

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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This issue represents the twentieth 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 113 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 2.51 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 28 million confirmed cases and more than 508,000 deaths.

CDC Update: As of February 26, 2021, more than 47 million people had received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, 22.6 million had received both doses and are fully vaccinated. Learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [COVID Data Tracker](#).

This week, CDC hosted a virtual [National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine](#). The Forum aimed to promote the most effective strategies to build trust and confidence in COVID-19 vaccines, use data to optimize vaccine implementation and provide participants with practical information for increasing vaccine access in communities nationwide, especially for persons at increased risk of COVID-19 disease and those who may face barriers to vaccination.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$215 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.

COVID-19 has exposed deep vulnerabilities in our nation's public health infrastructure. To help end the pandemic, the CDC Foundation has joined with other partners to launch the [Health Action Alliance \(HAA\)](#). HAA will unlock the power of business to help accelerate the COVID-19 response, strengthen vaccine acceptance and rebuild public health.

On February 1, CDC Foundation President and CEO Dr. Judy Monroe authored an op-ed in Morning Consult titled ["The Pandemic Will Continue Without Strong Government and Philanthropic Support."](#) In the op-ed, Dr. Monroe highlights the unquestionable impact of the philanthropic response to COVID-19.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also profoundly affected older adults and their informal or unpaid caregivers. Recognizing these challenges, the CDC Foundation, with technical assistance from CDC, [funded a study to examine the needs and concerns of community-dwelling older adults and caregivers during COVID-19](#) and the supports available to them.

It has been a full year since the start of the pandemic. The CDC Foundation was among the first nonprofits to get out in front to fight COVID-19. Fighting the virus is a marathon—not a sprint. We need the help of our donors now more than ever to continue to fight the coronavirus pandemic and save lives. [Please join with us to Crush COVID 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:

- **Providing PPE, wrap-around services and educational materials** for families impacted by COVID-19; supporting the purchase of handwashing stations; and supporting local health department staffing in Dodge City, KS.
- **Supporting the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice** in facilitating community of practice events covering COVID-19 topics that will bring community stakeholders together to disseminate best practices and implementation strategies within jails in Michigan.
- **Providing cold-chain equipment** to support vaccine deliveries in the Pacific Islands.
- **Supporting the renovation of healthcare facilities in Ethiopia** to prepare for influxes of COVID-19 cases.
- **Supporting interagency collaboration among refugee-serving organizations in Rhode Island**, focusing on: food insecurity; mental health and communication needs; ensuring availability of culturally and linguistically appropriate messaging; and building long-term operational network sustainability.
- **Partnering with the City of St. Louis Department of Health's Clergy Advisory Board** to develop COVID-19 messaging for faith-based communities, and partnering with community-based organizations in the city to distribute COVID-19 information to the faith community.
- **Partnering with the Illinois Migrant Council** to identify families highly impacted by COVID-19 within the farmworker and Latinx communities in rural Illinois.
- Partnering with RB to build on a previous project to **print, package and ship 25,000 additional school kits and 15,000 teacher kits** with materials that encourage healthy hand and respiratory behaviors in schools.

For a broader look at our response efforts since January 2020, please visit:

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