

CDC Washington Office: Bridging Congress and CDC

About CDC/Washington

The CDC Washington Office (CDC/W) designs strategies for complex public health issues and develops plans for the CDC's work with Congress and other Washington area organizations (agencies, private and nonprofit, think tanks, and associations) to advance CDC's public health goals. The CDC Washington Office is part of the Office of the Director, and acts as a liaison between CDC and the Washington policy community.

CDC/W represents CDC in Washington to the Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies and partners. CDC/W is the primary office in CDC from which Congress can request health information and assistance with legislation. One of the office's most important functions is educating Congressional offices about CDC accomplishments, collaborations, and state and local activities—as well as apprising them of important public health developments. CDC/W also provides Congressional offices with a full array of services including briefings and regular personal, telephonic, and electronic communications. Finally, the office tracks legislation impacting CDC programs, and coordinates the preparation of CDC testimony and witnesses for hearings. Examples of CDC/W activities include:

- Responding to inquiries regarding CDC's programs and services
- Providing quick access to public health experts
- Arranging briefings on public health issues
- Providing timely information of interest to policymakers

CDC is a complex, and dynamic agency. Please contact us to learn more about who we are, and what we do by calling 202-245-0600.

CDC Washington Products and Services for Policymakers:

- Rapid and reliable response to Congressional requests for information;
- Congressional briefings on broad public health issues and specific CDC programs;
- Technical assistance on public health policy and legislative initiatives;
- CDC materials, services, and tours of facilities, including new state-of-the-art labs;
- Discussions with scientific experts on programs of interest;
- Participation by agency leadership and scientific experts in local public health-related events;
- Email updates on key CDC topics.

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CDC/Washington website (includes information on CDC's funding by state and congressional district): www.cdc.gov/washington



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