

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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This issue represents the seventeenth 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 53 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 1.29 million deaths from nearly every country in the world. In the United States, there have been nearly 10.6 million confirmed cases and more than 242,700 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 COVID-19 associated hospitalization rates by week have been on the rise since September, driven mostly by increases in adults 18 years and older.

A new CDC [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) (MMWR) finds nine percent of the more than 100,000 patients discharged after being hospitalized for COVID-19 were readmitted to the same hospital within two months. [Another MMWR](#) makes clear wearing a mask helps protect you, and not just those around you, from coronavirus transmission. The report updates guidance that the main mask-wearing benefit was to prevent infected people from spreading the virus to others.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$206 million for the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response, and the Foundation has deployed those funds in over 83 U.S. states and territories and other countries.

The CDC Foundation, with technical assistance from CDC, recently launched ["Rapid Monitoring and Evaluation of School Mitigation Measures Implementation,"](#) a project to gather near real-time information on how parents and school leaders are navigating challenging decisions about the safety of remote versus face-to-face learning, largely with limited data. The information gathered will be displayed via a centralized public dashboard.

The Foundation also launched [a new COVID-19 webinar series and accompanying resource page](#) to help community-based organizations meet the needs of those they serve. Dr. Judy Monroe, president and CEO of the CDC Foundation, hosted the first webinar featuring speakers from CDC, the Illinois Migrant Council and the Houston Health Department.

We also continue to share stories highlighting work across the nation as part of our COVID-19 response. [Learn more about a group of our talented COVID-19 Corps contact tracers.](#) You can also read more about one group of contact tracers [known in Pennsylvania public-health circles as "The Super Tracers."](#)

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. [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 the health department in Manchester, NH, for **case investigations and contact tracing using school nurses**. During the spring and early summer, a staff of 21 school nurses conducted 13,000 calls, 700 case investigations, and triaged over 1,675 hotline calls. This project is serving as a model for other communities.
- Supporting Emory University to conduct qualitative research with persons residing in metro Atlanta counties, all with substantial African American and Hispanic/Latinx populations, to gain an understanding on low participation in COVID-19 research and **identify opportunities to increase engagement**.
- Collaborating with the Hawaii Public Health Institute and community health workers to **provide outreach and education to populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19**, including Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians and Filipinos.
- Procuring 87,841 bottles of hand sanitizer to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 for a Yellow Fever vaccination campaign in Ghana, supporting the **safe implementation of vaccinations in the time of COVID-19**.
- Providing support to frontline workers by **procuring and delivering over nine million personal protective equipment (PPE) products**, including N95 and KN95 respirators, surgical masks, protective goggles, protective gloves, face shields, isolation gowns and coveralls to several organizations in California.
- Providing support for Crushing the Curve, a youth-led social marketing campaign designed to **educate young people in California about staying mentally and physically healthy** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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