizona as the U.S. sets new daily record of over 40,000 cases.
- A poll by NPR, PBS and Marist shows President Trump's approval rating at just 40% overall, while a record 58% disapprove.
- The Supreme Court strikes down a restrictive Louisiana abortion law.
- The Supreme Court voids state constitutional provisions in as many as 38 states that bar taxpayer aid to parochial schools.
- The New York Times and Washington Post report that U.S. intelligence says Russia offered bounties to the Taliban for the killing of American soldiers.
- On Wednesday (7/1), over 2.6 million cases of Covid-19 in the U.S. and 127,251 deaths. Worldwide, over 10.4 million cases and 511,215 deaths.

July Week 3 (7/2-7/8)

- Biden campaign raises 141 million dollars in June to Trump's 131 million.
- A close associate of financier and convicted sex-offender Jeffrey Epstein is arrested. Ghislaine Maxwell is charged with six counts and is held without bail.
- President Trump brings fireworks back to Mt. Rushmore on Friday night (July 3). In his speech on Friday and at the White House on Independence Day he said, “Our nation is witnessing a merciless campaign to wipe our history and defame our heroes.”
- The U.S. Supreme Court (7/6) upheld state laws binding Electoral College delegates to vote for the candidate who wins the popular vote in their state.
- The U.S. Supreme Court (7/8) allows employees to opt out of contraception coverage under the Affordable Care Act due to religious objections.
- On Wednesday (7/8), over 3.1 million cases of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 135,213 deaths. Worldwide, over 12.1 million cases and 552,781 deaths.

July Week 4 (7/9-7/15)

- The Labor Department announces nearly 2.4 million new applications for unemployment last week.
- On Friday (7/10), President Trump commutes Roger Stone's sentence.
- The Supreme Court rejects President Trump's claim of absolute immunity under the law regarding financial records.
- The Washington NFL team announces it will drop the Redskins name and logo.
- Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions loses Alabama Republican Senate runoff election to one-time Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville.
- The Treasury Department says the federal deficit was 864 billion dollars for June.
- On Wednesday (7/15), over 3.5 million cases of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 138,565 deaths. Worldwide, over 13.6 million cases and 585,482 deaths.

June 2020 Events by Week

June Week 1 (5/21-5/27)

- 4 million Americans file for unemployment last week, bringing the nine week total to 38.6 million and the U.S. unemployment rate at 14.7%.
- Pakistan plane crash in Karachi and all 97 passengers and crew die.
- Monday (5/25) is the Memorial Day holiday and the evening when 46 year-old unarmed African American George Floyd is killed in Minneapolis by a police officer who knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.
- On Tuesday, the four Minneapolis police officers involved in the death of George Floyd are fired. Protest demonstrations ensue on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
- The floor of the New York Stock exchange opens for the first time in two months.
- Through Wednesday (5/27), 100,047 deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. and over 1.6 million cases. Worldwide, 5.5 million cases and over 355,000 deaths.

June Week 2 (5/28-6/3)

- The Boston Marathon is cancelled for this year after a 124 year run and the National Spelling Bee is called off for the first time since World War II.
- The Minnesota governor deploys the National Guard due to protests.
- On Saturday (5/30), NASA and Space X launch the first U.S. astronaut into orbit since 2011.
- Protests over George Floyd killing prompt demonstrations and curfews across the country.
- On Tuesday (6/2), eight states and the District of Columbia hold primary elections.
- In Minnesota, Derek Chauvin, the police officer who killed George Floyd is charged with second degree murder and three other officers at the scene are charged with aiding and abetting murder.
- Millions of Americans are reported skipping payments on mortgages, auto loans and other bills.
- On Wednesday (6/3), 1.8 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 107,578 deaths. Worldwide, 6.4 million cases and 381,467 deaths.

