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Stephen C. Redd, MD, Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, is Director of CDC's Influenza Coordination Unit. The unit was formed in 2006 to provide a central focus for pandemic influenza preparations at CDC. Dr. Redd was responsible for developing plans for pandemic response, exercising those plans, tracking progress in developing specific capabilities needed for an influenza pandemic, and communicating progress in these capabilities.

In April 2009, shortly after the H1N1 virus was identified, Dr. Redd was appointed Incident Commander of CDC's H1N1 pandemic influenza response, providing daily direction to all of CDC's pandemic response efforts from detecting the virus through the H1N1 vaccination program. More than 3,300 CDC staff participated in the response during the 11 month activation of CDC Emergency Operations Center.

Dr. Redd joined CDC in 1985 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, following clinical training. He has published widely in the control of respiratory diseases, malaria control, measles epidemiology and elimination, environmental health, and asthma.

Dr. Redd has received numerous awards including the Public Health Service Distinguished Service Medal for leading CDC's pandemic response and the Charles Shepard Award, an annual award for the outstanding manuscript published by CDC authors.

Dr. Redd received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his medical degree from Emory University. He trained in internal medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and practices internal medicine at Grady Memorial Hospital and the Cherokee Indian Hospital.