



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

## Bio of CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden



**Tom Frieden, MD, MPH**  
**Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Tom Frieden, MD, became Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in June 2009. Dr. Frieden has worked to control health threats from infectious diseases, respond to emergencies, and battle the leading causes of suffering and death in the United States and around the world.

Dr. Frieden has intensified the agency's work to save lives and protect people in the United States and around the world, including:

- Establishing more effective responses to outbreaks and other health threats at state, local and global levels, including the global effort to stop the spread of the Ebola virus in Africa and to eradicate polio forever.
- Extending life-saving treatment, disease prevention and infection control in more than 50 countries to save lives globally and protect Americans from health threats outside our borders.
- Preventing infections from food and in health care facilities with new programs and guidance.
- Helping Americans to quit smoking, reducing childhood obesity, prevent diabetes, and saving teens and others lives from car crashes through focused programs.

### **Career Highlights**

- Immediately upon his appointment as CDC Director in 2009, Dr. Frieden led the U.S. response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus pandemic.
- While working in India for five years as a CDC assignee to the World Health Organization, he assisted with national tuberculosis control efforts. The program in India has treated more than 10 million patients and has saved more than three million lives.

- A physician with training in internal medicine, infectious diseases, public health, and epidemiology, Dr. Frieden is especially known for his expertise in tuberculosis control. Dr. Frieden worked for CDC from 1990 until 2002. He began his career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer at the New York City Health Department.

Dr. Frieden speaks Spanish and graduated from Oberlin College. He received both his medical degree and Master's degree in public health from Columbia University and completed infectious disease training at Yale University. He has received many awards and honors and has published more than 200 scientific articles.