

## Supplementary Material

Table S1. Timeline of the actions taken to contain the outbreak

Date	Law	Brief description of the measures adopted
22-Mar	DECRETO DEL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI (PRIME MINISTERIAL DECREE): Further implementation of the regulations of the decree-law of 23 February 2020, n. 6, containing urgent measures regarding the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19, in the national territory. (20A01807) (Published on G.U. n. 76 of 22 March 2020)	"Closure of all non-essential activities"
11-Mar	DECRETO DEL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI (PRIME MINISTERIAL DECREE): Further implementation of the regulations of the decree-law of 23 February 2020, n.6, laying down specific containment measures for the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency implemented throughout the whole national territory. (Published on G.U. n. 64 of 11 March 2020)	"All restaurants, bars and other commercial activities are closed"
09-Mar	DECRETO DEL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI (PRIME MINISTERIAL DECREE): Further implementing regulations of the decree-law of 23 February 2020, n.6, laying down specific containment measures for the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency which are to be implemented throughout the whole national territory. (Published on G.U. n. 62 of 9 March 2020)	"The entire country is turned into a red zone"
08-Mar	DECRETO-LEGGE (DECREE-LAW): Extraordinary and urgent measures to counter the spread of the COVID-19 virus and contain the negative effects on judicial activities (Published on G.U. n. 11 of 8 March 2020)	"The Lombardy region and three provinces of the Veneto region (Padua, Treviso and Venice) are turned into a red zone"
23-Feb	DECRETO-LEGGE (DECREE-LAW): Extraordinary and urgent measures to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus (Published on G.U. n. 45 of 23 February 2020)	"Some towns in the Lombardy and Veneto regions are placed under lockdown due to the new coronavirus outbreak - Closure of all educational activities - Suspension of events or initiatives of any nature"