

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 16
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This represents the sixteenth 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 36.6 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 1 million deaths from nearly every country in the world. In the United States, there have been more than 7.6 million confirmed cases and more than 212,000 deaths.

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 that indicators tracking COVID-19 activity nationally continued to decline or remain stable. However, three regions reported an increase in the percentage of specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2. The report also shows weekly hospitalization rates declined for all adult age groups in August and September. However, weekly rates for pediatric age groups remained steady during the same period.

A recent CDC [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) finds relatives who stayed in the same house at a family gathering developed COVID-19. The outbreak was likely sparked by a 13-year-old exposed to someone with COVID-19 before the gathering.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: We are pleased to report our donors have committed \$154.1 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19. Below we are sharing a few highlights from the past few weeks.

This week, the CDC Foundation joined the Ad Council, American Medical Association and CDC to announce the [No One Has Time for Flu](#) campaign, to encourage Americans to get vaccinated against influenza.

The Foundation is providing an opportunity to support our public health heroes nationwide. We asked individuals to [share a note of thanks and join hundreds of people nationwide](#) who have already taken the opportunity to send a message of support for these heroes.

The Atlanta Business Chronicle [interviewed Dr. Judy Monroe for the It's Complicated podcast series](#) along with Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, president and dean of the Morehouse School of Medicine. They discussed the topics of health equity, COVID-19 and vaccine acceptance.

The Foundation also continues to share stories highlighting work across the nation as part of our COVID-19 response. For example, [read about how the University of Washington School of Nursing found a way to get their students the safe in-clinic training](#) they needed to graduate, even during the pandemic.

Support from the CDC Foundation and our donors is meeting challenges as part of the COVID-19 response, but there are many more urgent needs as the pandemic continues. [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 a **study on the dynamics of the COVID-19 epidemic**, highlighting the occurrence of severe respiratory symptoms attributed to SARS-CoV-2 and its lethality in the city of Salvador-Bahia, Brazil.
- Partnering with the Clean the World Foundation to place **portable toilets and handwashing stations** for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in southern Nevada.
- Collaborating with partners to collect **near-real-time data on school mitigation strategies** being implemented nationwide.
- Supporting a lab in the Imperial County Health Department in California to **purchase equipment to expand capacity for COVID-19 testing**. The lab will conduct tests of at-risk individuals, ensure timely results to clinicians as well as isolation/sequestration procedures for residents in institutional settings, and communicate available testing sites to community residents through various outreach efforts.
- Supporting community agencies to deliver **customized health and medical supplies to Native American elders** living in under-resourced areas with high COVID-19 incidences in four tribes spanning five states: Navajo (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah), Oglala (South Dakota), Lakota (South Dakota) and Yurok (California).
- Providing resources for under-resourced federally qualified health centers in inland Puerto Rico with **personal protective equipment and medical supplies** based on the needs of 10 different health centers.

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