

March 2021 Events by Week

March, Week 1 (3/4-3/10)

- On Thursday (3/4), the House cancels its session for the day due to intelligence reports about military groups planning to breach the Capitol.
- U.S. employers add 379,000 jobs in February, but there are still 9.5 million fewer jobs than before the pandemic.
- On Saturday (3/6), after 24 hours of debate, the Senate passes the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package.
- The CDC issues guidelines that it is safe for people who have received the COVID-19 vaccine to meet indoors without masks and social distancing.
- On Wednesday (3/10), the Senate confirms Merrick Garland as Attorney General by a vote of 70 to 30, five years after then President Obama nominated Garland to serve on the Supreme Court.
- On Wednesday (3/10), the U.S. has over 29.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 529,203 deaths. Worldwide: Over 118 million cases and 2,619,676 deaths.

March, Week 2 (3/11-3/17)

- Thursday (3/11) marks the one-year anniversary when the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.
- On Thursday (3/11), President Biden addresses the nation and says he aims for the U.S. to find normalcy by July 4th.
- The city of Minneapolis reaches a \$27 million civil settlement with the family of George Floyd.
- The CDC urges people to avoid nonessential travel during Spring Break.
- On Tuesday (3/16), a 21-year-old man shoots and kills eight people in three different massage parlors in the Atlanta area. Six of those killed are Asian women.
- On Wednesday (3/17), the U.S. has 29.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 537,922 deaths. Worldwide: Over 121.1 million cases and 2,679,063 deaths.

March, Week 3 (3/18-3/24)

- The CDC now says schools can space students three feet apart rather than six.
- On Friday (3/19), President Biden and Vice President Harris travel to Atlanta to meet with members of the Asian American community following the murders of eight people, including six women of Asian descent.
- Over the weekend, Miami police clash with spring break partiers and declare a state of emergency with an 8 pm curfew.
- The House oversight committee holds a hearing on D.C. statehood.
- On Monday (3/22), a 21-year-old male suspect kills 10 people at a Boulder, Colorado grocery store.
- On Wednesday (3/24), the U.S. has just over 30 million cases of COVID-19 and 545,245 deaths. Worldwide: Over 124.6 million cases and 2,742,357 deaths.

March, Week 4 (3/25-3/31)

- In Egypt, a ship the length of four football fields is wedged across the Suez Canal for six days, blocking cargo and oil tanker traffic.
- On Thursday (3/25), President Biden holds his first news conference, defending his response to the arrival of Central American children at the border.
- On Thursday (3/25), Georgia passes a highly partisan voting rights bill with many restrictions and numerous changes to absentee and early voting.
- Five people die after a series of vicious tornadoes rake across Georgia and Alabama and Nashville experiences its worst flooding in a decade.
- On Monday (3/29), the Derek Chauvin trial for the murder of George Floyd begins with opening arguments in Minneapolis.
- On Wednesday (3/31), President Biden unveils a \$2 trillion infrastructure package in Pittsburgh.
- On Wednesday (3/31), the U.S. has over 30.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 552,038 deaths. Worldwide: Over 128.7 million cases and 2,814,899 deaths.

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February 2021 Events by Week

February, Week 1 (2/4-2/10)

- The House votes to remove Georgia representative Marjorie Taylor Greene from the Education and Budget committees following her past incendiary comments and apparent support of violence against Democrats.
- On Sunday (2/7), the Tampa Bay Bucs beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl, 31 to 9.
- Days one and two of President Trump's second impeachment trial is held on Tuesday (2/9) and Wednesday (2/10). On day one, the Senate votes 56 to 44 that the trial is constitutional. The impeachment managers present their case on the first two days.
- President Biden has a phone call with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping.
- On Wednesday (2/10), a Georgia prosecutor announces an investigation into whether former President Trump's call with election officials last month broke the law.
- On Wednesday (2/10), the U.S. has over 27.2 million cases of COVID-19 and 475,195 deaths. Worldwide: Over 107 million cases and 2,352,098 deaths.

February, Week 2 (2/11-2/17)

- Thursday (2/11) through Saturday (2/13): Days three through five of the Trump impeachment trial. On Friday, the Trump defense presentation lasts only three hours.
- On Saturday, the Senate finds former President Trump not guilty on the impeachment charge of inciting an insurrection by a vote of 57 to 43.
- By Monday (2/15), the President's Day holiday, nearly 38 million Americans have been vaccinated for COVID-19.
- A nationwide cold snap is setting low temperatures around the country, with Texas especially hard hit with millions of people without electricity.
- Conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh dies at age 70.
- On Wednesday (2/17), the U.S. has over 27.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 490,394 deaths. Worldwide: Over 109.8 million cases and 2,428,407 deaths.

