

CAPSCA EUR 08

COVID-19

The Portuguese experience



Outline

- Work
- Actions
- Achievements during this pandemic
- Lessons learnt
- Challenges
- Suggestions for the future

Work and Actions - Legislation



- **10/3** - ban on flights from Italy
- **16/3** - ban on flights from Spain
- **18/3/2020** – ban on all flights to and from countries outside the EU, with certain exceptions
 - a) Schengen Area (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland);
 - b) Portuguese speaking countries; from Brazil, however, only flights from and to São Paulo and to and from Rio de Janeiro will be admitted;
 - c) The United Kingdom, the United States of America, Venezuela, Canada and South Africa given the presence of important Portuguese communities

Rules that transformed Portuguese airports into air parking lots



30/6

- 1 - Authorize all flights to and from countries that are **part of the European Union**, countries associated with the **Schengen Area** (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland) and the **United Kingdom**
- 2 - Authorize flights originating in countries with a **positive epidemiological assessment**, taking into account the Council Recommendation of 30 June 2020 - list attached
- 3 - Prohibit air traffic to and from Portugal of all flights to and from other countries, except for essential journeys only:
 - a) Flights with origin in **Portuguese speaking countries**; from Brazil only **São Paulo** and **Rio de Janeiro**;
 - b) Flights originating in the **United States of America**, given the presence of important Portuguese communities.
 - c) With mandatory pre-boarding **RT-PCR tests (72h)**



- 4/7 - Portuguese airports ensure logistical conditions, segregation of passenger flows and availability of the **testing service** upon arrival (only Portuguese and residents)
- 31/7 - all flights to and from countries that are not part of the European Union or that are not countries associated with the Schengen Area, exclusively for essential trips – Tests
 - Up to 14/11



Countries with an epidemiological situation according to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/1551 of 22 October 2020

(up to 14/11)

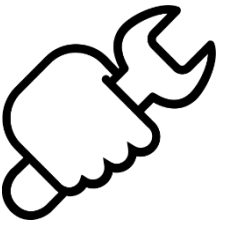
Countries

1 – Australia 2 – China 3 - South Korea 4 – Japan 5 - New Zealand 6 – Rwanda 7 – Singapore 8 – Thailand 9 – Uruguay

Special administrative regions

1 - Hong Kong 2 – Macau

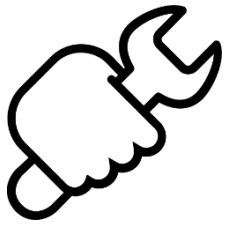
Work and Actions



Public Health Policies:

- Meetings with the Health, Tourism, Infrastructures and Foreign Affairs Ministries
- Meetings with Lisbon Airport (tests at arrival and contingency plan)
- Meetings with Directorate-General of Health
- Meetings related to electronic PLC implementation
- Advise on legislation

Work and Actions



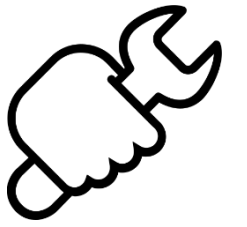
Case Management and Contact Tracing:

When a COVID-19 case is identified

- On board
- Tests at arrival
- Tests after arrival - local PHA
- At the airport – travelers at arrival/departure with positive tests
- Occupational Settings

Articulation with local PHA

Work and Actions



Staying updated and meeting with other entities:

- CAPSCA meetings
- EASA meetings
- IATA meetings
- Reading
- Other

Achievements



- SOPs for airports
- Airports Contingency Plans
- PLC (paper)
- PLCElectronic (PLCe)
- Tests at airports

Achievements



Passenger Locator Card

The information you provide will assist the Portuguese public health authorities to trace passengers who may have been exposed to COVID-19. The information is intended to be held by the Portuguese public health authorities in accordance with applicable law and to be used only for public health purposes.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Airline and Flight Number _____ Seat Number where you actually sat on the aircraft |_|_|_|

Date of arrival |_|_|/|_|_|/|_|_|_|_| Time of arrival |_|_|H|_|_|min
DD / MM / YYYY

Route: From _____ To _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a crew member? Yes |_| No |_|

Full name (first name followed by family name(s), please use CAPITAL LETTERS)

Date of Birth |_|_|/|_|_|/|_|_|_|_| Sex: F |_|, M |_|
DD / MM / YYYY

Address in Portugal (Street name, door number, floor, apartment) –please use CAPITAL LETTERS)

City _____ Postal code |_|_|_|-|_|_|_|

Mobile phone number (please include country code if applicable)

00 |_|_|-|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|

Email address: _____

Permanent address (if not in Portugal): _____

City and State/Province: _____ Country: _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Emergency contact information (contact information for the person who will best know where you are for the next 31 days and can easily reach you in case of emergency. This must NOT be you)

Full Name: _____

Mobile phone number (including country code): 00 |_|_|-|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|

