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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**FORWARD LATINO WELCOMES EFFORTS BY CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION  
TO MAKE TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN SPANISH!**

Franklin, WI – Yesterday Forward Latino sent a letter to Director Redfield of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Secretary Azar of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This letter expressed Forward Latino’s concerns as to the limited and dated information listed on the CDC Coronavirus Spanish language web page. Today Forward Latino has been in communication with representatives from Director Redfield’s office. Please find below a statement by Forward Latino President Darryl Morin:

“I would like to thank Director Redfield and his team for their timely response. We have received assurances that the CDC is currently undertaking efforts to make updated information available on the CDC Coronavirus COVID-19 Spanish language web page by the end of this week. The CDC has also committed to increasing their promotion of important Spanish language Coronavirus information on various social media platforms.

Per U.S. Census Bureau estimates, over 41 million U.S. residents speak Spanish at home, representing 13.5% of our nation’s population. Given that Spanish speakers make up such a significant portion of the U.S. population, we believe this is an important step in halting the spread of the virus. The sooner all Americans have access to the latest and most up to date CDC guidance, the sooner all Americans can put the guidance in to practice, not only halting the spread of the virus, but minimizing the hardship and the number of lives lost due to complications caused by the virus.

Forward Latino looks forward to working in partnership with the CDC in the distribution of this information as it becomes available.

I want to thank Director Redfield and all the professionals at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for their efforts, as together we look forward to bringing this pandemic to an end and beginning upon the path of recovery.”

*About Forward Latino:*

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education and service delivery. Forward Latino currently has members in 19 states. Learn more at [www.forwardlatino.org](http://www.forwardlatino.org).

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