

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 33
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This issue represents the thirty-third of the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response updates, highlighting the work the Foundation is doing through donor support to extend CDC's emergency response. We thank our donors for their incredible generosity and support that is saving and protecting lives as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Update: Globally, over 477 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported, including approximately 6 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 79.9 million confirmed cases and over 976,000 deaths.

CDC Update: As of March 24, 2022, more than 255.1 million people in the United States have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Learn more from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID Data Tracker](#).

During the past month, CDC updated their COVID-19 community recommendations. [CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. The agency is encouraging everyone to take precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$581.9 million for the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response, and the Foundation has deployed those funds in over 96 U.S. states and territories and other countries.

What is the connection between law and public health? Why is it important? And how can public health law help shine a light on health equity? Contagious Conversations podcast guest Sarah de Guia, JD, chief executive officer of ChangeLab Solutions, helped us answer these questions [in the latest episode](#). We encourage everyone to listen to this episode to hear more about the importance of public health law as an essential tool to advance health equity and ensure healthy communities for all.

The fourth Lights, Camera, Action summit took place on March 23 and focused on catalyzing cross-sectoral partnerships and community engagement. Learn more at [futureofpublichealth.org](#).

Over the past year, our world continued to face unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. With your support, we have been able to have tremendous impact. And together we have been a part of the greatest public health collaboration in history. Healthcare workers, public health experts, businesses, schools, community organizations and so many others worked together in new ways. Thank you for connecting with us, supporting us and helping us make a global impact. [View our latest Report to Donors](#).

Join with us to save and improve lives. Your support is invaluable to advance our critical research and health initiatives. Whether it's tackling a health emergency like COVID-19, fighting a chronic condition like cancer or heart disease or tackling climate's impact on public health, we need your help! Unite with the CDC Foundation to make a difference now. [Give or fundraise today at \[give.cdcfoundation.org/CDCFImpact\]\(https://give.cdcfoundation.org/CDCFImpact\)](#).

Supporting the Work to Save and Protect Lives:

Through the support of our donors, our team has addressed a variety of needs as part of our response efforts since the last update. These highlights include:

- Increasing awareness and feasibility of **COVID-19 prevention strategies among maternal and child health populations** through an effort called Project Daisy. Project Daisy has awarded grants to 10 community-based organizations to facilitate access to vaccines and community engagement: The Gift of Life Foundation (AL), Arkansas Birthing Project (AR), Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County (FL), National Birth Equity Collaborative (LA), Zora's Cradle (KY), Sisters in Birth (MS), Pee Dee Healthy Start (SC), Dia de la Mujer Latina (TX), Birth in Color RVA (VA), and West Virginia Perinatal Partnership (WV)
- Building on existing **relationships with academic partners, specifically Historically Black Colleges and Universities**, to foster and support partnerships that bolster public health community COVID-19 response efforts, Southern Alliance will work with community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide relevant and culturally competent information. Southern Alliance 2.0 expands:
 - The prioritization of subpopulations within the African American and non-Hispanic Black community;
 - The geographic focus and reach of the core organizations and overall response efforts; and
 - The relationship with CBOs and reach of the equity centered capacity building efforts that strengthen programs, resources and partnerships.
- Providing a rural health toolkit to **address the language-related data collection and methodology gap** for non-Spanish speaking, limited English proficient agriculture and protein processing workers.

For a broader look at our response efforts since January 2020, please visit: bit.ly/CDCFImpact