

# Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 2  
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*This issue represents the second 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 585,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including nearly 27,000 deaths in approximately 165 countries. In the United States, there have been more than 85,000 confirmed cases, with cases in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

**What CDC is doing:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to lead a wide variety of vital public health response efforts to fight the spread of COVID-19. As part of its response, CDC is working closely with partners at the national, state, local and international levels to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among its responsibilities, CDC is developing and widely sharing guidance for community members, businesses, healthcare systems, providers and more, as well as providing outreach and alerts for travelers. CDC's team is also working on a range of healthcare-related issues, such as hospital preparedness, infection control principles and respirator conservation strategies. CDC is working to support state and local health departments to assess readiness to implement community mitigation measures for COVID-19 and connecting these departments with health systems.

[Learn more about CDC's work in action through this infographic.](#)

**What the CDC Foundation is doing:** The CDC Foundation is working closely with CDC to provide immediate support to address critical needs on the ground where government support is not available or available rapidly enough to meet the need. See the sidebar at right for additional information on our recent response efforts.

We thank our generous donors—individuals, philanthropies, organizations and corporations—who have stepped forward to provide much needed support to help extend CDC's lifesaving response.

The CDC Foundation recently announced the launch of the All of Us: Combat Coronavirus crowdfunding campaign aimed at raising hundreds of millions dollars needed to bolster public health response efforts to address the pandemic. [Join us at Give4CDC.org.](#)

In addition, [the CDC Foundation launched a Facebook Fundraiser this week](#), which includes a \$10 million match from Facebook.

All of us are affected. Together, all of us can combat coronavirus with our dollars, impact and influence.

## Supporting CDC in Saving and Protecting Lives:

Through the generous support of our donors, since the last update our team has addressed a variety of needs as part of our response efforts with CDC and state and local health departments. These include:

- Providing immediate flexible support to address a number of urgent needs in local health departments, such as Seattle-King County in Washington State, Cobb-Douglas County in Georgia, Alameda County in California and New York City.
- Facilitating in-kind health communications support to two San Francisco Bay-area health departments.
- Purchasing personal protective equipment for use by healthcare workers to meet certain in-the-moment needs and opportunities.
- Supporting part-time laboratory staff members to develop sample management and testing workflows at CDC.
- Working with SC Johnson to develop an initial 20,000 care packages for first responders. The packages include cleaning and disinfectant products to help protect first responders and their families.
- Partnering with Microsoft to establish an assessment bot on CDC's website that can quickly assess the symptoms and risk factors for people concerned about infection, provide information and suggest a next course of action.
- Facilitating the distribution of 1,500 thermometers to state and local health departments and nonprofits.
- Providing support through a contribution from Kaiser Permanente to 11 leading U.S. public health organizations that work with state and local health officers to strengthen the nation's public health system.
- Launching a standards-based, open source tool that allows public health officials to monitor individuals at risk for COVID-19, enabling real-time insights and increased reporting capability for early containment of the virus. The tool allows individuals to report daily symptoms through web, text, email and phone calls.