**Table S1.** Date when the first major physical distancing intervention (restrictions on public gatherings or mandatory business closures) was announced by national or sub-national government.

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| **Country** | **City** | **Geography of restriction** | **Date announced** | **Restriction type** |
| **Australia** | | | | |
| **Australia** | Melbourne | National | March 13 [1] | Ban gatherings > 500 people |
| Sydney |
| **Europe** | | | | |
| **Austria** | Vienna | National | March 10 [2] | Ban gatherings > 500 outdoors  Ban gatherings > 100 indoors |
| **Belgium** | Brussels | National | March 10 [3] | Ban gatherings > 1,000 people indoors |
| **Denmark** | Copenhagen | National | March 06 [4] | Ban gatherings > 1,000 people |
| **France** | Lyon | National | March 09 [5] | Ban gatherings > 1,000 people |
| Paris |
| **Germany** | Berlin | National | March 08 [6] | Ban gatherings > 1,000 people |
| Hamburg |
| Rhine-Ruhr |
| **Italy** | Milan | Sub-national (Lombardia) | March 08 [7] | Quarantine – Northern Italy |
| Rome | National | March 09 [8] | Quarantine – Nationwide |
| **Netherlands** | Amsterdam | National | March 12 [10] | Ban gatherings > 100 people |
| **Portugal** | Lisbon | National | March 14 [11] | Ban gatherings > 100 people |
| **Russia** | Moscow | National | March 24 [12] | Emergency measures (closures of nightclubs, cinemas, etc.) |
| St. Petersburg |
| **Spain** | Barcelona | National | March 13 [13] | State of emergency, restrictions on free movement |
| Madrid |
| **Sweden** | Stockholm | National | March 11 [14] | Ban gatherings > 500 people |
| **Turkey** | Istanbul | National | March 12 [15] | Closure of “places where people tend to mingle” |
| **United Kingdom** | Birmingham | National | March 16 [16] | Advised to avoid gatherings and crowded places, work from home where possible |
| London |
| Manchester |
| **Canada and the United States** | | | | |
| **Canada** | Vancouver | Sub-national (British Columbia) | March 12 [17] | Ban gatherings >250 people |
| Montreal | Sub-national (Quebec) | March 13 [18] | Ban gatherings >250 people |
| Toronto | Sub-national (Ontario) | March 13 [19] | Ban gatherings >250 people |
| **United States** | Los Angeles | Sub-national(California) | March 11a [20] | Bans gatherings >250 people |
| San Francisco |
| Seattle | Sub-national (Washington) | March 11a [21] | Bans gatherings >250 people |
| New York City | Sub-national (New York) | March 12a [22] | Bans gatherings >500 people |
| Philadelphia | Sub-national (Pennsylvania) | March 12a [23] | Bans gatherings >250 people |
| Boston | Sub-national (Massachusetts) | March 13a [24] | Bans gatherings >250 people |
| Chicago | Sub-national (Illinois) | March 13a [25] | Bans gatherings >1000 people |
| Washington DC | Sub-national (District of Columbia) | March 13a [26] | Bans gatherings >250 people |
| **Latin America** | | | | |
| **Mexico** | Mexico City | National | March 14 [27] | Cancellation of sporting and events in schools; school closures |
| **Brazil** | São Paulo | Sub-national (São Paulo) | March 13 [28] | Bans gatherings >500 people |
| **Asia** | | | | |
| **Hong Kong** | Hong Kong | National | January 29 [29] | Closure of public facilities |
| **Japan** | Tokyo | National | February 27 [30] | School closures, people urged to avoid congregating in enclosed spaces |
| **South Korea** | Seoul | Local | February 21 [31] | Closure of public spaces, protests banned |
| **Singapore** | Singapore | National | March 20 [32] | Ban gatherings >250 people |
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