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Bipartisan membership organization
- All 50 states and the territories
  - 7,383 state legislators
  - All state legislative staff (30,000+)

Goals:
- To improve the quality & effectiveness of state legislatures
- To promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures
- To ensure states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system

Research, education, technical assistance
Voice of the states
AGENDA & SPEAKERS

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Director, Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS)

January 8, 2021

cdc.gov/coronavirus
Agenda

- CDC’s Role in the Public Health System
- CDC Support for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Jurisdictions
- Updates on CDC’s COVID-19 Response and Ways State Legislators Can Support COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts
- Q&A
- Closing
CDC's Role in the Public Health System
CDC: The Nation’s Health Protection Agency

- Founded in 1946
- Part of US Department of Health and Human Services
- Headquartered in Atlanta
- 12,000+ full-time employees
  - 60% with advanced degrees
Innovation

Communications/Guidance

Epidemiology/Surveillance

Global Health

PREVENT

DETECT

RESPOND

Innovation

Laboratory/Diagnostics

State/Local Health
A Bold Promise to the Nation

CDC Strategic Framework & Priorities

Secure Global Health & Domestic Preparedness

Eliminate Diseases

End Epidemics

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Pandemics, Bioterrorism, Vector-borne diseases

HIV/AIDS, Vaccine-preventable diseases, Hepatitis C

Opioids, Influenza, Antimicrobial resistance, Diabetes

Not inclusive of all CDC’s vital, complex work.
Public Health 3.0: A Renewed Approach to Public Health

Public Health 1.0
- Tremendous growth of knowledge and tools for both medicine and public health
- Uneven access to care and public health

Public Health 2.0
- Systematic development of public health governmental agency capacity across the United States
- Focus limited to traditional public health agency programs

Public Health 3.0
- Engage multiple sectors and community partners to generate collective impact
- Improve social determinants of health

Timeline:
- Late 1800s
- Recession
- Affordable Care Act
- 2012 IOM: For the Public’s Health reports
CDC Support for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Jurisdictions
How and With Whom Does CDC Work?

**Professional and Academic Medical Organizations**
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Preventive Medicine

**Products:**
- Community Guidelines
- Technical packages (6-18, HI-5, etc)

**Direct Technical and Financial Support:**
- Notice of Funding Opportunity, Grants, Technical Assistance

**Public Health Partners**
- American Public Health Association
- National Network of Public Health Institutes
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Pacific Island Health Officers’ Association
- National Association of County and City Health Officials

**Payers**
- Private insurers
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**Government**
- Federal (education, Housing, Taxes)
- state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) government

**Non Profits**
- Robert Wood Johnson, de Beaumont, Kellogg, Kresge
- Public Heath Foundation
- CDC Foundation
CDC Resources for Public Health Agencies

- Funding
- Assignees
- Data for action
- Workforce development resources
- Direct Assistance
- Short-Term Technical Assistance
- Communication Products

Don’t forget: Direct funding isn’t the only resource CDC offers to affect public health.

www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/docs/healthdepartmentresources/stlt-agency-resources.pdf
www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdepartmentresources/health-official-support.html
CDC Short-Term Technical Assistance

- Epi-Aid, Lab-Aid, Informatics-Aid, and Econ-Aid
- Opioid Rapid Response Teams
- Health Hazard Evaluation
- Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response
- Assessment of Chemical Exposures
- Technical assistance from the Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (e.g., public health law support)

https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdepartmentresources/health-official-support.html
The CDC Grant Funding Profiles site provides interactive data and summaries of CDC cooperative agreement and grant funding to recipients in U.S. states and territories, and the District of Columbia, starting with fiscal year (FY) 2010. The data is compiled in a format that allows users to view, sort, and analyze funding data by funding opportunity announcement, funding source (CDC funding category and sub-category), geography, and recipient name and type.
CSTLTS National Nonprofit Awardees
Public Health Law Program

- **Mission**
  - To advance the understanding and use of law as a public health tool

- **What we do**
  - Legal epidemiology
  - Workforce development
  - Partnerships and Outreach

- **Whom we serve**
  - CDC programs
  - State, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) communities
  - You!
Updates on CDC's COVID-19 Response and Ways State Legislators Can Support COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts
Disclaimer

- The information covered in this presentation is not exhaustive and it is meant to convey some updates to CDC's COVID-19 response efforts.

- The information in this presentation is current as of January 4, 2021.
COVID-19 Situational Update (As of January 4, 2021)

- Global
  - Cumulative Cases: 83,715,617
- United States:
  - Cumulative Cases: 20,346,372
  - Average cases last 7 days: 205,209
  - Average previous 7 days: 188,164
  - 9% increase over previous 7 days
- Global
  - Cumulative Deaths: 1,835,901
- United States
  - Cumulative Deaths: 349,246
  - Average deaths last 7 days: 2,621
  - Average previous 7 days: 2,234
  - 17% increase over previous 7 days

- [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesinlast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesinlast7days)
- [https://covid19.who.int/table](https://covid19.who.int/table)
COVID-19 Support for State and Local Health Departments

- Guidance, resources, tools, and other technical assistance
- Active outreach and consultation with STLT partners
- Deploy field teams to support outbreak response
COVID-19 Support for State and Local Health Departments

Health Department Liaisons Connection

Receive critical info & requests from HDs

Manage COVID-19 communications between HDs and CDC response

Support HD needs, coordinate technical assistance, & enhance situational awareness

Escalate complex technical inquiries to subject matter experts

CDC
COVID-19 Support for State and Local Health Departments

Funding for States, Tribes, Localities, and Territories as of December 18, 2020

- **Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act**
  - Appropriated: $950M
  - Obligated: 100%

- **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)**
  - Appropriated: $1.5B
  - Obligated: 75%

- **Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**
  - Appropriated: $10.3B
  - Obligated: 100%
The COVID-19 pandemic is surging
Act now to slow the spread and speed up economic recovery

Lives saved
Economy recovered
Community life restored
Wear Masks
- Issue policies or directives mandating universal use of face masks in indoor (nonhousehold) settings

Physical Distancing
- Physical barriers and visual reminders might promote adherence to maintaining physical distance

Avoid Certain Settings
- Issue policies or directives restricting some nonessential indoor spaces that pose the highest risk for transmission

Increase testing, diagnosis, and isolation
- Increase access to testing, including expanded screening testing of prioritized persons/groups, prioritizing those with many interactions based on their occupation/residential setting

Case investigation and contact tracing
- When incidence is high, prioritize case investigation and contact tracing to promptly quarantine and test close contacts

Safeguard High-Risk Persons
- Protect persons most at risk for severe illness or death through

Protect essential workers
- Set policies directing administrative and structural prevention as well as expanded testing

Postpone Travel
- Set Policies or Directives Mandating Masks on Public Transportation

Air ventilation, Hand Hygiene and Disinfection
- Enhance ventilation and cleaning and disinfection
- Ensure provision of adequate hand sanitation supplies

Effective Vaccination
- Plan for distribution and administration of vaccines to achieve high community coverage
COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation

- **This is an **exciting and historic time**, but the work is far from over.

- There will be **unanticipated challenges**, but CDC will continue to work closely with you, our partners, to **find solutions and overcome obstacles**.

- Vaccines are an important tool to control the pandemic, but we need to continue to message the importance of **masks, social distancing, and hand washing**.

- **Community engagement** is critical to vaccination implementation success.
  - Engage in conversations in your community, choose to get vaccinated when it’s your turn, share CDC resources and toolkits.
Questions?
Closing

For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
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