

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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*Based on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, this issue represents the **thirty-fourth and final** planned CDC Foundation COVID-19 response update report. We will continue to provide additional information about our COVID-19 response in blogs, stories, other content at [cdcfoundation.org](https://www.cdcfoundation.org) and through our social media channels. We thank our donors for their incredible generosity and support that is saving and protecting lives.*

Update: Globally, more than 512 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported, including approximately 6.2 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 81.2 million confirmed cases and more than 993,000 deaths.

CDC Update: As of April 29, 2022, more than 257.4 million people in the United States have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Learn more from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID Data Tracker](#).

A recent CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) found that for the second year, COVID-19 was the third leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2021, after heart disease and cancer. The agency continues to encourage everyone to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines to help prevent serious illness and death.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$588.3 million for the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response, and the Foundation has deployed those funds in over 96 U.S. states and territories and other countries.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned that many Americans rely on a trusted voice in the community to receive health information. One of those trusted voices is Mysheika Roberts, MD, MPH, health commissioner for the city of Columbus, OH. Many, if not all, health departments in our country have been addressing stark mortality, hospitalization, vaccination and other inequities, across dimensions such as race/ethnicity, geography, income, education and disability status during COVID-19. [In the latest episode of our Contagious Conversations podcast](#), Dr. Roberts discusses why community engagement is important and how she and her team are addressing health inequities in Columbus.

New health threats, from the current COVID-19 pandemic to the future health impacts of climate change, will require a redoubling of the successful public health approaches of the past and a new surge of support for the public health community to keep us all safe and healthy. These were the key messages put forward by Judy Monroe, MD, our president and CEO, [in an op-ed in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#). In the op-ed, Dr. Monroe details the tremendous public health successes of the last century and also cites emerging threats impacting life expectancy, which declined in the United States from 78.8 years in 2019 to 77.0 years in 2020—the largest decline since World War II.

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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 **essential technology support to Tribal community-based organizations (CBOs)** to improve data collection capacity and information dissemination to reduce the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Grantees receiving this essential technology support for their work to build vaccine confidence and facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccines include Southern Plains Tribal Health Board and Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Health Board.
- Providing **personal protective equipment and supplies to support CBOs**, including more than 30,000 disposable, non-medical adult masks and more than 20,000 personal hand sanitizer bottles.
- Working with disability-led organizations to **support the equitable distribution and uptake of COVID-19 vaccination** and identifying key strategies for vaccinating people with disabilities and preparing for emergencies.

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

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