

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 5
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This issue represents the fifth 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 3.8 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including over 266,000 deaths, from nearly every country in the world. In the United States, there have been approximately 1.2 million 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) continues to aggressively respond to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the United States. The agency continues to encourage everyone to take steps to protect themselves and slow the spread of this virus.

A weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity is available [through the COVIDView report](#). The latest report shows declines in most key indicators used to track COVID-19 activity from the prior week, which may be in part a result of widespread social distancing measures. CDC is also helping local jurisdictions rapidly scale up contact tracing, case identification and cluster investigations so that they can sustain slowed spread and prevent potential resurgences of COVID-19. Importantly, CDC is developing an antibody test for COVID-19.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: We are pleased to report our donors have now committed \$86 million to bolster public health response efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

The CDC Foundation participated in several innovative virtual events within the past few weeks. On May 5, the Foundation partnered with #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of giving and unity, as part of the emergency response to COVID-19. On this same day, T-Mobile announced a donation of 500,000 masks to the CDC Foundation to help keep frontline responders safe.

TikTok hosted a livestream May 6 to encourage their viewers to support the CDC Foundation and highlighted Health Heroes during National Nurses Day. In addition, the National Hockey League (NHL) launched the NHL Player Gaming Challenge, a charity fundraiser in which all 31 clubs represented by one-to-two current players are taking part in head-to-head gaming matchups throughout the month of May to benefit the CDC Foundation.

Programmatically, the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response continues to accelerate, with new efforts underway related to projects including preparing key industries for relaunching as some restrictions are lifted, creating communications campaigns aimed at key populations, and supporting a variety of efforts aimed at building up contact tracing across the country (learn more in the sidebar at right).

This work is making a tremendous difference, but there is more to be done. Together we stand. Together we give. Together we heal. [Please join with us at give4cdcf.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 270,000 KN95 masks** to North Carolina, New York City, Michigan, New York State, Los Angeles, New Jersey, Washington, Detroit, Pennsylvania, San Diego, Rhode Island, Texas, California, Louisiana and Cambridge.
- **Sending an additional 20,580 care kits** to first responders in California, New Jersey, Louisiana, Washington, Minnesota, New York and Florida.
- **Supporting a National Academies consensus study** to develop recommendations for how best to protect the general public from respiratory hazards during public health emergencies.
- **Preparing to roll out national webinars** with the purpose of providing guidance for three industries on how to transition back to work and operate under varying levels of social distancing and public health mandates.
- **Collaborating with U.S. health departments** to rapidly develop and pilot programmatic and technological solutions that will facilitate the scale-up of contact tracing required to address the COVID-19 epidemic during the containment and suppression phases.
- **Supporting a project to engage non-governmental and community organizations** across multiple sectors to help draft a Blueprint for Equitable Recovery and Resilience in Communities Across America.
- **Supporting the development of a mobile application** to improve the implementation of infection prevention and control activities among health care workers in Nigeria and India.
- **Partnering with Georgetown University** on webinars aimed at integrating evidence-based emergency management processes in countries with current response mechanisms.
- **Supporting a youth messaging and outreach project** to build awareness and educate youth about their health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic.