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Nutrition   * Upcoming Webinar: A Guide to Methods for Assessing Childhood Obesity * Upcoming Webinar: Committing to Healthier Food and Beverages in Hospitals: Innovative Approaches from the Field * Upcoming Webinar: Addressing Food Insecurity and Poor Nutrition During COVID-19 * Upcoming Webinar: Virtual National Food Policy Series: COVID-19 and Diet-Related Disease * New Resources: 3 Considerations Documents: Farmers Markets, Learning Gardens, and Food Pantries * New Resources: Infographics Highlight the Importance of Increasing Access to Healthy Food and Beverages * New Articles: Healthy Food Access   Physical Activity Resources   * New Webinar: Youth Leading the Way: Inspiring Stories of Youth Creating Safe, Accessible Neighborhoods * New Resource: New Website on Place & Health * Funding Opportunity: Creating State-Based Military Partnerships to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, Obesity, and Tobacco Prevention and Control   Health Equity Resources   * No New Updates   Breastfeeding Resources   * New Resource: Breastfeeding Report Card Reveals Progress, Areas for Improvement * On-Demand Webinar: Ethical Lactation Support: Motivational Interviewing   Early Childcare and Education Settings (ECE)   * New Resource: COVID-19 Parental Resource Kit: Ensuring Children and Young People’s Social, Emotional, and Mental Well-being * New Resource: State Licensing Scorecards on Obesity Prevention in Early Care & Education * New Resource: Meals and Snacks: Promoting Healthy Practices During COVID-19 * New Resource: Maximize and Improve the use of Outdoor Spaces During COVID-19 and Beyond * New Report: Transmission Dynamics of COVID-19 Outbreaks Associated with Child Care Facilities — Salt Lake City, Utah, April–July 2020 * Professional Development: Physical Activities that Allow for Physical Distancing in the COVID Era   General Resources   * New Resource: COVID-19: CDC Updates & Resources  Nutrition **Upcoming Webinar: A Guide to Methods for Assessing Childhood Obesity**  Thursday, October 8, 2020  12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. EST  [Register Here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introducing-a-guide-to-methods-for-assessing-childhood-obesity-tickets-119520925305)  The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) will be hosting a webinar to discuss its new tool: [A Guide to Methods for Assessing Childhood Obesity](https://nccor.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c197b4a42db7014a66fb8a0&id=283534688f&e=48b03ebd70). Whether you are a researcher, a public health practitioner, clinician, or any professional or student with an interest in researching or evaluating weight-related outcomes, the Guide will help you understand the most common adiposity assessment methods and which one is most appropriate for your research.  **Upcoming Webinar: Committing to Healthier Food and Beverages in Hospitals: Innovative Approaches from the Field**  Thursday, October 8, 2020  12:00p.m.-1:30p.m. EST  [Register Here](https://mitchellhamline.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rOlfseKQSEqU8DSBFr8PqQ)  Hospitals across the country have committed to creating healthier food and beverage environments for their employees, patients, and visitors. Some have even turned the challenges of a pandemic into an opportunity for change. Enabling these efforts have been innovative partnerships with state and local health departments, state hospital associations, and other national organizations, which have helped facilitate collective improvements in food service standards, including removal of sugary drinks, and promotion of healthy alternatives.  Join the Public Health Law Center and American Cancer Society in exploring these innovative approaches. The presenters will discuss two state-level initiatives, the Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact and the Kansas Healthy Hospital Initiative, as well as the implementation approaches taken by two hospitals that stopped selling sugary drinks.  This webinar is the third in a four-part series on creating healthier food and beverage environments in hospitals and healthcare settings.  **Upcoming Webinar: Addressing Food Insecurity and Poor Nutrition During COVID-19**  Wednesday, October 14, 2020  10:00a.m.-11:30a.m. EST  [Register Here](http://bpcevents.cloudapp.net/Pages/Home.aspx?eventid=%7bD05DDA78-F4F1-EA11-A815-000D3A8C9B90%7d&_cldee=ZG1oYXJyaXNAY2RjLmdvdg%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-46299036725aea11966000155d3b53ec-dd541b2886894aeb8a14efc1da82985c&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Prevention%20%7C%20Food%20Insecurity%20%7C%2010.14.20&esid=1b978cf0-80f3-ea11-a815-000d3a13aba0)  Due to COVID-19, individuals are facing unprecedented challenges in accessing affordable, nutritious foods. The economic downturn coupled with unanticipated job loss has forced millions of Americans to turn to food banks and food assistance programs, such as SNAP, for the first time ever. Concurrently, research shows that people with obesity and diet-related diseases like diabetes and cancer who contract COVID-19 have worse outcomes, further highlighting the importance of ensuring access to nutritious foods. As the pandemic and corresponding economic challenges continue, private sector investment and government leadership are critical.    