

# FY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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If there was ever a year that called for collaboration with 'one strong voice' on public health issues, this was it. Not only has the COVID-19 pandemic caused illness and death on a global scale, but in nearly every community throughout the US, routine care has been delayed and we have seen vaccination rates decline in all age groups. During the COVID-19 pandemic, as information and guidance changes frequently, misinformation tends to spread. The pandemic also has shed new light on longstanding disparities in health outcomes, with disproportionate numbers of illnesses and deaths among communities of color, many of whom are also at increased risk of serious complications from influenza (flu). Experts have feared a double threat with COVID-19 and flu viruses co-circulating and converging. Although vaccines for COVID-19 are not yet widely available, getting an annual flu vaccine can help protect individuals and communities, and can prevent additional strain on the US healthcare system.

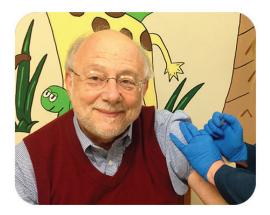
The mission of NFID remains vital to protecting public health. This annual report provides highlights of our accomplishments, many of which you

helped us achieve. Since 1973, NFID has been dedicated to educating the public and healthcare professionals about the burden, causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases across the lifespan. With your support, NFID reached millions during fiscal year 2020, through virtual educational activities, public awareness programs, social media campaigns, and collaborations with many partners—all in support of vision of healthier lives through effective prevention and treatment of infectious diseases. NFID remains committed to collaboration with a wide range of partners as one of our core values.

On behalf of NFID, we extend sincerest thanks to the heroic healthcare professionals and public health officials on the front lines fighting COVID-19, as well as the researchers and industry partners working tirelessly to develop new vaccines and therapeutics. Thank you for your ongoing support of NFID and our efforts to collectively advocate for disease prevention and treatment, with 'one strong voice.'

With Gratitude,

**Joseph A. Bocchini, Jr., MD** President







Marla Dalton, PE, CAE Executive Director & CEO





#### A Vision for the Future

Healthier lives through effective prevention and treatment of infectious diseases

#### In the US, in the first half of 2020 alone ...

2.5 M+

Cases of COVID-19

126,000+

Deaths from COVID-19

95%

Decline in vaccination rates for some vaccines Each year in the US ...

\$87B+

Estimated cost in medical spending and lost work productivity attributed to seasonal flu

\$27M

Estimated cost to treat adults age 50+ for flu, pneumococcal disease, shingles, and whooping cough

90%

Of the ~35,000 cancers caused by HPV could be prevented with HPV vaccines The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 in the US will prevent **419 million illnesses**, help **avoid 936,000 deaths**, and save nearly **\$1.9 trillion in total societal costs**.

#### **CORE VALUES**



Collaboration



Diversity & Inclusion



Evidence-Based



Integrity

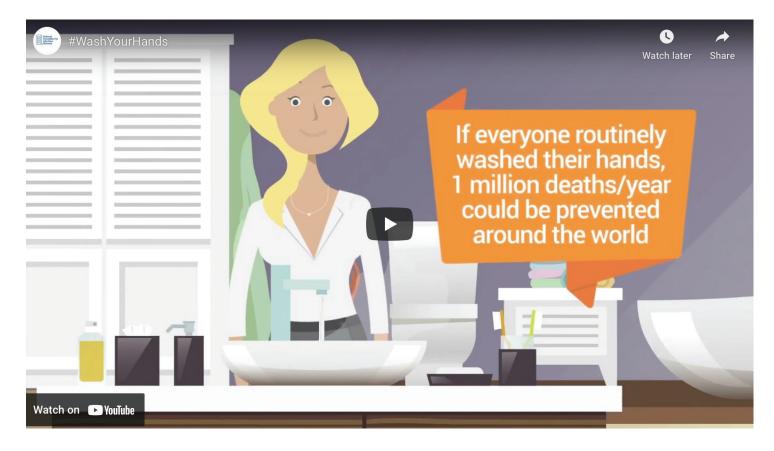


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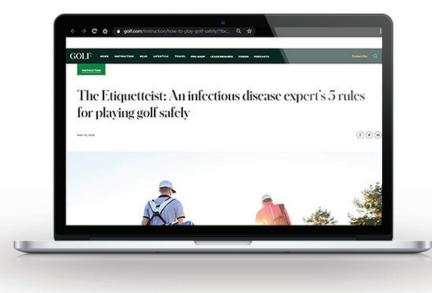


#### **EDUCATING THE PUBLIC**

Through **public service announcements**, as well as **social and print media**, NFID reaches millions and builds awareness on the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.



Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself from #COVID-19 and other respiratory infections. But evidence suggests that most people do not know how to properly wash hands and may leave germs behind. This NFID animated public service announcement, available in English and in Spanish, highlights the importance of 5 key steps to proper handwashing.

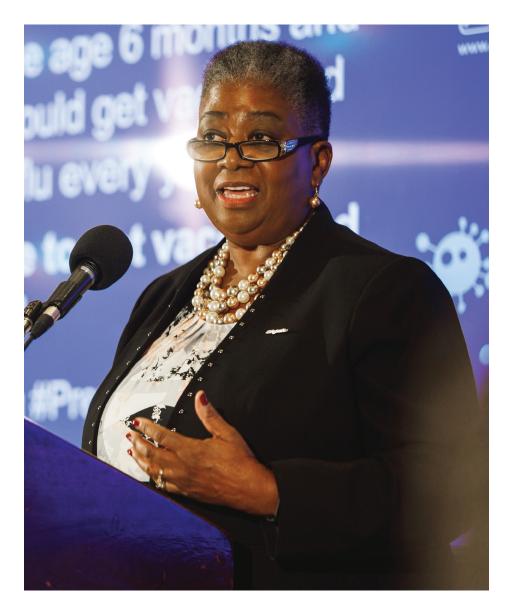


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"If you wear your [mask], you're protecting me, and if I wear mine, I'm protecting you ... We're all in this together."

> WILLIAM SCHAFFNER, MD, NFID MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Through **impactful awareness campaigns** NFID reaches large, diverse audiences through time-tested strategies, innovative approaches, and partner collaboration.



#### **#FightFlu**

As part of its annual #FightFlu awareness campaign, NFID launched the 2019-2020 flu season with the 2019 NFID Influenza/Pneumococcal News Conference. The news conference was held in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and featured US Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II and leading health experts discussing the importance of annual vaccination for everyone age 6 months and older as well as the importance of vaccination to prevent pneumococcal disease. The panelists, along with 2019-2020 NFID/Outland Trophy #FightFlu ambassador and former Washington Redskins player, Mark May, each led by example and got vaccinated against flu at the news conference. The annual event draws significant media attention, including more than **953 million media impressions in 2019**.

NFID continued to partner with unique groups to extend the reach of important flu messaging. Once again, NFID collaborated with the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) to present the 2019 Outland Trophy, and the beloved NFID Flu Bugs made an appearance at the 8th Annual Flu Awareness Night at Nationals Park, as well as the <u>7th Annual Metropolitan</u> <u>Fashion Week</u> in Los Angeles where they provided attendees with '<u>Flu is</u> <u>Not Fashionable</u>' postcards to mail to loved ones to remind them to get vaccinated to #FightFlu.



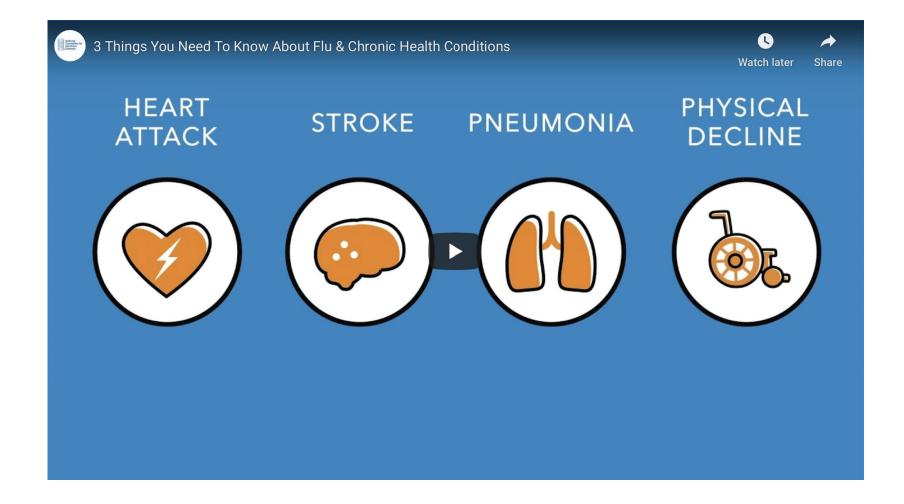






#### 3 Things You Need To Know About Flu & Chronic Health Conditions

Influenza (flu) is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that can result in serious complications for individuals living with chronic health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes, even when chronic conditions are well-managed. This NFID animated public service announcement highlights key facts in 30 seconds and encourages viewers to get an annual flu vaccine, as the best way to help prevent flu.





