

Advanced Molecular Detection

National investment to advance genomic sequencing capacity

AMD Training Lead, Community of Practice Domain Lead, and part of the Mountain Region



Colorado

Total State and Local Investment¹:
\$11,316,181

CDC's Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) program builds and integrates laboratory, bioinformatics, and epidemiology technologies across CDC and nationwide. Since 2014, AMD has received support from Congress—now a \$40 million per year appropriation—to implement these technologies in public health programs. Through investments in AMD technologies, CDC is improving both public health outcomes and preparedness in dozens of areas including foodborne disease, influenza, antibiotic resistance, hepatitis, pneumonia, and meningitis.

With funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the AMD program developed a multi-year plan to expand its support to state, local, and territorial public health laboratories with more staff and resources to collect specimens for COVID-19 testing, sequence them to identify and track SARS-CoV-2 variants, and share data, now and future years.

Workforce Development

Colorado is part of the Mountain region. In 2018, the AMD program established seven workforce development regions across the country. Each region has an AMD training lead and a bioinformatics lead. This provides a network of customized AMD support which helps develop skills and provides training assistance to public health labs across the country.

Colorado's **AMD Training Lead** provides support to labs in the region on pathogen-specific training and cross-cutting AMD training to help staff develop the critical skills necessary to extract, analyze, and interpret sequencing data. From the region's training resources, Georgia receives lab support on data analysis and how to interface with IT departments.

¹ Funding to public health departments includes support from the American Rescue Plan of 2021 and AMD annual appropriations in FY2021-2023.



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AMD Platform Community of Practice (CoP)

The Office of AMD has established five communities of practice to build processes and tools for relevant interests, concerns, and priorities regarding the AMD Platform. The AMD Platform will serve CDC programs and STLT partners by providing a common infrastructure to perform genomic epidemiology and contribute high-quality data to publicly available data repositories. **Colorado's Domain Leader** facilitates collaboration between OAMD and the public health community for the IT Security and Privacy CoP.