Please join the Bipartisan Policy Center on October 14 as we explore public and private sector solutions to address food insecurity and improve diet quality during COVID-19.  **Upcoming Webinar:** **Virtual National Food Policy Series: COVID-19 and Diet-Related Disease**  Thursday, October 15, 2020  2:00p.m.-3:15p.m. EST  [Register Here](https://consumerfed.org/cfa_events/national-food-policy-conference/)  COVID-19 has disproportionately affected low-income consumers and communities of color. To what extent is the food system to blame? In this Virtual National Food Policy Conference series event, experts will discuss the overlap of populations most affected by diet-related disease and COVID-19, the impact of diet-related disease on COVID-19 patient outcomes, the food system’s role in making some populations more vulnerable to COVID-19, and what kinds of food system reforms are most needed to improve public health.  **New Resources:** **3 Considerations Documents: Farmers Markets, Learning Gardens, and Food Pantries**  The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new challenges across the United States. Access to healthy, nutritious food options are important to health and well-being. With more children not attending childcare, school, and college in-person (a source of nutritious meals for many students) and with changes in employment status during the COVID-19 pandemic, many households may struggle with food security. To help address these challenges, CDC has provided a number of resources including the [Food and COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/food-and-COVID-19.html) resource to support consumers and considerations for [restaurants and bars](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/business-employers/bars-restaurants.html), and [grocery and food retail workers](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/grocery-food-retail-workers.html).  Last week, the CDC released three considerations documents to address additional settings: outdoor farmers markets, food pantries and food distribution sites, and outdoor learning gardens. These considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which organizations must comply.  We invite you to use these documents as tools to help resume and continue operations in ways that reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread while addressing community food access:  [Considerations for Outdoor Farmers Markets](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/outdoor-farmers-markets.html)  [Considerations for Food Pantries and Food Distribution Sites](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/food-pantries.html)  [Considerations for Outdoor Learning and Community Gardens](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/outdoor-garden.html)  Thank you for all you are doing to promote the public’s health during this time. Please share these resources with your networks.  **New Resources: Infographics Highlight the Importance of Increasing Access to Healthy Food and Beverages**  People generally get food from either retail venues such as grocery stories and farmers markets or service venues such as restaurants and cafeterias. Having healthy food available and affordable in these locations allows people to make healthier food choices.  Three new infographics from the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity summarize the importance of programs and policies to increase access to healthier foods and beverages. The new material also includes proven strategies and examples.   * + [Healthy Food Environment](https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/improving-access-to-healthier-food.html) highlights challenges to eating a healthy diet without access to nutritious food. The infographic provides examples of CDC’s work in improving healthy food environments and suggests actions for states and communities.   + [Food Service Guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/easy-access-to-healthy-foods.html) are standards for healthier food and beverages and food service operations. This infographic illustrates how the [Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities](https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/food-serv-guide.html#Guidelines) can be adapted for other worksites and community settings.   + [2019 Food Service Guidelines Local Action Institute](https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/food-service-guidelines/local-action-institute.html)showcases diverse community teams developing plans to make healthier food service and procurement practices a reality. REACH recipients from the Allegheny County Health Department and Multnomah County Health Department led two of the teams and are highlighted in this infographic.     