

# Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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*This issue represents the twenty-sixth 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 215 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including approximately 4.5 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 38.4 million confirmed cases and more than 634,000 deaths.

**CDC Update:** As of August 26, 2021, nearly 203 million people in the United States have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, 172 million are fully vaccinated. Learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [COVID Data Tracker](#).

This week, the Comirnaty/Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine [received full U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) approval](#). CDC continues to encourage Americans to get vaccinated, and even if you are vaccinated, to wear a mask indoors in public in an area of substantial or high spread. U.S. health officials and medical experts [announced recently](#) that booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines will be offered this fall, subject to authorization from FDA and recommendation from CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

**What the CDC Foundation is doing:** To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$521.5 million for the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response, and the Foundation has deployed those funds in 89 U.S. states and territories and other countries.

As part of ongoing efforts to increase acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccines and advance health equity in all aspects of the COVID-19 response, [the CDC Foundation announced support this week](#) to more than 150 community-based organizations throughout the United States with more than \$30 million to promote COVID-19 vaccination and reduce the disease's burden.

As cities and states across the country resume indoor dining, the Delta variant picks up speed and mask guidance remains inconsistent, [the Aspen Institute's Food & Society Program is partnering with Rouxbe](#) to release a free online training course that promotes safe restaurant dining for both customers and staff, including guidance on vaccinations. This training program, supported by the CDC Foundation, is based on the first national indoor dining safety guidelines, Safety First, released in April 2021 in partnership with prominent restaurant industry leaders and organizations.

With the Delta variant accelerating COVID-19 cases and deaths, we're at a critical point in the pandemic, but together we have the power to Crush COVID. Unite with the CDC Foundation to make a difference now. [Please join with us to crush COVID at give.cdcfoundation.org/SOS.](#)

## 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 the Sickle Cell Data Collection (SCDC) program, which works to **improve the collection of information about individuals with sickle cell disease in the U.S.**, to analyze the utilization of telemedicine during the time of the pandemic and how that compares to utilization in previous years.
- Partnering with Deloitte Consulting on the Healthy Davis Together Project to continue implementation of priority COVID-19 focus areas to **accelerate recovery across the community of Davis, CA**, inclusive of the University of California Davis campus community.
- Collaborating with the Public Health Institute National Overdose Summit that will take place in 2021. Drug overdose deaths in the U.S. have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the CDC Foundation is **sponsoring the Public Health Institute National Overdose Summit for 2021**, which includes training and networking with local and national leaders on overdose prevention.
- Providing **over 900,000 disposable masks to multiple community-based organizations**, nonprofits, sheriff's offices, churches and schools (such as the National Indian Health Board, Illinois Migrant Council, Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, Migrant Clinicians Network, Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington and more).
- Developing and shipping 100,000 culturally relevant coloring books for tribal children and youth that has **information for children about the COVID-19 virus**, including illustrating social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands and other steps they can take to protect themselves and their communities.

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