

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 3
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This issue represents the third 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 1.6 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including over 97,000 deaths in 177 countries. In the United States, there have been more than 465,000 confirmed cases, with cases in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and US Virgin Islands.

What CDC is doing: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is engaged in an aggressive public health response to fight the global spread of COVID-19. According to CDC, different parts of the United States are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. Nationally, CDC indicates the nation is in the acceleration phase of the pandemic.

CDC is asking everyone do their part to respond. In a recent announcement, CDC released guidance about using a cloth face covering to keep people who are infected but do not show symptoms from spreading COVID-19. CDC's team is continuing to provide science-based guidance and recommendations that are being updated on a continuous basis to reflect the latest developments and research.

In addition, CDC is preparing first responders, healthcare systems and health systems; reinforcing state, territorial and local public health readiness; and supporting businesses, communities and schools.

[Learn more about what CDC is doing to protect us all.](#)

What the CDC Foundation is doing: We are pleased to report our donors have committed more than \$60 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19.

Among the highlights from the past few weeks are a \$15 million gift from TikTok, the short-form mobile video platform, to support the CDC Foundation in hiring hundreds of staff who can work with state and local governments in hard-hit outbreak centers. To boost response efforts, our Facebook fundraiser has raised more than \$16 million, including a \$10 million matching donation from Facebook. And our crowdfunding platform, All of Us: Combat Coronavirus, has raised over \$24 million in donations and commitments. See the sidebar at right for additional information on recent response efforts supported by our partners and donors, who have stepped forward to provide much needed support to help extend CDC's lifesaving response.

But more is needed. All of our supporters—individuals, philanthropies, corporations and organizations—play a vital role in helping combat coronavirus. [Join us at give4cdcf.org.](https://www.give4cdcf.org)

Supporting CDC in Saving and Protecting Lives:

Through the generous support of our donors, our team since the last update has addressed a variety of needs as part of our response efforts. Highlights include:

- Procuring 46,000 face shields for use in New York City hospitals.
- Working with Google and its supplier and partner Magid Glove & Safety, which will ramp up production of two to three million face masks to be donated to the CDC Foundation for use around the country.
- Allocating 17,500 care kits to first responders in Washington, Georgia, Florida and Wisconsin.
- Meeting essential needs of individuals impacted by COVID-19 in New York and Kansas.
- Supporting laboratories to improve testing capabilities.
- Supporting two organizations to develop an open source tool designed to monitor individuals at risk of developing COVID-19.
- Supporting international projects in Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, Ethiopia and Indonesia with needs ranging from increasing infection prevention and control measures, to improving case surveillance and renovating health care facilities.