The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new challenges across the United States. To help address these challenges, CDC has provided a number of resources including the [Food and COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/food-and-COVID-19.html) webpage to support consumers and considerations for [restaurants and bars](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/business-employers/bars-restaurants.html), and [grocery and food retail workers](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/grocery-food-retail-workers.html).  Additionally, CDC’s webpage [Food and Food System Resources During COVID-19 Pandemic](https://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/resources-publications/food-and-food-system-resources-during-covid-19-pandemic.html) provides resources for individuals and families seeking food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as guidance for food assistance programs and food system stakeholders.  **New Articles: Healthy Food Access**  10 Cents a Meal Pilot: 2018-2019 Evaluation Results, Reflections, and Recommendations. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/10-cents-a-meal-pilot-2018-2019-evaluation-results>  Kinsey E, Hecht A, Dunn C, Levi R, Read M, Smith C, Niesen P, Seligman K, & Hager E. [School Closures During COVID-19: Opportunities for Innovation in Meal Service.](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/pdfplus/10.2105/AJPH.2020.305875__;!!OToaGQ!5o7koHl0oqr1aYHk6GeSlZiQDhrdxjehLmEDMDATTmFdLthAkX182aGs1kOK4Ktio5QXnO2ZtKGN3A$) *American Journal of Public Health*. September 17, 2020.  Press Release: [Study Identifies Innovative Responses to Pandemic School Meal Program Disruption](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.publichealth.columbia.edu/public-health-now/news/study-identifies-innovative-responses-pandemic-school-meal-program-disruption__;!!OToaGQ!5o7koHl0oqr1aYHk6GeSlZiQDhrdxjehLmEDMDATTmFdLthAkX182aGs1kOK4Ktio5QXnO3hGRUUfQ$)  Lyerly R et al. [Effectiveness of mobile produce markets in increasing access and affordability of fruits and vegetables among low-income seniors.](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.cambridge.org/core/journals/public-health-nutrition/article/effectiveness-of-mobile-produce-markets-in-increasing-access-and-affordability-of-fruits-and-vegetables-among-lowincome-seniors/21EB5ACBD61DB5244D61A5F3DB823A34__;!!OToaGQ!5o7koHl0oqr1aYHk6GeSlZiQDhrdxjehLmEDMDATTmFdLthAkX182aGs1kOK4Ktio5QXnO0Xd684lA$) *Cambridge University Press.* September 4, 2020.  In collaboration with Feeding America through [Hunger + Health](https://hungerandhealth.feedingamerica.org/,), the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior is proud to announce our 13-article collection on food insecurity. <https://www.jneb.org/content/food_insecurity>  [Back to Top of Newsletter](#_top) Physical Activity **New Webinar: Youth Leading the Way: Inspiring Stories of Youth**  **Creating Safe, Accessible Neighborhoods**  Wednesday, September 30, 2020  3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. EST  [Register Here](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3676656241619999758)  Join us for inspiring stories from youth leaders who are working to creating safe, accessible neighborhoods. Youth are the future of our communities and they are taking initiative to address concerns in their neighborhoods.  Webinar participants will hear from two student leaders from the YMCA Changemakers Institute. This is a virtual summer program available to all high school students, including incoming 9th grade students and graduating high school seniors.  Participants will learn how to make meaningful, inclusive, and lasting change in their community while collaborating with youth across the country. During the Institute, participants will prepare, implement, and evaluate a Changemaker Initiative. Each participant develops their initiative by selecting one of the Y’s Areas of Impact, one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and then applying their own passions and talent to a specific issue in their community.  **New Resource: New Website on Place & Health**  The Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (GRASP) recently launched their new website about [Place and Health](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth). The Place and Health website illustrates the important connection between place and health and shares information about the work of GRASP. GRASP is a team of geospatial science, technology, visualization, analysis, and public health experts within the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and CDC. GRASP champions the agency’s efforts to examine the relationship between place and health in order to promote health and prevent disease. The new website showcases a large portfolio of collaborative projects, which spans public health research and practice and includes environmental health, infectious and chronic disease, injury, and public health emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.  