

# Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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*This issue represents the twenty-fourth 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 180.1 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including approximately 3.9 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 33.6 million confirmed cases and more than 603,000 deaths.

**CDC Update:** As of June 24, 2021, more than 178.3 million people in the United States have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, 151.2 million are fully vaccinated. Learn more from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID Data Tracker](#).

A new CDC [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) finds that by May 22, 2021, 57 percent of people 18 and older had received 1 or more COVID-19 vaccine doses. Vaccination coverage was highest among those 65 and older (80 percent) and lowest among those 18–29 (38 percent).

**What the CDC Foundation is doing:** To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$498.2 million for our COVID-19 response, and the Foundation has deployed those funds in 89 U.S. states and territories and other countries.

Community-based organizations (CBO) serve as a trusted asset providing valuable services to the members of their communities, particularly during the pandemic. To help further engage CBOs with their COVID-19 response efforts, the CDC Foundation and Anthem Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Anthem, Inc., [are partnering to provide tools and resources for their pandemic response in at-risk communities around the country](#).

In recent months, COVID-19 cases and deaths have quickly escalated in India. To fortify the response there, the CDC Foundation worked with our donors to provide 170 cryogenic oxygen tanks to three districts in India to assist with their COVID-19 response, as these areas were facing an oxygen shortage.

Earlier this month, [Facebook and MSD \(Merck\) announced their support for a new multi-year initiative](#) that will focus on vaccine hesitancy and vaccine equity in underserved communities. It will aim to advance understanding of how social media and behavioral sciences can be leveraged to improve the health of communities around the world. The CDC Foundation is joining this effort along with WHO, World Bank, Bay Area Global Health Alliance, MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy, Sabin Vaccine Institute and the Vaccine Confidence Project.

The CDC Foundation continues to feature stories about the impact that is being generated by our donors. [You can read about this critical work in action](#)—from death-certificate detectives investigating data equity issues to protecting Brazil's healthcare workers from a dangerous COVID variant and more.

Today, COVID-19 continues to infect and take lives in the U.S. and across the globe. We need the help of our donors to continue to fight the coronavirus pandemic and save lives. [Please join with us to Crush COVID at give4cdf.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:

- Expanding the work of five community-based organizations in Seattle King County, Washington, to assist with vaccination registration and transportation for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals and conduct an education campaign about vaccines to target misinformation.
- Supporting expansion of the Healthy Davis Together campaign to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Davis, CA, by using real-time data from community-wide testing, contact tracing and environmental monitoring to inform decisions on how to keep community members and students healthy.
- Providing 1,000 care kits for individuals newly released from Idaho jails (including masks, tissues, hand sanitizer, soap, wipes and thermometers). Also provided information about COVID-19 testing resources and safety to newly-released individuals.
- Improving testing capacity for medically underserved Marshallese populations, including establishing protocol for testing pods, creating Marshallese education materials and supporting the increase of wraparound services, including an individualized care management process for youths with complex needs.
- Developing and implementing a training program to support the safe reopening of restaurants.
- Improving COVID-19 communications by identifying several campaigns to various agencies, government leadership, community stakeholders and demographics and determining their impact.

For a broader look at our response efforts since January 2020, please visit: [bit.ly/CDCImpact](https://bit.ly/CDCImpact)