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## **Judith Monroe, MD** **President and CEO**

Dr. Judith Monroe, president and CEO of the CDC Foundation, has dedicated her career to protecting people and saving lives. She joined the CDC Foundation in February 2016 as president and CEO, following her role as a deputy director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and director of CDC's Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support.

In her work at the CDC Foundation, Dr. Monroe advances priority programs that improve the health of people across America and around the world. The CDC Foundation mobilizes philanthropic and private-sector resources to support CDC's critical health protection work, managing hundreds of programs in the United States and in more than 140 countries.

The CDC Foundation is actively supporting CDC and U.S. health departments' response to the COVID-19 pandemic and support to low- and middle-income countries. Under Dr. Monroe's leadership, the CDC Foundation has provided support to disproportionately affected populations; procured personal protection equipment for frontline health workers; hired over a 1,000 surge staff for all 50 states, six large cities, tribal organizations and territories; supported data solutions for contact tracing. In addition, the CDC Foundation is supporting communications and clinical research, including a portfolio with a focus on health equity. The CDC Foundation is providing technical assistance and grants to community-based organizations to assure vaccine access and partnering with cross-sectoral leaders to provide expert panel discussions and scenario planning to help safely reopen the U.S. economy.

The CDC Foundation responded to the Zika epidemic as an implementing partner in addition to mobilizing resources; supported the response and recovery from the 2017 hurricane season; and serves as a strategic partner to CDC for global health security.

Prior to the CDC Foundation, Dr. Monroe oversaw key activities and technical assistance at CDC supporting the nation's health departments and the public health system. Throughout the 2014–15 Ebola epidemic she served as senior advisor for the domestic response. During her tenure as the state health commissioner for Indiana she served as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials through the H1N1 pandemic. She envisioned and founded the ASTHO president's challenge in 2008. This leadership platform resulted in initiatives with significant health improvements and focus of ASTHO annual meetings.

Dr. Monroe currently serves on the board of directors for the Center for Global Health Innovation, was appointed by Governor Holcomb to co-chair a public health commission for Indiana, is a member of the Milken Institute's Public Health Advisory Board, the COVID Collaborative, the Advisory Council of the Pandemic Action Network and the APHA Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response. Additionally, she served as a member of the World Health Organization Foundation's Advisory group to establish the WHO Foundation.

Among her many awards, Dr. Monroe was recognized in August 2021 as one of Atlanta's Most Admired CEOs for 2021 by the Atlanta Business Chronicle; in October 2020 she was awarded the United Way of Greater Atlanta with the Woman of Excellence Award for her unwavering commitment to serving the community; and in 2019 she received the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce MAC Heroes of Global Health award and the APHA Presidential Citation. CDC's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity also recognized her in 2020 as their Summer Health Equity Champion. And, in 2019, she received the American Public Health Association's Presidential Citation for her work to improve the health and well-being of people around the world, and for her commitment to the future of public health as a mentor to young physicians and public health students.

Dr. Monroe received her doctor of medicine from the University of Maryland and a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Cincinnati, a rural faculty development fellowship through East Tennessee State University, and a mini-fellowship in obstetrics through the University of Wisconsin. She also participated in the State Health Leadership Initiative at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and received an honorary doctorate from Purdue University in Health and Human Services.