

STAFF BIO



Judith Monroe, MD President and CEO

Judith Monroe, MD, is president and CEO of the CDC Foundation, a position she began in February 2016. Monroe is a former deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and director of the Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. She also previously served as Indiana's state health commissioner.

The CDC Foundation mobilizes philanthropic and private-sector resources to support CDC's critical health protection work. The Foundation manages over 300 CDC-led programs in the United States and in more than 130 countries. Under Monroe's leadership the Foundation responded to the Zika epidemic as an implementing partner in addition to mobilizing resources, supported the response and recovery from the 2017 hurricane season and serves as a strategic partner for global health security. The CDC Foundation is supporting several states with their response to the opioid epidemic and is also collaborating with CDC to establish public-private partnerships designed to reduce high blood pressure in the private-sector workforce and communities.

Prior to the CDC Foundation, Monroe oversaw key activities and technical assistance at CDC supporting the nation's health departments and the public health system. Throughout the 2014–15 Ebola epidemic she served as senior advisor for the domestic response. During her tenure as the state health commissioner for Indiana she served as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) through the H1N1 pandemic. She envisioned and founded the ASTHO president's challenge in 2008. This leadership platform resulted in initiatives with significant health improvements and focus of ASTHO annual meetings.

Monroe has served on many national advisory committees and boards, such as the Public Health Accreditation Board, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Leadership Forum, and the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Population Health. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Georgia Global Health Alliance, the Oversight Committee for EndHep2030, the Executive Management Team for the Food Fortification Initiative. Additionally, she serves on the National Advisory Committee for the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health and the External Advisory Committee for Purdue University Public Health Graduate Program.

Monroe received her doctor of medicine from the University of Maryland and a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Cincinnati, a rural faculty development fellowship through East Tennessee State University, and a mini-fellowship in obstetrics through the University of Wisconsin. She also participated in the State Health Leadership Initiative at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and received an honorary doctorate from Purdue University in Health and Human Services.