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 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, MPH, 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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