

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Response Update 1
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This issue represents the first 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 response.

Update: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring COVID-19, which is a respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan in China's Hubei province.

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in China continues to grow, now topping more than 76,000. Confirmed cases have been found in 30 countries, and there have now been more than 2,100 deaths, primarily in Hubei province.

What CDC is doing: CDC is leading a variety of vital efforts to fight the global spread of COVID-19. Their work includes consulting globally with ministries of health, coordinating with state and local governments on preparedness, developing and conducting lab tests for COVID-19, and conducting airport screenings. The agency is also providing guidance to health providers, businesses, travelers and others and is working with the Department of State to support the safe return of Americans stranded as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: The CDC Foundation is working closely with CDC to provide immediate support to address critical needs that are occurring on the ground where government support is not available or available rapidly enough to meet the need (see sidebar on right for the Foundation's response activities to date).

The team at the CDC Foundation thanks our generous donors—individuals, philanthropies, organizations and corporations—who have stepped forward to provide much needed support to help extend CDC's lifesaving response. We could not do what is needed without your incredible trust and generosity.

While we have been pleased to meet so many initial needs, we know much more is required as part of the COVID-19 response efforts in the weeks and months ahead, both in the United States and in other parts of the world. We hope you will become part of this response by supporting these critical activities. You can donate now at give.cdcfoundation.org/coronavirus.

Supporting CDC in Saving and Protecting Lives:

Through the generous support our donors, our team has addressed a variety of needs as part of our initial response efforts with CDC. This work includes support to fill critical gaps in **11 public health laboratories** around the country:

- Purchased 11 automated extraction instruments for seven public health laboratories. **This automated technology can run a higher volume of samples to reduce turnaround time for tests and process a greater volume of tests.**
- Established contracts for labs supporting three repatriation sites, including staff overtime and purchasing of reagents and supplies **not covered by federal or jurisdictional funding**. Also, contracts are now in place to update laboratory management information systems and to cover associated staff time to ensure these systems are able to support data messaging for COVID-19 response.

Also, during the past month, hundreds of Americans who have traveled to or been stranded in areas where COVID-19 is widely circulating have returned to the United States. Some are subject to daily monitoring and others have been placed into quarantine to protect the health of these individuals as well as the public at large. **As needs have arisen for travelers who have been delayed or for those in quarantine**, CDC Foundation support has provided assistance in a wide variety of ways to help ease some of the difficulties these individuals are facing:

- Personal care items
- Activities for children
- Supplies for infants
- Transportation needs for delayed travelers
- Ongoing efforts to provide a day-to-day sense of stability, security and normalcy