

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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This issue represents the twelfth 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, more than 20.9 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 760,000 deaths from nearly every country in the world. In the United States, there have been more than 5.2 million confirmed cases.

CDC Update: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity is available [through the COVIDView report](#). The latest report shows the percentage of deaths attributed to COVID-19 increased during the first three weeks of July but has since been on the decline.

A new [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) about an outbreak at a Maryland nursing home found that the percentage of residents testing positive for COVID-19 was higher among residents receiving dialysis compared to those who were not. Additionally, [a new CDC study in The Lancet](#) finds that nearly two-thirds of the first confirmed COVID-19 cases in each country as of mid-March had travel links to Italy, China or Iran.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: We are pleased to report our donors have now committed \$135 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19.

Wearing a face mask consistently and correctly is one of the most important things we can do as individuals to fight COVID-19. World Mask Week took place the week of August 7–14, where more than 40 organizations came together with the goal to inform and educate people across the globe about the effectiveness of mask-wearing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Some of these organizations include the Pandemic Action Network, the World Health Organization, CDC, Africa CDC, Facebook, Global Citizen and our team at the CDC Foundation.

Through a contract with the CDC Foundation, the Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation at Georgia Tech launched an effort to help develop and produce accessible COVID-19 emergency materials for people with disabilities. These formats include braille and tactile documents, accessible websites and applications, closed captioned videos, and plain language for individuals with low literacy skills.

Support from the CDC Foundation and our donors has been used to meet a wide variety of challenges as part of the COVID-19 response, but there are many more urgent needs as the pandemic continues to rage across the globe. At present, three areas of critical need include investing in the work of those on the frontlines, campaigns promoting greater use of protective behaviors, and research and projects to address health equity issues. [Please join with us at give4cdcf.org](#).

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:

- Supporting development of the [How Right Now](#) campaign. The campaign provides resources to support mental health during the pandemic and offers ideas for coping with COVID-19 related stress. Resources include fact sheets, articles, webinars, mobile apps and crisis hotlines from a variety of organizations.
- Providing funding to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in a project to advance local health departments' COVID-19 response efforts by addressing threats and harms to local public health, including supporting resource development for state associations of public health, improving public health information supports during COVID-19 and standing up a NACCHO COVID-19 rapid investigation and dissemination center.
- Supporting Alameda County, CA, with support for households in isolation and quarantine with the highest needs and the fewest prospects for accessing other types of aid in the county.
- Funding the New Jersey Public Health and Environmental Laboratory to purchase reagents and supplies needed to expand capacity to perform nucleic acid amplification testing for Sars-Cov-2 for an additional 10,000 plus individuals, bolstering the state's ability to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- Supporting surveillance in Bangladesh by providing technical assistance for capacity building, including prevention awareness and at-risk community targeting efforts.
- Providing support to the Houston Health Department in their response through the donation of 27,500 face masks, 15,000 face shields, 5,000 disposable smocks, 1,000 lab coats, 500 disposable protective sleeves, 3,000 hair caps and 2,000 shoe covers.

For a broader look at our response efforts since January, please visit:

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