

## **Genomic technologies for tracking COVID-19**

### Alt-text Figure 6 - Timeline of PCR testing

Timeline of PCR testing. 31 December 2019: the first recorded cases of unknown pneumonia are reported in Wuhan, China. 7 January 2020: China identifies the source of pneumonia as a novel coronavirus. 12 January 2020: the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 sequence is disseminated to WHO to share around the world. Mid-January 2020: Primer design of the RNA virus for PCR testing and first PCR tests for detection of new cases of Covid-19 virus. 21 January 2020: First detected case in North America (USA). 24 January 2020: First detected case in Europe (France). 30 January 2020: WHO declares a public health emergency of international concern. 14 February 2020: First detected case in Africa (Egypt). 24 February 2020: First detected case in South America (Brazil).