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Are We Prepared for the Next Pandemic?

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Nirav Shah MD, JD is an epidemiologist, economist, and attorney. Earlier in his career, he worked as an economist and epidemiologist at the Cambodian Ministry of Health aiding the response to SARS and Avian influenza. Dr. Shah was the director of the Illinois Department of Public Health from 2015 -2019. He served as the director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention from 2019 to 2023. In January 2023, he was appointed as the principal deputy director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and then served as acting director until a new director was appointed. He resigned this position February 2025 and has accepted a teaching position at Colby College to help shape an undergraduate public health program.



Henry Walke, MD, MPH, is the Director of the Office of Readiness and Response (ORR) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In this role, Dr. Walke supports ORR's four divisions and the CDC Immediate Office of the Director to prepare for, respond to, and improve performance in domestic and global public health emergencies. From July 2020 through September 2021, Dr. Walke served as incident manager of CDC's COVID-19 response, and as a chief CDC spokesperson. Under his leadership, the response published eight scientific briefs and over 600 articles in the "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" and other scientific literature.

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