#### COVID-19: #StopTheSpread

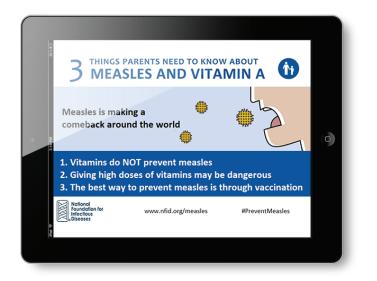
NFID responded at the outset of the pandemic, moving quickly to help #StopTheSpread of COVID-19.

From complimentary webinars to supporting the heroic healthcare professionals and public health officials on the front lines to developing <u>free educational resources</u> about COVID-19, NFID leveraged its expertise, partnerships, and resources to educate, raise awareness, and protect public health.

#### **Schaffner Report**

On March 3, 2020, in a special edition of the Schaffner Report, NFID Medical Director William Schaffner, MD spoke with NFID Executive Director and CEO Marla Dalton, CAE, about what members of the public and healthcare professionals should and should not do during the COVID-19 outbreak.





#### **#GetVaccinated to #PreventMeasles**

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, measles vaccination rates in the US fell short of public health goals. Measles is highly contagious, can be serious and even deadly, and is easy to prevent. Following the 2019 outbreaks in New York and Minnesota, NFID launched a campaign to raise awareness about the risks associated with measles and the importance of prevention through vaccination.

Additionally, NFID convened a summit with multidisciplinary subject matter experts to discuss the use of vitamin A in US measles management. Based on the discussions, NFID issued a <u>Call to Action</u> report with specific recommendations for healthcare professionals.

Measles is highly contagious, can be serious, and is easy to prevent with safe and effective vaccines. This NFID animated public service announcement encourages viewers to make sure they (and their loved ones) are protected with recommended doses of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine.

We don't want measles to come back ... nor mullets!





#### New and Improved <u>www.nfid.org</u>

In September 2019, NFID merged multiple website properties into a single, comprehensive site with timely content and valuable resources. The redesigned website met the criteria for membership in the Vaccine Safety Net, a global network of websites, established by the World Health Organization, that provides reliable information on vaccine safety. The NFID website receives millions of views each year and remains a trusted public source on infectious diseases.



#### EDUCATING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

NFID provides clinical education and professional development programs focused on the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases. NFID education is inclusive and accessible–for **all healthcare professionals, at all career levels**, in all **healthcare settings**.

NFID has a long-standing partnership with Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice to publish journal-based continuing medical education (CME) activities and other professional education materials. The journal provides clinicians with information on pertinent new developments and practical guidance needed to optimally prevent and treat infectious diseases. 11,000

Webinar attendees

15 Webinars

Countries represented

2 Conferences/Courses

## **Popular Webinar Topics**



#### **RECOGNIZING WOMEN IN SCIENCE**

As nearly 1,500 researchers, scientists, and public health professionals from around the world participated in the first-ever virtual <u>Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research (ACVR)</u> in June 2020, one planned event took place as scheduled, albeit virtually. On March 24, 2020, several trailblazing women in the field of vaccinology shared their stories during an online panel discussion. NFID celebrates the impact of women in vaccinology, including the inspirational leaders whose collective work has helped so many.



My inspiration to promote health equity through vaccination came from patients, as well as the many capable mentors I encountered in practice, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in local public health—most of whom were talented, dedicated women.

JULIE MORITA, MD EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

It all starts with great mentors ... and supporters ... and colleagues—thank people and support people

KATHLEEN M. NEUZIL, MD, MPH DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (NFID DIRECTOR)



#### **RECOGNIZING LEADERS**

NFID announced three distinguished public health heroes to be recognized as 2020 NFID awardees. The premier annual fundraising event for NFID, the June celebration was postponed until December due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



### Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award Penny M. Heaton, MD Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute

Presented annually by NFID, the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award honors individuals whose outstanding humanitarian efforts and achievements have contributed significantly to improving global public health.

First, follow what you love ... Second, work across disciplines—This will be essential to solve the multi-faceted challenges that fall squarely within the responsibility of the infectious disease professional.

