

# Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 7  
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*This issue represents the seventh 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 you, our donors, for your incredible generosity and support that is saving and protecting lives as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.*

**Update:** Globally, more than 7 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 400,000 deaths in nearly every country in the world. In the United States, there have been more than 1.9 million confirmed cases, with cases in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and US Virgin Islands.

**CDC Update:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity is available [through the COVIDView report](#). CDC's latest report from June 5 indicates that nationally, levels of influenza-like illness and COVID-19-like illness, as well as the percentage of specimens testing positive for COVID-19, continue to decline or remain stable at low levels. Mortality attributed to COVID-19 also decreased compared to last week but remains elevated above baseline and may increase as additional death certificates are processed.

**What the CDC Foundation is doing:** We are pleased to report our donors have now committed \$99 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19.

The CDC Foundation's donors continue to develop creative approaches to raise support for our COVID-19 response. We are grateful to donor David Horowitz, who has raised more than \$12,000 for the Foundation's response efforts via a weekly online trivia game that he organizes on Facebook every Sunday. On May 22, the Streaming Live from Nashville: Lady Antebellum concert aired, and proceeds benefitted the CDC Foundation.

The CDC Foundation's new series of online seminars to assist key industries with reopening, [Evolving Your COVID-19 Strategy](#), launched on May 28 with a seminar targeting retail leaders. Two additional seminars launched last week. The seminars offer leaders in key industries including retail, childcare, and elementary and secondary education with insights into existing resources and tools, as well as a risk analysis framework they can use to inform their operational decisions.

Support from the CDC Foundation and our donors has met a variety of COVID-19 needs to date, such as funding medical supplies and personal protective equipment, developing new communications campaigns that are getting underway, supporting global response work and much more. While this response work continues to have real impact, there is more work to do. [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:

- **Sending more than 300,000 masks** to Washington D.C., Oklahoma, California, US Virgin Islands and Illinois. In total, 3 million KN95 masks have been provided to 14 states and 25 health organizations to date.
- **Supporting the development of rapid response member trainings** for health professionals to ensure the development of technical and operational competencies for effective responses to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- **Sending more than 19,000 care kits** to Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Minnesota and Rhode Island. Overall, more than 77,000 care kits have been provided during our response to first responders in 12 states.
- **Supporting a health department with COVID-19 testing services** for vulnerable populations, as well as the purchase of disinfectants.
- **Hosting three online seminars for informing reopenings** in three critical industries—retail, childcare and K-12 education.
- **Training over 200 healthcare workers on proper infectious disease control practices** in Namibia. In addition, developing guidelines on critical care for dissemination to 350 providers across all intermediate health care facilities in the country.
- **Supporting a health department on emergency telehealth and navigations**, crisis communications, wastewater sampling and mobile testing.