June Week 3 (6/4-6/10)

- Labor Department says U.S. employers added 2.5 million jobs in May with unemployment at 13%.
- On Thursday (6/4), a memorial service for George Floyd is held in Minneapolis and on Tuesday (6/9), he is buried next to his mother in Houston after another memorial service at the Foundation of Praise Church.
- Minneapolis City Council announces plans to dismantle the police department.
- On Tuesday (6/9), Georgia voters face long line and equipment problems during the state's primary election.
- NASCAR bans the confederate flag at all of its events.
- On Wednesday (6/10), COVID-19 infections are rising in more than 20 states. 1,988,872 cases reported in the U.S. and 112,660 deaths. Worldwide, more than 7.2 million cases and at least 412,000 deaths.

June Week 4 (6/11-6/17)

- Daily coronavirus infection numbers hit new highs in three of the most populous states: Florida, Texas and California.
- Atlanta police chief Erika Shields resigns after the killing of 27 year-old African American Rayshard Brooks in a Wendy's parking lot.
- On Monday (6/15), the Supreme Court rules LGBTQ workers are protected against sex discrimination.
- President Trump announces plans to cut troops stationed in Germany.
- On Wednesday (6/17), over 2.1 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 117,694 deaths. Worldwide, over 8.3 million cases and 447,628 deaths.

May 2020 Events by Week

May Week 1 (4/23-4/29)

- During a Covid-19 task force briefing the President suggests injecting disinfectant as treatment.
- On Friday (4/24) Georgia reopens hair and nail salons, barbershops, gyms, tattoo parlors, and bowling alleys.
- Over the weekend the mayors of Augusta and Savannah push back on the Georgia reopening.
- An estimated 3.5 million American homeowners are skipping mortgage payments.
- 80% of front line nurses surveyed say they don't have enough protective gear.
- On Wednesday night (4/29) 1,010,970 cases of coronavirus reported in the U.S. and 58,258 deaths.

May Week 2 (4/30-5/6)

- Last week, 3.8 million Americans file for unemployment benefits, bringing the total during the pandemic to just over 30 million individuals.
- On Friday (5/1) stay-at-home orders end in more than a dozen states.
- Border wall construction continues in Texas, Arizona, and California.
- On Monday (5/4) the Supreme Court live streams oral arguments for the first time in history.
- Netflix adds 16 million subscribers in the first quarter of this year.
- White House announces plans to phase out the Coronavirus Task Force by Memorial Day.
- By Wednesday (5/6) 1,226,405 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 73,321 deaths. Worldwide numbers are at over 3.7 million cases and 263,838 deaths.

May Week 3 (5/7-5/13)

- Americans filed 3.2 new million unemployment claims last week bringing the total during the pandemic to 33.5 million.
- The Justice Department drops the criminal case against Trump former national security advisor Michael Flynn but a U.S. District Judge delays the effort.
- Unemployment soars to 14.7% in April, the highest level since the Great Depression.
- By Monday (5/11), 31 states partially reopen after seven weeks.
- The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates 27 million Americans have lost their health insurance as unemployment soars.
- Through Wednesday (5/11), 1,397,400 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 84,102 deaths. Worldwide figures at 4.3 million cases and 296,254 deaths.

May Week 4 (5/14-5/20)

- Nearly three million Americans file for unemployment last week, for a total of 36 million in the last eight weeks.
- On Friday (5/15), President Trump ousts the State Department inspector general extending a streak of firing government watchdogs.
- In virtual speech to black college graduates, President Obama says U.S. lacks leadership on Coronavirus.
- President Trump announces he is taking hydroxychloroquine as a preventive measure for COVID-19 and says, "I'm not going to be hurt by it."
- A breach in two dams in central Michigan causes major flooding in two counties.
- Through Wednesday (5/20), 1,551,095 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 93,061 deaths. Worldwide, 5.1 million cases and 333,351 deaths.

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April 2020 Events by Week

April Week 1 (3/26-4/1)

- On Friday, 3/27, the President signs a \$2.2 trillion economic aid package into law.
- The CDC issues a nonbinding travel advisory for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.
- On Monday, 3/30, President Trump issues social distancing guidelines until April 30.
- The state of New York announces 1,000 people have died from COVID-19.
- There are many stories about shortages of COVID-19 tests, ventilators, and personal protective equipment for health care workers.
- The U.S. government projects 100,000 to 200,000 deaths from the pandemic.
- On Wednesday (4/1), the U.S. has 211,000 cases of COVID-19, causing more than 4,600 deaths.

