



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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CDC Timeline 2010s

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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2010s





2019

- CDC [activates its Emergency Operations Center \(EOC\)](#) on Monday, September 16, 2019, to enhance the inter-agency response to the current investigation into lung injury cases with e-cigarette product use, or vaping
- The Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) releases a new [Personal Health Preparedness Digital Toolkit](#)
- CDC reports 704 cases of measles in the United States since the beginning of 2019, representing the largest number of cases reported in the country in a single year since 1994
- CDC celebrates the [50TH anniversary of the high-containment laboratories \(HCL\)](#)
- CDC activates the EOC for Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) debuts [Small Business Traveler](#) safety web page
- CDC lab research shows two treatments effective against [DRC Ebola](#) strain
- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) documents persistent racial and ethnic disparities in pregnancy-related deaths



2018

- Whole-genome sequencing becomes the new [PulseNet](#) gold standard for subtyping pathogens that cause foodborne illness
- CDC establishes the Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) Task Force to aid ongoing investigations to define the cause and improve treatment and outcomes for patients with [AFM](#)
- CDC participates in the Antimicrobial Resistance [AMR Challenge](#), a yearlong effort by the U.S. government to accelerate the fight against antimicrobial resistance
- CDC coordinates national surveillance activities for possible cases of vitamin K-dependent unexplained bleeding associated with synthetic cannabinoids
- National Violent Death Reporting System ([NVDRS](#)) now includes all 50 states
- CDC investigates several multi-state outbreaks of [Salmonella](#) infections linked to contact with live poultry in backyard flocks



2017

- Public health officials announce that drug overdoses have become the leading cause of death for Americans under age 50, with more than two-thirds of those deaths coming from [opioid painkillers](#)
- CDC unveils the new free [Milestone Tracker](#) app, making it easy for parents to track their young children's development
- The Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH) assists multiple state and local health departments with hepatitis A outbreaks, spread through person-to-person contact
- CDC Introduces the [RX Awareness](#) campaign, communicating the dangers of prescription opioids
- CDC launches [Be Antibiotics Aware](#), a nationwide communication effort to optimize antibiotic prescribing among healthcare providers and educate patients and the public about appropriate antibiotic use
- CDC responds to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

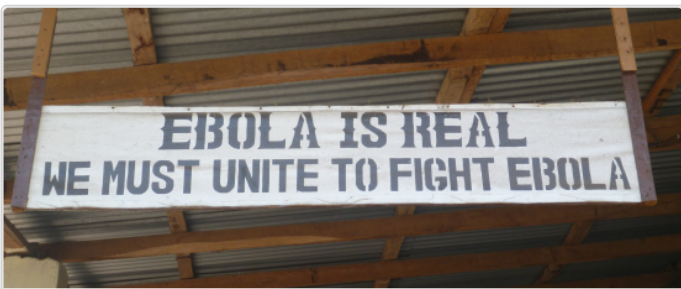
2015

- CDC's [Emerging Infectious Diseases Journal](#) commemorates the 20th anniversary of CDC's signature Emerging Infections Programs (EIP)
- The Americas region is declared free of endemic transmission of [rubella](#)



2016

- CDC responds to lead contamination in the [Flint](#), Michigan water supply
- CDC and the World Health Organization launch the Global Hearts Initiative to support governments in strengthening cardiovascular disease prevention and control
- CDC's [Emergency Operations Center](#) (EOC) activates for [Zika](#) virus disease on January 22, 2016, and moved to a level 1 activation—the highest level – on February 8, 2016
- The largest outbreak of [Elizabethkingia anophelis](#) infections is reported from November 1, 2015, to March 2, 2016, in Wisconsin. Investigators used Advanced Molecular Detection to pinpoint the bacteria as *Elizabethkingia anophelis*, discovered in 2011
- CDC's [Emergency Response and Recovery Branch](#) leads efforts to support countries impacted by Hurricane Matthew
- CDC Implements the Antibiotic Resistance Solutions Initiative to work toward meeting national goals and establishes the Antibiotic Resistance Coordination and Strategy Unit (ARX)



2014

- The first case of [Ebola](#) is reported in Guinea in March; the disease spreads into the neighboring countries of Liberia and Sierra Leone
- CDC activates its [Emergency Operations Center](#) to respond to the largest Ebola outbreak in history affecting multiple countries in West Africa. CDC helps coordinate the response at the national level, providing health education and assisting with database management. CDC trains teams of people who can do contact tracing, finding everyone who came in direct contact with a sick Ebola patient
- CDC responds to a multistate outbreak of multidrug-resistant [Salmonella Heidelberg infections linked to chicken](#)
- CDC responds to an outbreak of [Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus \(MERS-CoV\)](#)
- [Global Health Security Agenda](#) initiated at CDC
- CDC begins tracking [Acute Flaccid Myelitis \(AFM\)](#) cases to develop a greater understanding of the disease



2013

- CDC activates its [Emergency Operations Center](#) to investigate a novel coronavirus called Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus ([MERS-CoV](#))
- CDC launches the [Ready Wrigley](#) campaign to provide parents, guardians, teachers, and young children with tips, activities, and a story to help the whole family prepare for emergencies

2012

- CDC responds to the largest healthcare-associated outbreak of [fungal meningitis](#) in United States history
- CDC launches the groundbreaking "[Tips from Former Smokers](#)" national ad campaign on March 15, 2012, to increase awareness about the human suffering caused by smoking and to encourage smokers to quit
- CDC responds to a multistate outbreak of [Salmonella Bareilly](#) and [Salmonella Nchanga](#) infections associated with a raw tuna product

2011

- CDC responds to a multi-state outbreak of listeriosis linked to whole cantaloupes. A new food categorization scheme is implemented in the Foodborne Disease Outbreak Surveillance System (FDOSS) and begins publishing annual summaries online
- June 5, 2011, marks the 30th year since CDC reported the first cases of [acquired immunodeficiency syndrome \(AIDS\)](#)
- CDC continues to support the global polio eradication effort by activating the Emergency Operations Center to strengthen the agency's partnership engagement through the Global [Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\)](#), which is committed to completing the eradication of polio
- CDC's museum, the Global Health Odyssey Museum, is renamed the David J. Sencer CDC Museum in honor of the longest serving director of the agency



2010

- In the aftermath of the 7.0 magnitude [earthquake in Haiti](#), CDC response effort helps prevent 7,000 deaths from [cholera](#)
- [Healthy People 2020](#) is published by DHHS. A new focus on [blood disorders](#) and blood safety addresses bleeding and clotting disorders, and [hemoglobinopathies](#)
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is enacted. One of the requirements is that any federally conducted or supported health care or public health program, activity, or survey collect and report, to the extent practicable, data on disability status
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ([NIOSH](#)) provides technical assistance for responder safety and health in the [Deepwater Horizon](#) containment and cleanup
- The [CDC Vital Signs](#) monthly report is launched. It includes an [MMWR Early Release](#), a graphic fact sheet and website, a media release, and social media tools