

COVID-19 2021 Timeline

COVID-19 is a disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus first identified in 2019. COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through close proximity to an infected individual, and it is occasionally transmitted through contact with an infected surface. Symptoms typically appear 2-14 days after infection and include fever, chills, coughing, shortness of breath, headache, muscle aches, vomiting or diarrhea, and loss of taste or smell. While some infected individuals experience no symptoms, cases can range from mild incidents to severe illness requiring hospitalization or even death. Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) activated the Department Operations Center (DOC) on January 15, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 threat. This timeline presents major events related to COVID-19, as well as important actions SCPH DOC took to identify and prevent COVID-19 cases throughout 2021. Major events and actions in 2022 are documented in the COVID-19 2020 Timeline.

