TIMELINE OF THE EU'S HEALTH ACTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: Epidemiological situation | Health Measures | EU Global efforts

2020

9 JANUARY
Commission alerts Member States about „pneumonia of unknown etiology" what would later become COVID-19

FEBRUARY
First aid worth **€232 million** delivered to support global efforts

28 FEBRUARY
Joint procurement mechanism to secure **masks** and **other equipment**

16 JUNE
Adoption of EU COVID-19 Vaccines Strategy

31 AUGUST
EU joins COVID-19 **Vaccine Global Access Facility** (COVAX)

19 OCTOBER
Adoption of EU-wide system of contact **tracing** and **warning apps**

11 NOVEMBER
Launch of **European Health Union** for coordinated **preparedness** and **response**

2 DECEMBER
Commission presents 'Staying safe from COVID-19 during winter' strategy

21 DECEMBER
Commission authorises **first safe and effective vaccine** against COVID-19

27 DECEMBER
Vaccination starts in all **EU Member States**

2021

17 FEBRUARY
Launch of the "**HERA Incubator**" as a European bio-defence preparedness plan

6 MAY
Commission adopts **EU Strategy on COVID-19 Therapeutics**

21 MAY
EUR1 billion Team Europe initiative on access to vaccines, medicines and health technologies in Africa

15 JUNE
Commission presents „Early lessons from the pandemic"

1 JULY
EU Digital COVID Certificate enters into application

2022

1 MARCH
A stronger role for the European Medicines Agency enters into force

10 FEBRUARY
HERA launches **€1.3 billion** work plan for response and preparedness

18 OCTOBER
1 billion vaccine doses exported to more than **150 countries** worldwide

16 SEPTEMBER
Creation of the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)

31 AUGUST
70% of the EU adult population fully vaccinated

12 JULY
Commission delivers list of top-3 cross-border health threats to prepare against

30 NOVEMBER
Commission launches second €1.3 billion work plan for response and preparedness for 2023

30 NOVEMBER
Commission launches **EU Global Health Strategy**

2 DECEMBER
Commission and WHO enhance cooperation in global health security and architecture

15 DECEMBER
Commission establishes DURABLE laboratory network to strengthen health emergency preparedness and response

2023

5 JUNE
Commission and WHO launch **Digital Health Partnership**

5 MAY
WHO declares end of public health emergency of international concern

26 APRIL
Commission adopts **a Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe**

26 DECEMBER
New Health Security Framework enters into force, **stronger role for the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

30 JUNE
Commission establishes **EU FAB network** of ever-warm production capacities for vaccines and medicines manufacturing

12 JULY
Commission launches **HERA Invest mechanism** to support research and development in the cross-border health threats

1 SEPTEMBER
Commission reiterates need to be ready for COVID-19 circulation in the autumn and winter

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