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Samantha Aitken '23

**TIMELINE**

The Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, was a worldwide pandemic that began in Wuhan, China. It targeted the Respiratory System creating contagious, flu-like symptoms that could lead to death. This virus did not have a cure.

**JAN. 20**
The first confirmed case in the United States was in Washington State. A man in his 30's developed symptoms after returning from a trip to Wuhan.

**FEB. 11**
The World Health Organization proposed an official name for the disease the virus causes: Coronavirus (COVID-19), on a day that stood for coronavirus disease 2019.

**MARCH 5**
Colorado confirms its first two cases. One man on a ski trip visiting in Summit County and his 80's developed symptoms after returning from a trip to Wuhan.

**MARCH 11**
University of Colorado and Colorado State University announced plans to move classes to online after spring break. More colleges soon followed in the next few days.

**MARCH 12**
District 27J declares an extended spring break of the end of the day after Tri-County Health directed the closing of two schools for 72 hours after presumptive positive test results of Coronavirus. That night people went to the grocery stores like Walmart and King Soopers to get essentials and stock up on supplies.

**MARCH 13**
President Donald Trump officially declared a national emergency.

**MARCH 16**
President Trump advised citizens to avoid groups of more than 10.

**MARCH 17**
All Colorado bars and restaurants were required to suspend dine-in services. They were only allowed to stay open for takeout and delivery. The order also included the closure of gyms, theaters and casinos.

**MARCH 19**
Governor Jared Polis ordered the postponement of all elective and nonessential surgeries and procedures. He ordered the closure of nonessential personal service facilities like hair and nail salons.

**MARCH 22**
Governor Polis required nonessential workplaces to reduce in-person workforce by 50% and implement work from home capabilities.

**MARCH 27**
Adams County stay-at-home order for all residents goes into effect until Apr 17.

**APR. 3**
District 27J announced that the high school prom was canceled and that graduation would be postponed. They also announced the extended closure for in-person learning.

The same day, Governor Polis recommends that people wear masks when outside.

**HOW WE GAVE BACK**

**SYMBOL OF HOPE**

On March 26, the City of Brighton lit up the Brighton City Hall Building in green to welcome spring and to be a vibrant beacon of hope in this difficult time, according to Metro News Correspondent Steve Smith. A few weeks later on Apr. 7, schools like Riordan Ridge lit up their baseball field for #bethelightCO.

**HOWLING AT THE MOON**

On Apr. 7 and 8, Colorado had a supermoon and people gathered at 9 pm. Each night to howl at the full moon. The howl represented anything from giving those who died from Covid-19 (in Colorado there were 5,400 cases and 193 deaths), for medical staff and essential workers or for comedians.

**COMMON LANGUAGE**

Situation in place

An order to stay in one place indicates use as an emergency (e.g., airborne virus, chemical hazard) until given due to an emergency (e.g., extreme weather, chemical hazard) until given due to an emergency (e.g., extreme weather or chemical hazard) until given due to an emergency (e.g., extreme weather).

mitigation

The measures taken to slow the spread of the infection.

pandemic

An epidemic or disease that has spread over a large area.

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The measures that reduce contact between large groups of people.

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