

# CDC COVID-19 Strategy 2021



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# National COVID-19 Strategy

## **Reduce cases, hospitalizations, and deaths:**

- Actively monitor, identify, and immediately intervene to investigate hot spots
- Deliver tools, resources, and technical assistance to optimize healthcare system and worker resources
- Ensure sentinel surveillance, testing, and support for most vulnerable – especially nursing home residents
- Develop and distribute therapeutics and align therapeutics with most in need
- Develop and distribute a vaccine with initial priority for most vulnerable populations

## **Regain economic momentum:**

- Stratify risk by age, health status, and activity
- Enable employees returning to work
- Reopen childcare facilities, schools, camps, and universities
- Enable increased international travel

# CDC Strategic Objectives

1. Support USG-wide response
2. Health Equity
3. Timely, actionable data/surveillance
4. Global reach
5. Laboratory & epidemiology
6. Community/Health system support
7. State, tribal, local, and territorial support
8. Communication and outreach
9. Vaccinations

# CDC Strategic Objective 1

## Support USG-wide Response

- Integrate CDC response activities with the USG response
- Synchronize public health actions among all key stakeholders

# CDC Strategic Objective 2

## Health Equity

- Identify health disparities and the underlying factors that influence health outcomes

# CDC Strategic Objective 3

## Timely, Actionable Data/Surveillance

- Monitor and forecast epidemic progression
- Inform data-driven decision making

# CDC Strategic Objective 4

## Global Reach

- Reduce travel-associated infections
- Provide support to mitigate the pandemic in other countries.



# CDC Strategic Objective 5

## Lab/Epi

- Examine the dynamics of disease spread and control
- Assess the spread of infection across U.S.
  - Expand testing
  - Analyze serologic studies

# CDC Strategic Objective 6

## Community/Health System Support

- Phased approaches to COVID-19 prevention
- Strengthen healthcare systems
- Support patient treatment and infection prevention and control (IPC)

# CDC Strategic Objective 7

## State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

- Support STLT outbreak response, needs assessments, contact tracing, and impact monitoring
- Support the development and implementation of CDC Foundation Workforce activities

# CDC Strategic Objective 8

## Communication and Outreach

- Ensure active, timely, effective public health and safety messaging around response priorities

# CDC Strategic Objective 9

## Vaccination

- Support access to vaccines to prevent COVID-19, influenza, and childhood vaccine-preventable diseases
- Expand vaccination capacity through interagency partnerships
- Monitor vaccine safety

# CDC Science Agenda

- The Science Agenda for COVID-19 includes 6 Priority Areas:
  - COVID-19 disease detection, burden, and impact
  - Transmission of SARS-CoV-2
  - Natural history of SARS-CoV-2 infection
  - Protection in healthcare and non-healthcare work settings
  - Prevention, mitigation, and intervention strategies
  - Social, behavioral, and communication science

# Questions?

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