April Week 2 (4/2-4/8)

- Jobless claims at 6.6 million for last week.
- Florida issues Stay-at-home order effective April 3rd.
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, suffering from COVID-19 is moved to the ICU.
- On Tuesday (4/7) Wisconsin primary held, after State Supreme Court overrules the Governor Tony Evers' order to postpone the election.
- Stephanie Grisham out as White House press secretary, President Trump removes the Pandemic Inspector General, and the acting Navy Secretary resigns.
- Bernie Sanders leaves the Presidential race.
- On Wednesday (4/8), over 1.5 million cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 87,974 deaths. In the United States 424,900 cases and 14,529 deaths.

April Week 3 (4/9-4/15)

- 17 million Americans have filed for unemployment in the last three weeks.
- On Saturday (4/11) U.S. passes Italy for number of COVID-19 deaths.
- On Easter Sunday Andrea Bocelli offers free concert on You Tube.
- On Sunday, tornadoes run through the southern U.S. killing over 30 people in five states.
- Bernie Sanders endorse Joe Biden for President.
- President Trump announces he wants to suspend funding of the World Health Organization.
- On Wednesday evening (4/15) 638,000 cases of COVID-19 and 30,844 deaths in the U.S.

April Week 4 (4/16-4/22)

- 22 million Americans have filed for unemployment in the last four weeks.
- China's economy declines 6.8% in the first quarter of 2020. China's economy got smaller for the first time since it started releasing such data in 1992.
- In Nova Scotia a gunman kills 22 in a weekend shooting rampage.
- Oil prices fall below zero for the first time in U.S. history.
- President announces the issuance of U.S. green cards to be halted for 60 days.
- First coronavirus death traced back to February 6th in Santa Clara county in California.
- On Wednesday (4/22) 833,069 cases of Covid-19 cases reported in U.S. and 46,302 deaths.

March 2020 Events by Week

March Week 1 (2/27-3/4)

- Financial markets plunge due to Coronavirus with the assessment on Friday (2/28) as the worst week since the 2008 financial crisis.
- On Saturday (2/29) South Carolina Democratic Presidential primary with big win for Joe Biden.
- Syria faces devastating humanitarian crisis.
- Two Coronavirus deaths in Seattle.
- Both Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar suspend campaigns and endorse Joe Biden.
- 14 states vote in Super Tuesday (3/3) elections where Joe Biden picks up substantial wins.

March Week 2 (3/5-3/11)

- Elizabeth Warren drops her Presidential bid.
- Shortage of COVID 19 test kits.
- Austin cancels South by Southwest festival.
- Saudi Arabia cuts oil prices.
- Italy attempts mass quarantine in response to Coronavirus.
- On Tuesday (3/10) six states hold Presidential primaries: Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Idaho, and Washington. Biden wins in four states, Sanders in North Dakota, and too close to call in Washington. World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a Pandemic.
- On Wednesday (3/11) President Trump gives oval office address (9pm EDT) in which he calls for a ban on European travel and announces measures to shore up the U.S. economy.

March Week 3 (3/12-3/18)

- The NBA cancels the regular season, the NHL suspends play, and MLB ends Spring Training and delays the start of the regular season.
- President Trump (3-13) declares the Coronavirus crisis a National Emergency.
- Trump administration expands Europe travel ban to include U.K. and Ireland.
- The Federal Reserve cuts interest rates to near zero.
- On Sunday (3-15) Democratic presidential candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders debate one-on-one for the first time from Washington DC.
- The governors in California, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Washington State order bars and restaurants closed. The same order from the mayor of New York.
- Airlines request 50 billion dollar bailout in face of near standstill.
- On Tuesday (3/17): Joe Biden wins primaries in Florida, Illinois, and Arizona, while the Ohio governor cancels the primary in his state.
- Vice President Pence warns COVID-19 outbreak "could last well into July."