While browsing the site, visitors will learn about connections between place and health, ongoing and past initiatives, and the integral role that GRASP plays in supporting ATSDR’s mission to protect communities from harmful health effects related to exposure to natural and man-made hazards. While you’re there, sign up for [GRASP’s new quarterly newsletter](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/newsletter.html) to stay up to date with the latest geospatial work at CDC/ATSDR and in the geospatial community.  Please email [placeandhealth@cdc.gov](mailto:placeandhealth@cdc.gov) for any inquiries.  **Funding Opportunity: Creating State-Based Military Partnerships to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, Obesity, and Tobacco Prevention and Control.**  NACDD invites State Health Departments (SHDs) that are interested in developing partnerships with military stakeholders to apply for a new pilot program: Creating State-Based Military Partnerships to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, Obesity, and Tobacco Prevention and Control.  NACDD will work with two states over six-eight months to develop partnerships with their local military stakeholders. The goal of the pilot is to explore pathways for SHD-initiated partnership efforts to advance:   1. collaborative activities that align with the priorities of CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) to reduce deaths and prevent chronic diseases that result from tobacco use; and 2. collaborative activities that align with the CDC’s Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO) evidence-based strategies to improve physical activity and nutrition (e.g., Active People Healthy Nation, Food Service Guidelines).   Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. ET**on **Oct. 14, 2020**.  Here is a[reference document](https://chronicdisease.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f5eb710db3&id=f7408f3888&e=93f931c91e) that includes the application questions and scoring values to help you draft your responses prior to submission. *Note: do not submit this form.*   Click "[Apply for RFA Here](https://chronicdisease.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f5eb710db3&id=2406de31c7&e=93f931c91e)" to fill out and submit your application.   For questions or more information regarding the RFA, please contact NACDD consultant Catherine McCann at [cmccann\_ic@chronicdisease.org](mailto:cmccann_ic@chronicdisease.org).   |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |   [Back to Top of Newsletter](#_top) Health Equity Resources **No New Updates**  [Back to Top of Newsletter](#_top) Breastfeeding Resources **New Resource: Breastfeeding Report Card Reveals Progress, Areas for Improvement**  The recently released [Breastfeeding Report Card United States, 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2f401ef8,1250e411,1251286a&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_5_5-DM39009&ACSTrackingLabel=Breastfeeding%20report%20card) provides a compilation of data on breastfeeding practices and supports in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands. The report highlights data from CDC’s 2018 national survey of Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) and the National Immunization Survey.  States can use the information in the breastfeeding report card to celebrate achievements and identify gaps and opportunities for improvement. For questions, contact [DNPAOPolicy@cdc.gov](mailto:DNPAOPolicy@cdc.gov).  Click [here](https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/data/reportcard.htm?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_5_5-DM39009&ACSTrackingLabel=Breastfeeding%20report%20card&deliveryName=USCDC_5_5-DM39009) to access the Breastfeeding Report Card.  **On-Demand Webinar:** **Ethical Lactation Support: Motivational Interviewing**  The Michigan Breastfeeding Network released an on-demand webinar titled "[Ethical Lactation Support: Motivational Interviewing](https://default.salsalabs.org/Tab3399f1-5930-4eeb-897d-95708bde30c5/eaba9e8c-14b8-4cbf-817e-a3c0760d2055)." The presenters discuss how to engage families through various forms of cultural competency, motivational interviewing, breastfeeding education, community partnerships, and collaborations. A motivational interviewing approach can be effective for establishing trust and a connection with clients, identifying the barriers that may discourage breastfeeding, acknowledging and addressing both the perception of and the accessibility of support, and connecting families to social and clinical support (such as IBCLCs) based on culturally-responsive referrals. Continuing education is available for this session.  Click [here](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7924325846479784460?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=00ca58be-e6b8-480b-8803-92647a43ae28) to access the webinar.    [Back to Top of Newsletter](#_top) Early Childcare and Education Settings (ECE) **New Resource: COVID-19 Parental Resource Kit: Ensuring Children and Young People’s Social, Emotional, and Mental Well-being**  CDC developed this [resource kit](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/parental-resource-kit/index.html) to help support parents, caregivers, and other adults serving children and young people in recognizing children and young people’s social, emotional, and mental health challenges and helping to ensure their well-being. It's age-group specific webpages provide a glance at some of the challenges faced by young children (0-5 y), children (6-12 y), adolescents (13-17 y) and young adults (18-24 y) during the COVID-19 pandemic – such as: changes in their routines; breaks in continuity of learning; breaks in continuity of health care; missed significant life events; and lost security and safety (including violence).  Click [here](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/parental-resource-kit/index.html) to access the resource.  **New Resource: State Licensing Scorecards on Obesity Prevention in Early Care & Education**  CDC’s Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO) is pleased to announce the release of its State Licensing Scorecards on Obesity Prevention in Early Care & Education (ECE). Each scorecard describes how well the state’s current ECE licensing regulations support 47 science-based obesity prevention standards - identified by leading health organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Public Health Association, and the CDC.  Public health practitioners can use their scorecard to communicate state progress over time, and strengthen support for obesity prevention best practices in ECE programs, such as: enabling mothers to comfortably breastfeed their infants on-site; increasing access to nutritious meals and snacks; offering water throughout the day; and requiring opportunities for active play and moderate to vigorous physical activity.  Click [here](https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/early-care-education/state-licensing-scorecard-overview.html) to view the score cards.  **New Resource: Meals and Snacks: Promoting Healthy Practices During COVID-19**  Washington Department of Health (SPAN recipient)recently created a new resource in partnership with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families titled “Meals and Snacks: Promoting Healthy Practices During COVID-19”. This resource highlights best practices early learning providers can do while following CDC and Department of Health guidance on being open during the COVID-19 outbreak. The resource is Washington Department of Health’s main [COVID-19](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19) website (under “Educational Materials” and “Resources and Recommendations”) and is available in English, Spanish and Somali.  **New Resource: Maximize and Improve the use of Outdoor Spaces During COVID-19 and Beyond**  The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgent need to provide healthy child care settings where young children and providers can be safe so parents can get back to work. The National Wildlife Federation’s Early Childhood Health Outdoors (ECHO), in partnership with the Natural Learning Initiative (NLI) at North Carolina State University, has released strategies and considerations for both [child care providers](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/NEW-WEBSITE/Programs/ECHO/GET-OUTSIDE-Providers9120FINAL.ashx) and [regulators](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/NEW-WEBSITE/Programs/ECHO/COVID/GET-OUTSIDE-Regulators9420FINAL.ashx?la=en&hash=5E7C1A9378146DB2CE9777B7CA34D9A5D2C709C1&hash=5E7C1A9378146DB2CE9777B7CA34D9A5D2C709C1) to maximize and improve the use of outdoor spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.  Learn more [here](https://www.nwf.org/echo/covid).  **New Report: Transmission Dynamics of COVID-19 Outbreaks Associated with Child Care Facilities — Salt Lake City, Utah, April–July 2020**  A MMWR report examining secondary transmission of COVID-19 in child care programs in Utah was released September 2020. The MMWR can be accessed [here](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6937e3.htm?s_cid=mm6937e3_e&deliveryName=DM37804). According to this MMWR, key take home message is: SARS-CoV-2 Infections among young children acquired in child care settings were transmitted to their household members. Testing of contacts of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in child care settings, including children who might not have symptoms, could improve control of transmission from child care attendees to family members.  **Professional Development: Physical Activities that Allow for Physical Distancing in the COVID Era**  The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted numerous changes in child care practices, including the recommendation to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others. Learn ideas for physical activities that can still be enjoyed by young children while striving to maintain physical distancing. These adult-led physical activities use inexpensive equipment and are fun for children ages 2–5. Jill Cox from Penn State Better Kid Care and Dr. Diane H. Craft will be presenting. **Oct 15, 2020 1:00 (ET), register** [here](https://psu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u7NsVOPfTOqr408D7ZVoEg)**.