

Web Annex 2: Web annex table 1 References for timeline

Month	Germany	Sweden	UK
January / Feb	28 th Jan Activation of emergency measures	31 st Jan first case ¹ 26 Feb High alert ¹	10 th February they launched the Health Protection (coronavirus) Regulations.
	1 st Feb Extension of the national surveillance system to include SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 28 Feb limited level of treat by RKI ²		
March	The RKI raised the level of threat containment and follow up of cases to establish the infection threads Adapted Pandemieplan ³ . We stay home” became a main slogan ⁴ 9 th of March: ban of larger events 11 th March speech from Merkel ⁵ 13 th March closure of schools, non-essential jobs, cultural events ²	11 Mar gatherings of > 500 people forbidden ¹ 16 Mar encouragement to work from home if possible ¹ 17 Mar distance learning grade 10-12 and universities ¹ 27 Mar gathering of > 50 people forbidden ¹ 30 Mar visits to elderly care banned ¹	2 March SAGE proposes community transmission ⁶ 16 March Imperial college modelling study published 16 March advise against non-essential travelling ⁶ 18 / 20 March announcement to close schools, cafés, cultural activities etc ⁶ 23 March shutdown except essential serices and work ⁶
April	Careful opening strategy ⁷ 22 April Schools open in some Bundesländer 29 th April making becomes mandatory in public spaces ⁸	14 April 22 scientist requests the government to take over the handling ⁹ 15 April claim of that 1/3 rd of the Stockholm population to be infected by 1 st May, widely picked also by international media ^{10,11}	6 April PM admitted to intensive care unit with COVID-19 infection ¹²
May		30 May, Johan Giesecke publishes “The invisible pandemic” ¹³	10 May easing of restrictions ⁶
June / July	16 th June Corona waning app launched ²	Summer holidays started on the 9 th of June 8 Juli New modelling published ¹⁴	15 June Face masks compulsory 23 face masks guidance published
August	1st August Corona protests in Berlin ¹⁵	17 Aug, schools re-open after the summer break, all classes 21 Aug Lövfén confirms that the strategy was right ¹⁶	8 August further face mask restrictions come into force ¹²
September	29 Sept traffic light system for regional responses agreed ¹⁷		9 th September rule of six published ¹² 21 st September pubs closed after 10 pm ¹²
October	7 Oct Beherbergungsverbot ¹⁸		12 th October 3-trier system published ¹²

	29 Oct partial lockdown ¹⁹		
November		16 Nov Löfvén promises to take responsibility ²⁰ 24 Nov rule of eight ²¹	
December	1st Dec further restrictions to meet people ¹⁹ 16 th December comprehensive restrictions including closing of schools and non-essential shops ²²	15 Dec Corona Commission ²³ Swedish King, Carl Gustaf says "I think we have failed" ²⁴	8 th Dec Immunization campaign started ¹² 19 th Dec mutants detected ¹² 19 th 4 trier published (stay at home order) ¹²

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