

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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This issue represents the twenty-first 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 125 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 2.75 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 30 million confirmed cases and more than 546,000 deaths.

CDC Update: As of March 26, 2021, over 87 million people in the United States had received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, 47.4 million had received both doses and are fully vaccinated. Learn more from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID Data Tracker](#).

Earlier this month, CDC issued its [initial set of recommendations](#) on activities that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely resume. The agency also [updated its K-12 school guidance](#), including new recommendations on physical distance between students in classrooms. CDC now recommends that, with universal masking, students should maintain a distance of at least three feet in classroom settings.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$240 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.

To assist us all in venturing outside our homes as conditions improve, Clorox, the Cleveland Clinic and CDC Foundation have partnered on a new initiative, the [Clorox Safer Today Alliance](#). This initiative aims to help enhance public health and safety outside the home, now and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative will support key sectors—including retail, travel, hospitality, entertainment and transportation—by providing practices on increased safety measures that aim to instill confidence when people return to shared spaces.

On March 9, the [Health Action Alliance](#), of which the CDC Foundation is a founding organization, hosted a National Business Summit featuring CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Business Roundtable CEO Joshua Bolten and top executives. The summit offered best practices on creating company vaccine policy, educating workers, engaging disproportionately-impacted populations and strengthening community vaccination.

To support other organizations in preparing for emergencies, the CDC Foundation created an [Emergency Response Activation Instructional Handbook for Fundraising Organizations](#). This new handbook provides instruction and recommendations on how an organization can effectively mobilize resources for long-term emergency response and recovery.

Today, COVID-19 continues to infect and take lives in the United States and across the globe. 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:

- **Purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE)** for New York organizations' frontline workers, including disposable masks, gloves and N95 masks.
- Providing assistance for wrap-around services in Utah to **support quarantine and isolation** in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.
- Partnering with Cocoon House to **provide vital services for at-risk and homeless young people** in Snohomish County, WA, during the COVID-19 health crisis.
- Partnering with Project Northern Lights and RESOLVE Canada to **provide PPE to underserved populations** in Canada who are struggling to meet their PPE needs through existing supply chains.
- Working with the Latino Community Center in Allegheny County, PA, to **gather data on what information families require in order to be COVID-19 vaccine-ready** and begin sharing appropriate information in response to this need.
- Providing support to reinforce the response against COVID-19 in 10 districts of Côte d'Ivoire by **improving surveillance and contact tracing, strengthening IT systems and equipment and training frontline workers**.

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