

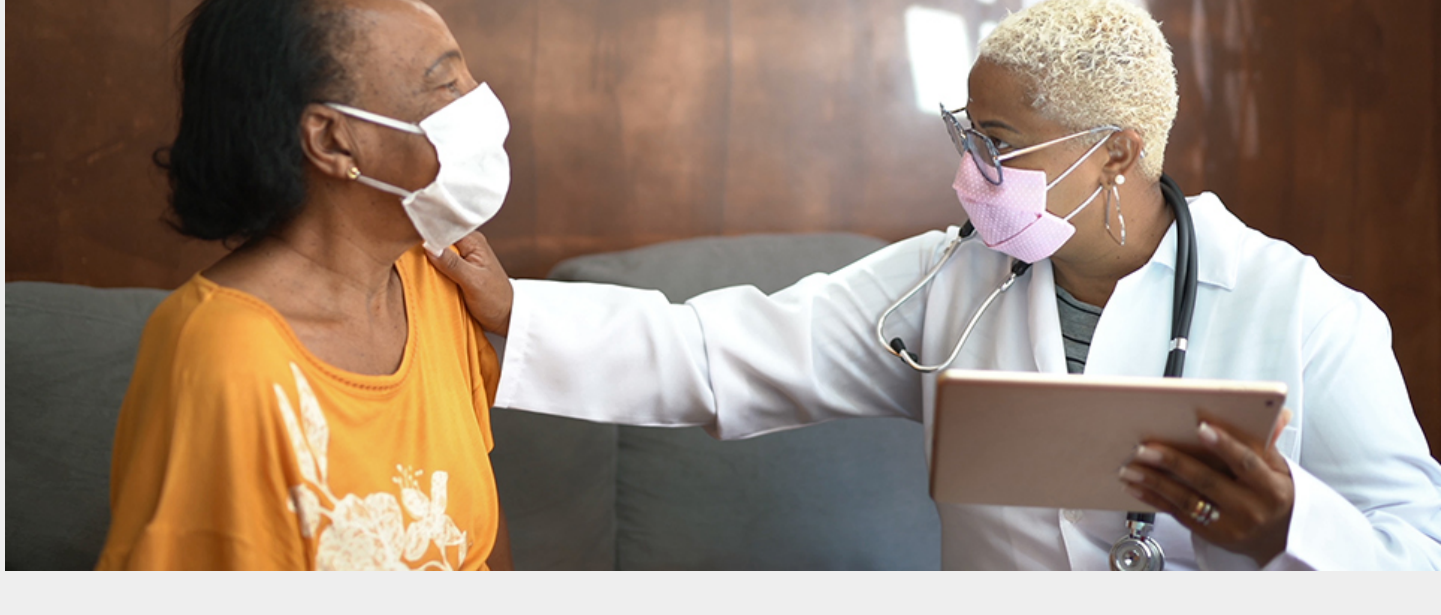
IT ALL ADDS UP



We recently introduced our [2030 Sustainability Plan](#), focused on innovating for access and affordability, and breaking down barriers to reach more people, in more places than ever before.

Below are updates on this important work across our businesses, and in our work with others -- including expanding the reach of our life-changing technologies, transforming the care of both infectious and chronic diseases, expanding health equity and building the innovative and diverse workplace of tomorrow.

As always, we welcome your [feedback](#). And please feel free to forward this newsletter to others; they can sign up to receive it directly [here](#).



TOP STORY: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS, ADVANCING HEALTHY EQUITY

Waking up each day with good health is something people no longer take for granted. But, the reality is, there are vast disparities in who has good health, and who doesn't. These health disparities are often driven by interconnected social and economic issues like poverty, structural racism, and access to healthcare, education and opportunity. The challenges are immense, and the numbers are startling.

At Abbott, we're focused on advancing health equity through our business and in partnership with others. To deliver results, we've laid out long-term targets for our business as part of our [2030 Sustainability Plan](#) to innovate for broader access and equity. And we've made equitable care a [key principle](#) for our community partnerships, including becoming the first anchor sponsor for new initiatives with the [American Diabetes Association](#) (ADA) and [Easterseals](#) to address health disparities.

