

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 6
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This issue represents the sixth 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 5 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including over 330,000 deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 1.5 million confirmed cases, with more than 93,000 deaths.

What CDC is doing: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing a weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity [through the COVIDView report](#). In this report, CDC indicates that levels of influenza-like illness and COVID-19-like illness, as well as the percentage of specimens testing positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, continue to decline.

CDC this week released [a detailed document](#) highlighting activities and initiatives that support the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again, while continuing to develop and release guidance on [an array of critical topics](#). CDC also released a set of health considerations to be used by [summer camps](#), [schools](#), [youth sports organizations](#), [institutes of higher education](#), and [restaurants and bars](#), as these businesses and institutions plan for safe re-opening.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: We are pleased to report our donors have now committed \$90 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19.

The CDC Foundation was represented in several recent charitable events, including the TaylorMade Driving Relief charity golf event on May 17. Oklahoma State University alumni Rickie Fowler and Matthew Wolff teamed up to represent and raise money for the CDC Foundation in the event and played against Rory McIlroy and Dustin Johnson, who represented the American Nurses Foundation. UnitedHealth Group was the prime sponsor for the event.

The Foundation is also hosting an upcoming series of seminars targeting businesses that are critical to the economy, including K-12 education, retail and childcare. The seminars will include representatives from public health agencies, the CDC Foundation, and pertinent industry associations. The goal is to offer resources that will help these industries as they restart or ramp up operations and services.

Programmatically, our funding continues to be used for a wide range of critical activities, such as providing personal protective equipment and care kits for healthcare workers and first responders, supporting public health departments across the country, and much more (learn more in the sidebar at right). This work is making a tremendous difference, but there is more to be done. [Please join with us at give4cdc.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 over 300,000 KN95 masks** to New Jersey, Louisiana, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan and Illinois—in total more than 550,000 KN95 masks have been provided to 14 states to date.
- **Sending over 10,000 care kits to first responders** in Connecticut, New York and North Carolina—overall, more than 55,000 care kits have been provided during our response to first responders in 12 states.
- Partnering with Ohio State University to support **surveillance and contact tracing efforts** in Ethiopia.
- **Supporting a project to test asymptomatic individuals** in marginalized neighborhoods located in Kansas City.
- **Supporting a communication project in California** to advance mitigation efforts, reduce anxiety and build support for the reopening of California.
- **Collaborating with the World Health Organization (WHO) Learning Support Team** on the development of training to ensure that multidisciplinary rapid response teams have the technical and operational competencies to effectively respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.
- **Strengthening surveillance capacity** to detect and characterize early cases of COVID-19 in Sierra Leone and Kenya by implementing respected protocols for contact investigations for infection.
- **Partnering with the Ad Council** to support the creation of public service announcement assets to share key messaging across a variety of media channels.