

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 9
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This issue represents the ninth 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 10.7 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including more than 517,000 deaths from nearly every country in the world. In the United States, there have been more than 2.6 million confirmed cases.

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](#). The latest report notes that multiple parts of the U.S. are seeing increases in levels of COVID-like illness and the percentage of people testing positive for COVID-19.

A recent [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) shows that in a survey of COVID-19-positive patients, more than half could not identify having contact with a person who had COVID-19.

The agency continues to encourage everyone to take steps—such as hand hygiene, physical distancing and wearing a cloth face covering when around others outside of your household—to protect yourself and slow the spread. Also, CDC has recently shared [new resources about contact tracing](#). Contact tracing is being used by health departments to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: We are pleased to report our donors have now committed \$110 million to bolster public health response efforts to COVID-19.

Our President and CEO Dr. Judy Monroe participated in a recent [online conference](#) with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to discuss public-private partnership responses to COVID-19 and future pandemics. Dr. Monroe was joined by CDC's Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health. They discussed how CDC and the CDC Foundation have worked together on the COVID-19 response as well as other responses in recent years, from Ebola to Zika. In addition, through a partnership with Google and Magid, the CDC Foundation has provided [over 3 million masks](#) to 14 states and territories and 25 state and local health organizations in 10 weeks.

Support from the CDC Foundation and its donors has met a variety of COVID-19 needs to date, such as funding medical supplies and personal protective equipment, forming partnerships to address the health equity implications of COVID-19, 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 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:

- **Partnering with Stack Up, a veteran charity organization, to promote veteran mental health** during the coronavirus pandemic by providing support from trained staff through online gaming community digital platforms, and at the conclusion of the project creating a research article on communication platforms as a public health intervention.
- **Providing support to a township and health department** through the purchase of equipment including technology, personal protective equipment (PPE), and air purification systems to protect first responders from COVID-19, as well as protecting the township's senior population residing in long-term care and assisted living facilities.
- **Providing support to Columbia University on capacity building and training activities in Mozambique** to ensure surveillance readiness of provinces and districts to rapidly identify, diagnose and treat COVID-19 cases and mitigate the impact of the outbreak in the country.
- **Providing PPE** (10,000 KN95 masks; 10,000 face shields; 10,000 disposable lab coats; and 2,500 gloves) to a health department facing a rising surge of COVID-19 cases.
- **Partnering with Georgia Tech Research Institute** to develop accessible materials and culturally relevant messages for individuals with disabilities around existing CDC COVID-19 guidance, including conducting assessments to enhance and adapt modes of communication and evaluation of impact.