PLC



Clean ✓
& Safe

 visit Portugal



Fill in your Passenger Locator Card

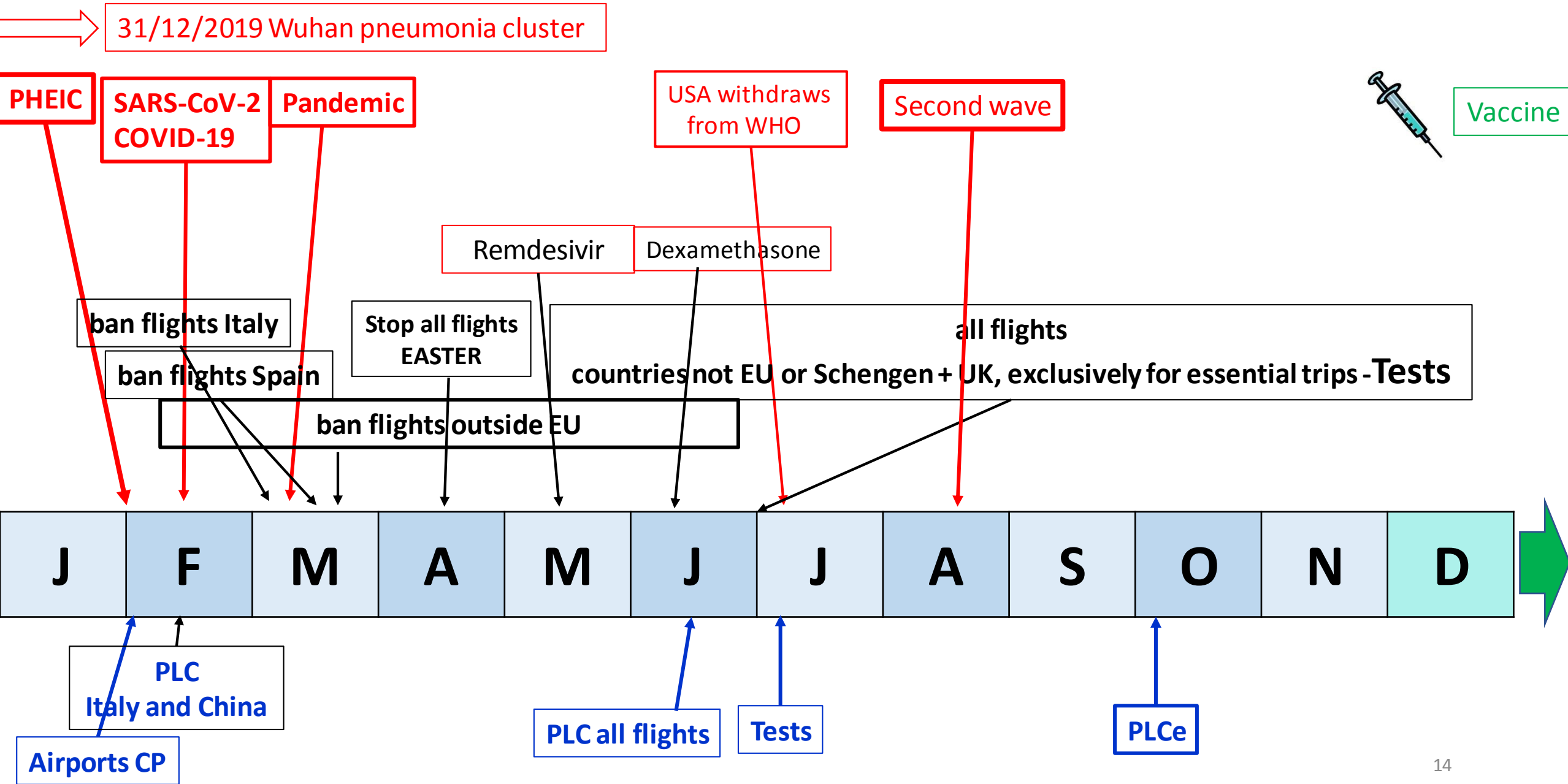
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Achievements - General

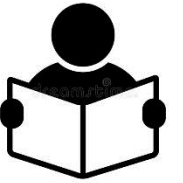


- Recognition of the importance of International Health by the Ministry
- Improved articulation with other Ministries and other stakeholders at national and local level
 - Immigration
 - Customs
 - Police
 - Airlines
 - Handlers
 - Etc.

Work and Actions - timeline



Lessons learnt



- Information (like technology) **is not useful if it is not accessible and organized**
- In a PHEIC **don't expect everything to be well organized**
- To contribute to the management of a PHEIC **start by organizing the areas of your responsibility** - you will see that others will start to recognize the results and ask you for suggestions and opinions – (and then you no longer have time for everything)

Challenges



- Ideas on how to ensure air travel without greatly increasing the epidemiological risk
- Communication in times of crises
 - *infodemic*
 - endless email streams
 - good risk communication
- Permanent redefinition of priorities

Future



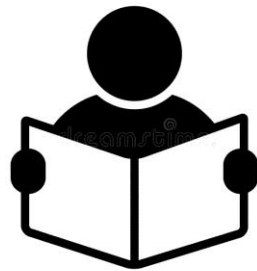
Suggestions for the future



- Training
- Capacity building
- Law reinforcement
 - Country level?
 - EU level?
- Learn with other's experience
- Learn with your one experience

**This pandemic has been a great learning experience for all of us
as professionals and as citizens**

Don't forget/waste lessons learned



Thank you very much

Hope to see you soon



We will meet again!