

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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This issue represents the twenty-second 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 149 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 3.1 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 32.2 million confirmed cases and more than 574,000 deaths.

CDC Update: As of April 29, more than 142.6 million people in the United States have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, 98 million have received both doses and are fully vaccinated. Learn more from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID Data Tracker](#).

This week, CDC issued [new guidance for fully vaccinated people](#), including recommending that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues. A new [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) reaffirms the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$249.2 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.

This week, the CDC Foundation is proud to be one of the national nonprofit organizations supporting key issues that impact underserved communities as part of the [NFL's Draft-A-Thon](#). Through support provided as part of Draft-A-Thon, the Foundation will focus on health inequities and promote vital community conditions, including meeting the basic needs for health, nutrition, safety, housing, education and meaningful work.

In early April, the Foundation released [a special episode of its Contagious Conversations podcast](#) featuring a conversation between our President and CEO Dr. Judy Monroe and CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky. In the interview, Dr. Walensky discusses the career path that led to her new role as CDC director, her experience working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic and her vision for the agency that works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats.

Through the generosity of our donors, we have been able to partner with incredible organizations across the country to aid essential workers, who in turn aided so many millions in need. For this work, we were honored to be recognized with [WebMD's 2021 Frontline Champions Health Heroes award](#), which recognizes the contributions of the nation's essential workers.

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:

- Partnering with U.S. health departments, hospitals and long-term care facilities to **actively test for Candida Auris in populations affected by COVID-19**, as well as testing of environmental surfaces and shared medical equipment in healthcare facilities.
- Supporting the Bipartisan Policy Center in creating a report on **how to best position the public health system so that is prepared for the next pandemic**, with a focus on federal roles and responsibilities, financing and data infrastructure.
- Supporting a project to **understand the opening status of schools** in order to help CDC understand how guidance and recommendations will affect school districts and if there are changes in school opening status as levels of community transmission change over time.
- **Providing personal protective equipment (PPE)** for Loaves and Fishes, a non-profit organization in Harlingen, TX, that provides support to their community through homeless shelters, food pantries, emergency assistance and job assistance.
- Supporting a project to launch Big Shots!, which will incorporate **empowering branding and messaging to highlight everyday people** who are rolling up their sleeves to get others vaccinated.
- Supporting the **Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) 2021 Annual Conference** by hosting a special interactive program to show appreciation for the extraordinary work of laboratory staff during the past year.

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

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