Learn more about our work across the U.S. [here](#).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

INNOVATING FOR ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY



New Answers for Chronic Disease in Crisis Settings

Today, more than 80 million people are displaced from their homes by conflict and natural disasters, often leaving chronic diseases like diabetes overlooked. See how our partnership with CARE in the Philippines called Future Well in Crisis is finding innovative solutions to advance health equity. [more](#)



Tackling the High Cost of Diabetes Care

Building access and affordability into our FreeStyle Libre portfolio is an important part of Abbott's broader work to help even more people live more fully. At a fraction of the cost of other continuous glucose monitors, FreeStyle Libre 2 is helping people make healthy diabetes care choices during COVID-19. [more](#)



Time to Bridge the Gap, Demand Diabetes Care Equity

Access to breakthrough tech remains out of reach for many who stand to benefit most. Something has to change. Abbott's Jared Watkin recently joined together with ADA CEO Tracey D. Brown to share perspective on the importance of ADA's Health Equity Now platform. [more](#)



Recognition for Expanding Access in Rwanda

To extend the reach of primary care and testing in rural Rwanda, we worked with the Rwandan Ministry of Health and the Society for Family Health Rwanda to create second-generation health posts. Find out why this collaboration was honored with the Award for Corporate Excellence. [more](#)

COVID-19



Preventing the Next Pandemic Through Collaboration

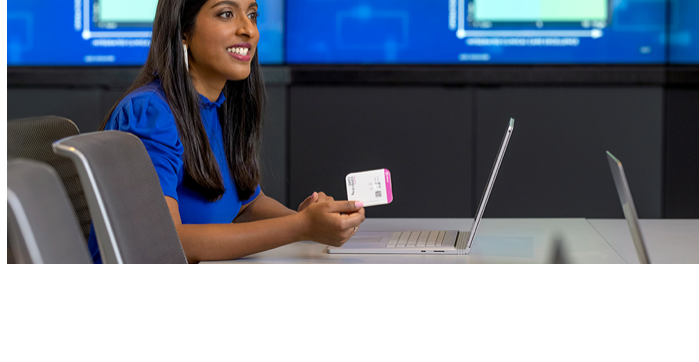
The rapid escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic revealed just how quickly we need to act to prevent the spread of a virus. That's why we formed the Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition - a first-of-its-kind global partnership to detect and quickly respond to future pandemic threats. [more](#)



Continued Advances in COVID-19 Testing

We continue to share updates on our latest work to address COVID-19, from an [assay](#) that can detect 4 viruses -- COVID-19, flu A and B, and RSV -- to ongoing [tracking of COVID-19 variants](#), a "[quick guide](#)" to rapid testing, and the [importance of testing](#) alongside vaccines.

WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW



Hear from Women in STEM, Fighting a Pandemic

For International Women's Day this year, we took a look at the gender gap in STEM -- and invited female scientists and engineers across our diagnostics businesses to share their personal experiences and observations in tackling the global COVID-19 pandemic. [more](#)

SUSTAINABLE & RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

Sustainability Award Gold Class 2021



Leading the Industry in Sustainability: S&P, Fortune, Newsweek

For the eighth consecutive year, both S&P Global and Fortune named us the industry leader in sustainable, responsible business. Fortune also named us one of the world's [50 Most Admired Companies](#), and Newsweek named us one of the top 25 [America's Most Responsible Companies 2021](#). [more](#)

SPOTLIGHT



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED
To What Matters Most

DISCOVERY EDUCATION

[Discovery Education](#) is the global leader in standards-aligned digital curriculum resources, engaging content, and professional learning for K-12 classrooms. Through award-winning digital textbooks, multimedia resources, and the largest professional learning network of its kind, Discovery Education is transforming teaching and learning, creating immersive STEM experiences, and improving academic achievement around the globe. They currently serve approximately 4.5 million educators and 45 million students worldwide, and their resources are accessed in over 140 countries and territories.

Abbott and the Abbott Fund have collaborated with Discovery Education since 2018 to develop the [Future Well Kids](#) curriculum. Powered by Abbott employee volunteers, Future Well Kids lessons inspire young people to develop habits supporting a healthier future free of chronic disease. We've also worked together to expand the initiative to [help families](#) get active and learn together. Most recently, we collaborated with Discovery Education to observe International Women's Day 2021 and highlight the importance of [STEM](#) education for advancing gender equity. To learn more, see our [blog post](#) and [conference session](#).

For more information, explore the future of education at [discoveryeducation.com](#).

WHAT'S NEXT

- We're looking forward to sharing perspective on the need for change to transform health at the [Aspen Ideas: Health](#) digital festival coming up April 27-29.
- We'll share an update on our latest results in reducing emissions, water use and waste, and our 2030 targets for protecting a healthy environment for us all.
- We'll share our 2020 Sustainability Report, with key disclosures on our economic, social and environmental performance over the past year.



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