



COVID-19: CDC Museum Closed to the Public

Due to ongoing concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the David J. Sencer CDC Museum is closed to the public and will remain closed as we continue to assess and monitor developments. All CDC Museum tours are canceled until further notice.

This decision is being made out of an abundance of caution and based upon the guidance of the CDC regarding social distancing and the elimination of large gatherings.

Please continue to check our website and social media accounts for additional updates.



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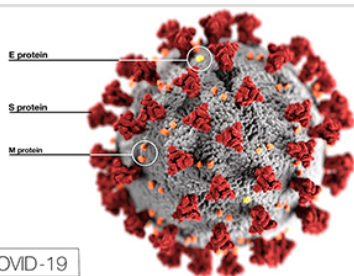
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CDC Timeline

Take a minute to review many of CDC's momentous contributions to public health since it was organized in 1946 as the Communicable Disease Center.

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2020s



2020

- CDC maps America's high levels of physical [inactivity](#)
- Public health screenings begin at three U.S. airports for 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)
- CDC activates Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Monday, January 20, to support public health partners responding to the outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first

identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China

- CDC confirms person-to-person spread of new coronavirus in the United States
- A CDC-developed laboratory test kit to detect 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) begins shipping to select qualified U.S. and international laboratories
- The World Health Organization (WHO) names the new disease [COVID-19](#)
- CDC launches the [SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing for Public Health Emergency Response, Epidemiology, and Surveillance \(SPHERES\)](#) consortium, expanding the use of [whole-genome sequencing \(WGS\)](#) of the COVID-19 virus
- June 25 marks the end of the 2018 Ebola outbreak in the eastern part of DRC
- CDC discovers active ingredient, nootkatone, for development of new mosquito/tick insecticides and repellents
- CDC launches a national campaign, [Hear Her](#), which highlights warning signs of pregnancy-related death
- Africa is declared free of wild poliovirus, the second virus eradicated from the continent since smallpox 40 years previously
- [Field Epidemiology Training Program \(FETP\)](#) celebrates its 40th anniversary
- CDC investigates a multi-state outbreak of [Salmonella Stanley](#) infections linked to wood ear mushrooms