

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 4
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This issue represents the fourth of the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response updates, highlighting the work the Foundation is doing through donor support to extend the emergency response of CDC and other public health responders. 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 2.7 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) have been reported, including more than 190,000 deaths in over 180 countries. In the United States, there have been more than 870,000 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 continuing to develop and release guidance on an array of critical topics for states, tribes, localities and territories—see [Helping to Get and Keep America Open](#).

CDC's team is also providing timely research into a number of critical topics, such as an early assessment of COVID-19 in homeless shelters in four U.S. cities, healthcare workers and the transmission of COVID-19 from their patients, and hospitalization rates and characteristics of patients hospitalized with confirmed coronavirus. See more in CDC's [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#).

[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 \$78 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19.

In the past few weeks, the CDC Foundation has been featured in a number of creative events to benefit COVID-19 response efforts. The first was the virtual "Saturday Night Seder," followed by the "Together At Home" event by Global Citizen, where the Foundation was a regional partner. From April 23–25, the CDC Foundation is one of six national nonprofits whose COVID-19 response efforts will benefit from the NFL Draft-A-Thon, which is coinciding with the airing of the NFL draft.

Programmatically, the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response has met a variety of needs to date, such as funding medical supplies and personal protective equipment, increasing lab capacity, deploying emergency staffing to public health agencies, providing support to vulnerable communities, addressing health communication needs, boosting clinical research to improve health outcomes, building capacity and infrastructure for global response efforts, and much more (learn more in the sidebar at right).

This work is making a tremendous difference in combatting COVID-19, but there's more to be done. All of our supporters—individuals, philanthropies, corporations and organizations—play a vital role in helping combat coronavirus. [Please join with us at give4cdf.org.](#)

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 66,000 KN95 masks and 24,500 surgical masks to local health departments in New York, Philadelphia, Michigan and Georgia.
- Preparing to launch a mental health communication project to create messages to address behavior health, mental health and well-being among at-risk groups.
- Allocating 30,000 care kits to first responders in California, New Orleans, New York, Minnesota, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan and New Jersey.
- Launching an effort to rapidly hire more than 750 field employees to boost response efforts in states, territories and tribes.
- Partnering with state and local health departments to address vulnerable populations impacted by COVID-19.
- Supporting development of a white paper outlining already appropriated funds for the global response to COVID-19, highlighting potential risks and benefits of various funding options, and outlining key considerations for moving forward.
- Supporting the development of an expert advisory group to assess how countries are attempting to relax social distancing interventions as they transition from the initial pandemic wave, to assist the United States in its transition.