February, Week 3 (2/18-2/24)

- NASA's six wheeled rover lands on Mars in search of ancient microbial life.
- Senator Ted Cruz returns to Texas during severe cold weather, power outages and lack of access to clean water after a trip to Cancun. He calls the trip a "mistake."
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo faces allegations that the state manipulated nursing home COVID-19 infection data.
- President Biden reaches out to European allies in a speech at the virtual Munich Security Conference.
- On Monday (2/22), the U.S. marks 500,000 COVID-19 deaths and President Biden leads a national remembrance at the White House.
- The Supreme Court declines former President Trump's request to further delay enforcement of a subpoena from the Manhattan district attorney for his financial records.
- On Wednesday (2/24), the U.S. has over 28.3 million cases of COVID-19 and 505,796 deaths. Worldwide: Over 112.5 million cases and 2,495,881 deaths.

February, Week 4 (2/25-3/3)

- The U.S. launches an air strike in Syria against an Iranian-backed militia in response to a series of rocket attacks against U.S. targets in Iraq.
- On Friday (2/26), an FDA advisory panel recommends the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine for emergency use and on Saturday it is officially authorized.
- On Sunday (2/28), former President Trump speaks at CPAC and says he will not start a third party.
- FBI director Christopher Wray testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee calling the January 6 attack on the Capitol "domestic terrorism" and defends the FBI handling of intelligence prior to the attack.
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo faces multiple sexual harassment accusations.
- President Biden announces that the U.S. will have enough vaccines for all adults by May.
- On Wednesday (3/3), the U.S. has over 28.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 518,274 deaths. Worldwide: Over 115 million cases and 2,538,059 deaths.

January 2021 Events by Week

January, Week 1 (1/7-1/13)

- Congress certifies the Electoral College results early Thursday morning (1/7). Vice President Mike Pence officially declares Joe Biden the winner at 3:41am EST.
- Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao resigns citing, “traumatic and entirely avoidable” violence at the Capitol. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos also resigns.
- U.S. employers cut 140,000 jobs in December as the pandemic rages on.
- Twitter permanently suspends President Trump’s account.
- On Wednesday (1/13), President Trump is impeached a second time with 10 Republicans joining Democrats in the House in a vote of 232 yes, 197 no, and 4 not voting.
- On Wednesday (1/13), the U.S. has just over 23 million cases of COVID-19 and 384,343 deaths. Worldwide, there are 92.2 million cases and 1,976,192 deaths.

January, Week 2 (1/14-1/20)

- Former Michigan governor Rick Snyder and eight others are criminally charged related to the Flint water crisis.
- On Friday (1/15), the U.S. Justice Department announces the opening of more than 300 investigations into participants in the Capitol riot.
- Russia detains Kremlin critic and opposition leader Alexei Navalny after he lands at a Moscow airport.
- On Monday (1/18 the MLK Holiday), the U.S. passes 400,000 Coronavirus deaths and on Tuesday night Joe Biden and Kamala Harris attend an event where 400 lights are placed around the reflecting pool of the Lincoln memorial to remember those who have perished.
- On Tuesday (1/19), President Trump issues last minute pardons to 143 people, including former aide Steve Bannon.
- On Wednesday (1/20), at noon on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol, Joe Biden becomes the nation’s 46th president and Kamala Harris is sworn-in as Vice President.
- On Wednesday (1/20), the U.S. has just over 24.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 406,001 deaths. Worldwide: 96.8 million cases and 2,073,866 deaths.

January, Week 3 (1/21-1/27)

- Two suicide bombings at a Baghdad market kill at least 32 people and injure over 100 others. Isis claims responsibility for the attacks.
- Another 1.8 million people file unemployment claims last week. 16 million Americans are now collecting unemployment.
- On Friday (1/22), Baseball home run king Hank Aaron dies at age 83.
- On Monday (1/25), Democratic impeachment managers carry papers from the House to the Senate for a trial to begin on February 9.
- Denver-based Dominion Voting Systems is seeking 1.3 billion dollars in a defamation lawsuit against Rudy Giuliani and others for false claims related to the election.
- President Biden says the government is buying 200 million more COVID-19 vaccines as states complain about the scarce supply.
- On Wednesday (1/27), the U.S. has 25.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 430,167 deaths. Worldwide: 100.95 million cases and 2,180,718 deaths.

January, Week 4 (1/28-2/3)

- Game Stop trading causes stock gyrations due to a tug of war between amateur day traders on Reddit and the professional managers of Wall Street hedge funds.
- The pandemic has had a profound economic impact on women in the U.S. with female unemployment hitting double figures this past year for the first time since 1948.
- Putin critic Alexei Navalny is sentenced to 3.5 years in prison, sparking weekend protests in Russia with 4,000 people arrested for supporting the detained opposition leader.
- In Myanmar, the military successfully launches a coup after detaining civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her top officials.
- President Biden signs 28 Executive Orders during his two weeks in office. The previous record was FDR signing 30 in his first month.
- On Wednesday (2/3), the U.S. has over 26.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 450,681 deaths. Worldwide: Over 104 million cases and 2,268,678 deaths.