**  [Back to Top of Newsletter](#_top) General Resources  **New Resource: COVID-19: CDC Updates & Resources**  **New!** [**COVID-19 Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making**](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html)  CDC just released [indicators for school decision-making](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html) to help schools make dynamic decisions about in-person learning as local conditions evolve throughout the pandemic. When coupled with local data about community spread, these indicators are an important tool to help local health officials, school administrators, and communities prepare, plan, and respond to COVID-19. It is critical for schools to open as safely and as quickly as possible for in-person learning. To enable schools to open and remain open, it is important to adopt and correctly and consistently implement actions to slow the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, not only inside the school, but also in the community. This means that students, families, teachers, school staff, and **all** community members should take actions to [protect themselves and others](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html) where they [live, work, learn, and play](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html). In short, success in preventing the introduction and subsequent transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in schools is connected to and dependent upon preventing transmission in communities.  **COVID -19 Cases in the United States**  As of September 21, 2020, in the United States, there have been ***6,786,352 confirmed cases*** of COVID-19 detected through US public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.  Click [**HERE**](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcases-updates%2Fcases-in-us.html#cases_casesinlast7days) to find an interactive map showing the most current cases and deaths reported by US states, the District of Columbia, New York City, and other US-affiliated jurisdictions.  **New CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports on COVID-19:**   * [Serial Testing for SARS-CoV-2 and Virus Whole Genome Sequencing Inform Infection Risk at Two Skilled Nursing Facilities with COVID-19 Outbreaks — Minnesota, April–June 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2e26258e,1243b9ae,1245347a&ACSTrackingID=DM38231&ACSTrackingLabel=This%20Week%20in%20MMWR%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2018%2C%202020) * [Association Between CMS Quality Ratings and COVID-19 Outbreaks in Nursing Homes — West Virginia, March 17–June 11, 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2e26258e,1243b9ae,1245347c&ACSTrackingID=DM38231&ACSTrackingLabel=This%20Week%20in%20MMWR%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2018%2C%202020) * [Preventing COVID-19 Outbreaks in Long-term Care Facilities Through Preemptive Testing of Residents and Staff Members — Fulton County, Georgia, March–May 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2e26258e,1243b9ae,1245347b&ACSTrackingID=DM38231&ACSTrackingLabel=This%20Week%20in%20MMWR%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2018%2C%202020) * [SARS-CoV-2–Associated Deaths Among Persons Aged <21 Years — United States, February 12–July 31, 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2e26258e,1243b9ae,124538b8&ACSTrackingID=DM38231&ACSTrackingLabel=This%20Week%20in%20MMWR%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2018%2C%202020) * [Community and Close Contact Exposures Associated with COVID-19 Among Symptomatic Adults ≥18 Years in 11 Outpatient Health Care Facilities — United States, July 2020](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6936a5.htm?s_cid=mm6936a5_e&deliveryName=DM37614) * [SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Hospitalized Pregnant Women: Reasons for Admission and Pregnancy Characteristics — Eight U.S. Health Care Centers, March 1–May 30, 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2de94f58,124382d4,1243b2d5&ACSTrackingID=DM38216&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2016%2C%202020) * [Characteristics and Maternal and Birth Outcomes of Hospitalized Pregnant Women with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 — COVID-NET, 13 States, March 1–August 22, 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2de94f58,124382d4,1243b2d4&ACSTrackingID=DM38216&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2016%2C%202020) * [COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Two Counties — North Carolina, June–July 2020](https://t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h2ecc6c07,124d1ea5,124d48d3&ACSTrackingID=DM38685&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2022%2C%202020)   [Back to Top of Newsletter](#_top)  Links to non-Federal organizations found in this e-mail are provided solely as a service. 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