Appendix 1 News media articles, with assessments of lessons

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| **Document** | **Source** | **Lesson** | **Positive or negative lesson** |
| Abraham (Guardian, 23.01) | China and Past (SARS) | Greater openness; Lockdown | + |
| Peckham (Independent 30.1) | China and Past (SARS) | Greater transparency | - |
| Rohn (Guardian, 4.2) | China and Past (SARS)  | Initial cover-up then rapid response | -/+ |
| Yu ( Guardian 8.2) | China and Past (SARS)  | Lack of free speech | - |
| Llewelyn (Express 17.2) | West Africa and Past (Ebola) | Knowledge; infrastructure; behaviour change; trust; surveilance and tracking. | + |
| Times (17.2)  | China and Past (SARS) | Openness | - |
| Hague (Telegraph 2.3) | China and Iran  | Honesty and openness | - |
| Rosenberg (Telegraph, 6.3) | China and Past (Plagues)  | False information; disinformation, but quarantine  | -/ + |
| Nanan-Sen (Express 7.3) | Singapore | Public health interventions, contact tracing, isolation and public engagement  | + |
| McRae (Independent 8.3) | China and Italy | Lockdown and restricting movement | ?  |
| Yang (Independent 11.3) | Taiwan and Past (SARS) | Preparedness; infrastructure; early travel ban; stopping export of PPE; public compliance | + |
| Spinney (Guardian 11.3) | Past (‘Spanish flu’) | Quarantine, isolation, masks and handwashing | + |
| Guerrera (Telegraph 12.3) |  Italy | Saving economy disastrous | - |
| Collcutt (Express, 14.3)  | Past (‘Spanish flu’) | Quarantine, isolation, masks and hand-washing | + |
| Sridhar (Guardian 15.3) | Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong,  | Testing; contact tracing; [soft] social distancing; individual behaviour change | + |
|  Mail (17.3) | China | Early detection, quarantine and treatment | + |
| Marsi (Independent 20.3) | Italy | Lockdown | - |
| Giuffrida (Guardian, 23.3)  | Italy | Lockdown | - |
| Samuel and Squires (Telegraph, 23.3) | Italy | Lockdown | ? |
| Saunders (Express 25.3.20) | Past (‘Spanish Flu’) | Timing of and compliance with lockdown | + |
| Palmer (Mail 25.3) | China | ‘Hard’ Lockdown | + |
| Giordano (Independent, 26.3)  | Italy | High death rates of clinicians, linked to lack of PPE  | - |
| Toynbee (Guardian, 26.3) | New Zealand | Parliamentary Scrutiny Select Committee | + |
| Telegraph (28.3) | China, Sinagpore, Korea, Japan | Combination of: many ITU beds; affordable testing kits; TTT,enforcing social distancing; face masks; ‘hard’ lockdown surveillence through IT. | + |
| Squires (Telegraph, 29.3) | Italy  | Slow response; mixed messages; hospital-based care; lack of testing | - |
| Nanan-Sen (Express, (1.4) | Germany | Extensive testing | + |
| Glaze and Bartlett (Mirror 1.4) | Germany | Extensive Testing | + |
| Hoare (Express, 2.4) | Past (‘Spanish flu’) | Need to study the virus and develop a vaccine; risk communication | - |
| Guardian ( 2.4) | German, Korea | Extensive testing  | + |
| Nanan-Sen (Express 7.4) | Germany | Extensive tresting. | + |
| Smith (Mirror 7.4)  | Germany | Extensive testing | + |
| Stewart (Guardian 7.4.)  | Germany  | Extensive testing | + |
| Kaonga (Express, 8.4) | Spain | Lockdown exit strategy: masks/disinfectant; testing; tracing technology | + |
| Gregory (Independent, 12.4)  | Germany | Extensive testing | + |
| Observer (19.4) | Hong Kong; China; Singapore | Extensive contact tracing | + |
| McRae (Independent 21.4) | USA States | Early shut down; social distancing | ? |
| Day (Express, 22.4) | Past (Montreal 1885 Smallpox outbreak) | Discharging patients from hospital to home; rejecting vaccination | - |
| Collyns (Guardian, 22.4) | Ecuador | Lockdown | + |
| Singh (Guardian, 22.4) | Bolinas, California | Universal testing (virus and antibody) | + |
| Ali (Telegraph 24.4) | Kerala, India | Rapid testing, early detection, rigorous contact tracing and strict 28-day home quarantine for suspected individuals | + |
| Linklater (Times, 25.4) | Germany | TTI | + |
| Kaidan (Express 28.4) | Past: (‘Spanish Flu’) | Lockdown lifted too soon | - |
| Marsi (Independent 2.5) | Italy | Did not expand ITU capacity quickly enough. But universal testing in Vo | -/ + |
| Brown (Telegraph, 4.5) | Liberia and Past (Ebola) | Some testing capacity following Ebola, but recruited new teams, and chaotic lockdown.  | -/+ |
| Sridhar (Guardian, 4.5) | East Asian nations and Past (SARS, MERS) | TTI; appropriate PPE; 14 day international quarantines; clear communication | + |
| Merrick (Independent, 6.5) | Korea | TTI | + |
| Conradi (Sunday Times, 10.5) | Vo, Italy | Quarantine of village and TTI | + |
| O’Hare (Independent, 16.5) | Past: Great Plague  | Restricted movement and public assembly  | + |
| Beaumont and Connolly (Guardian, 21.5)  | Korea and Germany | TTI | + |
| Chor (Independent 26.5) | Hong Kong and Past (SARS)  | PPE in care homes and health system.  | + |
| Du Pless (Guardian, 27.5) | South Africa and Past: HIV | Clear communication; lockdown; closed borders. | + |
| Kaonga (Express, 27.5)  | Korea and Taiwan | Rapid (24 hour) return of test results | + |
| Newey (Telegraph, 3.6) | China | Slow to share information with WHO  | - |
| Osbourne (Express, 8.6) | China | Slow to share information with WHO | - |