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PENNY M. HEATON, MD

### Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement Claire V. Broome, MD Emory University Rollins School of Public Health

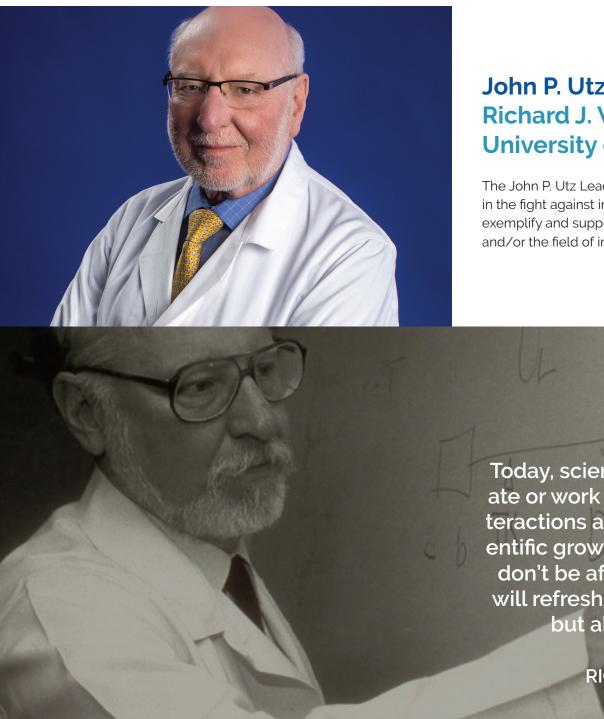
Presented annually by NFID, the Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement honors scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the understanding of infectious diseases and public health.

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Ask the right questions, about important topics—the same advice I always gave to my Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) trainees. Our wisdom in structuring the questions, in collaborating with the broadest range of partners, and in taking global perspectives is how we solve the complex challenges we face.

CLAIRE V. BROOME, MD





### John P. Utz Leadership Award Richard J. Whitley, MD University of Alabama at Birmingham

The John P. Utz Leadership Award honors an NFID founder and champion in the fight against infectious diseases, and is presented to individuals who exemplify and support NFID leadership goals, through service to NFID and/or the field of infectious diseases.

Today, science is a team sport. Either create or work with a team where positive interactions allow for both personal and scientific growth. Be prepared to change and don't be afraid of it. Change is good and will refresh not only your scientific career but also you, as an individual.

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RICHARD J. WHITLEY, MD

## Partnership with professional societies, medical and patient advocacy groups, government, corporations, and others is central to our work and success.

#### Partners include:

Adult Vaccine Access Coalition Alliance for Aging Research American Academy of Family Physicians American Academy of Pediatrics American Academy of Physician Assistants American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists American Association of Diabetes Educators American College of Cardiology American College of Emergency Physicians American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists American College Health Association American College of Physicians American College of Preventive Medicine American Lung Association American Medical Group Association American Nurses Association American Osteopathic Association American Pharmacists Association American Public Health Association Association of Black Cardiologists Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Association of Immunization Managers

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials California Immunization Coalition **Caregiver Action Network** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Cervivor Coalition to Stop Flu Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Emory University School of Medicine Families Fighting Flu Football Writers Association of America GIANTmicrobes Health is Primary HPV Roundtable Immunization Action Coalition Infectious Diseases Society of America MedStar Visiting Nurse Association Mended Hearts National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit National Association of Chain Drug Stores National Association of County and City Health Officials National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners National Association of School Nurses

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# The Importance of Preparing for the Next Pandemic

Special thanks to Senator Thomas A. Daschle, former US Senate Majority Leader and chair of the Coalition to Stop Flu, for this guest blog post on the importance of pandemic preparedness.

#### Why We Must Recommend Flu Vaccine To Patients With Chronic Health Conditions

Special thanks to Daniel B. Jernigan, MD, MPH, Director of the Influenza Division at the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for this guest blog post in honor of National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), December 1-7, 2019.



#### **SUPPORTERS**



#### **Strategic Partners**

Through participation in the 2020 Strategic Partners Program, the following organizations demonstrated their commitment to creating healthier lives and reducing suffering from preventable diseases:

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REVENUE	
Contributions and Grants	\$1,715,206
Other Revenue	\$745,993
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,461,199

EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$1,990,923
Administration	\$286,337
Fundraising	\$197,888
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,475,148



\$935,734

Source: NFID Financial Audit Report by Dembo Jones Certified Public Accountants & Advisors FY 2020

\$1,055,189

Once again, NFID has received the highest ratings for accountability and transparency from Charity Navigator and GuideStar. We continue to hold ourselves to the highest standards as we strive to achieve our vision of healthier lives through effective treatment and prevention of infectious diseases.





Professional Education. \$1,055,189

#### **BREAKDOWN OF PROGRAM EXPENSES**



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