March Week 4 (3/19-3/25)

- Claims for unemployment insurance in U.S. jump by 33%.
- On Friday (3/20) California Governor Gavin Newsom orders stay-at-home, followed the next day by Illinois and New York. On Tuesday, Ohio does as well.
- Stock market records worst week in 11 years.
- Tokyo Olympics postponed until 2021.
- The President says he wants the country up and running by Easter, while health care workers protest over shortage of protective gear.
- On Wednesday (3/25) the Senate agrees on a two trillion dollar aid package.
- On Wednesday, 65,201 cases of COVID-19 in U.S. and 928 deaths.

February 2020 Events by Week

February Week 1 (1/30-2/5)

- The Senate Impeachment Trial consumes four days of this week: on Thursday (1/30) the final question and answer session from Senators beginning at 1pm EST; on Friday (1/31) the vote not to allow witnesses held at 4pm EST; on Monday (2/3) the final arguments by House Managers and the President's defense team beginning at 1pm EST; and finally on Wednesday (2/5), the vote to acquit at 4pm EST.
- Sunday (2/2) the Super Bowl is held in Miami: Kansas City Chiefs 21 and the San Francisco 49ers 20.
- On Monday night (2/3) the Iowa caucuses were held plagued by vote counting problems.
- On Tuesday night (2/4) at 9pm EST President Trump's State of the Union address.

February Week 2 (2/6-2/12)

- The week begins with day after analysis of the Senate vote to acquit President Trump of impeachment.
- On Friday (2/7) the Director for European Affairs for the National Security, Alexander Vindman, and his brother are escorted from the White House.
- On Friday night a New Hampshire Democratic Presidential debate.
- On Sunday (2/9) night the Oscar Awards ceremony is held in Los Angeles.
- On Tuesday (2/11) four federal prosecutors resign from the Roger Stone case after the justice department seeks less prison time. Also the day of the New Hampshire primary.

February Week 3 (2/13-2/19)

- Over 1,100 Justice Department alumni call for Attorney General Barr to resign.
- 300 Americans quarantined on a cruise ship in Japan for the Coronavirus are evacuated and flown to military bases in TX and CA.
- On Tuesday (2/18) President Trump grants seven pardons and four commutations.
- On Wednesday night (2/19) a Democratic Presidential Debate in Las Vegas (9pm EST).

February Week 4 (2/20-2/26)

- Trump associate Roger Stone sentenced to three years and four months in prison.
- S. Intelligence officials brief a House committee that Russia favors reelecting Trump, angering him.
- On Saturday (2/22) Nevada holds Democratic Presidential caucuses.
- Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein found guilty on two of five counts.
- The President visits India
- On Tuesday night (8pm EST) a Democratic Presidential Debate in Charleston, South Carolina.
- On Wednesday (2/26) the President announces the federal government's response to the Coronavirus and places Vice President Pence in charge.

January 2020 Events by Week

January Week 1 (1/2-1/8)

- Death of Major General Soleimani
- Missile retaliation against two U.S. bases
- Crash of a passenger plane in Tehran resulting in 176 deaths

January Week 2 (1/9-1/15)

- Iran admits to shooting down Ukrainian airliner
- Cory Booker drops out of the 2020 presidential race
- On Tuesday night (14th) six Democratic presidential candidates debate in Des Moines
- On Wednesday (15th) the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame announced the 2020 inductees

January Week 3 (1/16-1/22)

- Pre-impeachment coverage
- MLK Holiday (Monday the 20th)
- Day one of the Senate Impeachment Trial (Tuesday the 21st) beginning at 1pm EST
- Day two of the Senate impeachment Trial (Wednesday the 22nd) also beginning at 1pm EST

January Week 4 (1/23-1/29)

- Six of the seven days include the Senate Impeachment Trial. On Thursday (24th) and Friday (25th) the House managers make the case for impeachment, beginning both days at 1pm EST
- The Trump impeachment lawyers defend the President on Saturday (26th) for two hours beginning at 10am, and again on Monday (27th) and Tuesday (28th), beginning at 1pm EST
- On Wednesday (29th) Senators begin their question period, beginning at 1pm EST
- Three other major stories break this week including the lockdown of the Chinese city of Wuhan due to the coronavirus (Friday), NPR's Mary Louise Kelly has a contentious interview with Secretary of State Pompeo (also Friday), and on Sunday, NBA star Kobe Bryant and eight others die in helicopter crash in Los Angeles