

British Government Response to Covid-19 Pandemic A Factual Breakdown

- December 31st:** China alerts WHO to new virus.
- January 23rd:** Study reveals a third of China's patients require intensive care.
- January 24th:** Boris Johnson misses ***first*** Cobra meeting.
- January 29th:** Boris Johnson misses ***second*** Cobra meeting.
- January 31st:** The NHS declares first ever 'Level 4 critical incident'. Meanwhile, the UK government declines to join European scheme to source PPE.
- February 5th:** Boris Johnson misses ***third*** Cobra meeting.
- February 12th:** Boris Johnson misses ***fourth*** Cobra meeting. Exeter University publishes study warning Coronavirus could infect 45million people in the UK if left unchallenged.
- February 13th:** Boris Johnson misses conference call with European leaders.
- February 14th:** *Boris Johnson goes on holiday. Aides are told keeps Johnson's briefing notes short or he will not read them.*
- February 18th:** Johnson misses ***fifth*** cobra meeting.
- February 26th:** Boris Johnson announces 'Herd Immunity' strategy, announcing some people will lose loved ones. Government document is leaked, predicting half a million Brits could die in 'worse case scenario'.
- February 29th:** *Boris Johnson retreats to his country manor.* NHS warns of 'PPE shortage nightmare'. Stockpiles have dwindled/expired after years of Tory austerity cuts.
- March 2nd:** Boris Johnson attends his ***first*** Cobra meeting, declining yet another opportunity to join European PPE scheme. Government's own scientists say over half a million Brit's could die if virus left unrestrained. Johnson tells country "We are very, very well prepared".
- March 3rd:** Scientists urge UK Gov to advise public not to shake hands. ***Boris Johnson brags about 'shaking hands' of Coronavirus patients.***

- March 4th:** UK Gov stops providing daily updates on virus following a 70% spike in UK cases. They later U-turned on this amid accusations they are withholding vital information.
- March 5th:** Boris Johnson tells public to ‘wash their hands and business as usual’
- March 7th:** *Boris Johnson joins 82,000 people at Six Nations match.*
- March 9th:** After Ireland cancels St Patrick’s Day parades, the UK Gov says there’s “No Rationale” for cancelling sporting events.
- March 10th–13th:** Cheltenham takes place, more than a quarter of a million people attend.
- March 11th:** 3,000 Atletico Madrid fans fly to Liverpool for football match.
- March 12th:** Boris Johnson states banning events such as Cheltenham will have “little effect”. The Imperial College study finds the UK government’s plan is projected to kill half a million people.
- March 13th:** The FA suspends the Premier League, citing an absence of UK Gov guidance. Britain is invited to join European scheme for joint purchase of ventilators, but refuses. Boris Johnson lifts restrictions of those arriving from Coronavirus hot spots.
- March 14th:** Government is still allowing mass gatherings, as Stereophonics play to 5,000 people in Cardiff.
- March 16th:** Boris Johnson asks Britons not to go to pubs, but allows them to stay open. During a conference call, *Johnson jokes that push to build new ventilators should be called “Operation Last Gasp”.*
- March 19th:** Hospital patients with Coronavirus are returned to care homes in a bid to free up hospital space. What follows is a massive spike in virus cases in care homes.
- March 20th:** The Government states that PPE shortage crisis is “Completely resolved”. Less than two weeks later, the British Medical Association reports an acute shortage in PPE.
- March 23rd:** **UK finally goes into lockdown.**
- March 26th:** Boris Johnson is accused of putting “Brexit over Breathing” by not joining EU ventilator scheme. The government then state they had not joined the scheme because they had “missed the email”.

- April 1st:** The *Evening Standard* publishes that just 0.17% of NHS staff have been tested for the virus.
- April 3rd:** The UK death toll overtakes China.
- April 5th:** 17.5 million Antibody tests, ordered by the UK government and described by Boris Johnson as a 'game changer', are found to be a failure.
- April 7th:** *Boris Johnson is moved to intensive care with Coronavirus.*
- April 16th:** Flights bring 15,000 people a day into the UK - without virus testing.
- April 17th:** Health Secretary Matt Hancock says, "I would love to be able to wave a magic wand and have PPE fall from the sky." **The UK has now missed four opportunities to join the EU's PPE scheme.**
- April 21st:** The Government fails to reach its target of face masks for the NHS, as it is revealed manufacturers offers of help were met with silence. Instead millions of pieces of PPE are being shipped *from* the UK to Europe.
- April 23rd - 24th:** UK Gov announces testing kits for 10 million key workers. Orders run out within minutes as only 5,000 are made available.
- April 25th:** UK death toll from Coronavirus overtakes that of The Blitz.
- April 30th:** Boris Johnson announces the UK has succeeded in avoiding a tragedy that had engulfed other parts of the world. At this point, the UK has the 3rd highest death toll in the world.
- May 1st:** The UK Gov announces it has reached its target of 100,000 tests – *They haven't conducted the tests, but instead posted the testing kits.*
- May 5th:** The UK death toll becomes the highest in Europe. UK Press gaslight the public into believing the UK Gov is doing well.
- May 6th:** Boris Johnson announces the UK could start to lift lockdown restrictions by next week.