Coronavirus pandemic timeline of significant events and U.S. government aid (2020)

- **JAN 21**: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirms the first case of coronavirus reported in the United States.
- **MAR 3**: Federal Reserve cuts primary credit rate by half a percentage point.
- **MAR 6**: The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act bill becomes law. This act provided $8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the outbreak. This included funding for vaccines and other medical supplies, loans for small businesses, and grants for health agencies.
- **MAR 13**: President Trump declares a national emergency concerning the coronavirus pandemic.
- **MAR 15**: The $3.5 billion Families First Coronavirus Response Act bill becomes law. This act included an expansion of paid sick leave, unemployment benefits, nutrition assistance, and free coronavirus testing.
- **MAR 21**: Internal Revenue Service extends deadline for filing 2019 taxes from April 15 to July 15.
- **MAR 27**: PPP funds run out and EIDL money lapses, Bloomberg reports.
- **APR 9**: Federal Reserve provides up to $2.3 trillion in loan support for households and employers. This includes the $600 billion Main Street Lending Program.
- **APR 16**: Federal Reserve expands eligibility guidelines for the forthcoming Main Street Lending Program, making a broader swath of businesses able to seek aid through the program.
- **APR 24**: Federal Reserve’s Main Street Lending Program opens for lender registration.
- **APR 30**: A supplementary $484 billion stimulus package becomes law. This package includes funding to replenish PPP and EIDL funding as well as funding for hospitals and testing.
- **JUNE 15**: The $2.3 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (known as the CARES Act) bill becomes law. This funding included $500 billion for stimulus checks to individuals, expanded unemployment benefits, $349 billion for the new Paycheck Protection Program, expanded Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, and $500 billion in bailout funding for large companies.


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