

## ! COVID-19: CDC Museum Closed to the Public

Due to ongoing concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the David J. Sencer CDC Museum is closed to the public and will remain closed as we continue to assess and monitor developments. All CDC Museum tours are canceled until further notice.

This decision is being made out of an abundance of caution and based upon the guidance of the CDC regarding social distancing and the elimination of large gatherings.

Please continue to check our website and social media accounts for additional updates.



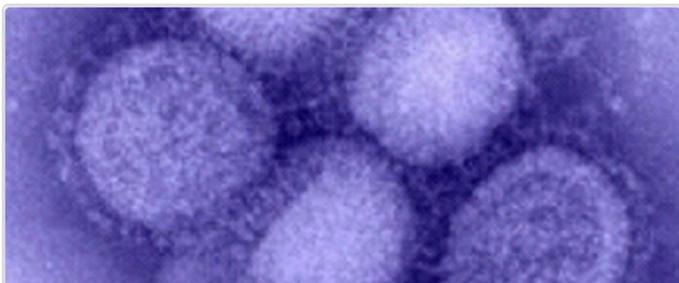
# David J. Sencer CDC Museum: In Association with the Smithsonian Institution

## CDC Timeline 2000s

Take a minute to review many of CDC's momentous contributions to public health since it was organized in 1946 as the Communicable Disease Center.

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### 2000s



2009

- CDC identifies the novel [H1N1 influenza virus](#). The H1N1 flu pandemic demonstrates CDC's unique ability to assess and explain risk
- Widespread [asbestos contamination in Libby, Montana](#); ATSDR helps provide screenings and health care service for those exposed

2007

- For the first time since 1963, CDC issues federal order of isolation for a [tuberculosis](#) (TB) patients
- [NIOSH Science Blog](#) debuts, becoming a useful communication channel that provides workplace safety and health information to the public



2008

- [Salmonella](#) and [E. coli](#) outbreaks, large [multi-state foodborne outbreaks](#) are detected and investigated, revealing gaps in food safety and the need to improve prevention efforts
- CDC's [Emergency Operations Center](#) (EOC) activates for Hurricane Dolly; Tropical Storm Edouard, Hurricanes Gustav, Hanna, and Ike



2005

- March is declared [Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month](#)
- CDC responds to [Hurricanes Katrina and Rita](#)
- The Surgeon General releases [A Call to Action to Improve the Health and Wellness of Persons with Disabilities](#) , and highlights disability as a major public health issue. The call to action appeals to all Americans to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through better health care and understanding
- Last large cases of polio transmission stopped in India and Africa

2006

- CDC responds to a multi-state [mumps](#) outbreak involving more than 6,500 reported cases. This resurgence predominantly affects college-aged students living in the Midwest, with outbreaks occurring on many different Midwestern college campuses
- CDC's [Emergency Operations Center](#) (EOC) activates for Tropical Storm Ernesto
- CDC responds to multi-state outbreak of [E. coli](#), infections linked to fresh spinach
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP) recommends routine immunizations of children and adolescents for rotavirus and human papillomavirus vaccines

## 2003

- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is first discovered in Asia. CDC responds by providing guidance for surveillance, clinical and laboratory evaluation, and reporting
- *MMWR* reports the first identification of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States
- A package containing ricin and a note threatening to poison water supplies is discovered in a South Carolina postal facility, becoming the first potential chemical terrorism event involving ricin in the United States
- United States experiences an outbreak of monkeypox, the first time human monkeypox is reported outside of Africa. CDC deploys teams of medical officers, epidemiologists, and other experts to several states to assist with the investigation



## 2004

- Rubella is eliminated in the United States
- CDC collaborates with the Office of the Surgeon General to promote the Family History Initiative, the first public campaign addressing the issue of family health history. The Initiative designates Thanksgiving Day as *National Family History Day*. A web-based tool, *My Family Health Portrait*, is created to help people collect the disease histories of their families
- An earthquake in the Indian Ocean triggers a devastating tsunami, causing an estimated 228,000 deaths in 14 countries on three continents. The Thai Ministry of Public Health responds with assistance from CDC, the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences, and the World Health Organization
- CDC provides support for laws restricting access to over-the-counter medications used in methamphetamine production in Georgia
- CDC responds to Fungal meningitis outbreak from steroid injections

## 2002

- CDC reports that newborn HIV infections in the United States are down 80% since 1981
- Congress mandates that issues related to children's neurobehavioral disorders, including ADHD, be included as part of NCBDDD's research agenda



## 2001

- CDC learns of the first case of inhalational [anthrax](#) in the United States since 1976. The person, a 63-year-old Florida man, is infected by anthrax sent through the mail. He is the first of 22 victims of this domestic terrorism event
- CDC responds to the World Trade Center and bioterrorist anthrax attacks
- The Children's Health Act (Public Law 106-310) establishes the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities ([NCBDDD](#)) at CDC. The Act expands research and services for a variety of childhood health problems and authorizes the establishment of Centers of Excellence at both CDC and NIH to promote research and monitoring efforts related to autism
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) provides technical assistance for responder safety and health in the World Trade Center rescue and recovery
- [National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities](#) (NCBDDD) established

## 2000

- Measles declared eliminated from the United States
- CDC and West Virginia University release *Women and Heart Disease: An Atlas of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mortality*, the first national atlas of [heart disease](#) death rates among U.S. women 35 and older
- CDC receives reports of Rift Valley fever (RVF) in Saudi Arabia, with more than 300 people infected. These represent the first cases of RVF outside the continent of Africa
- CDC investigates an *E. coli* outbreak among teenage campers in Texas, the first community outbreak attributable to Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* O111 reported in the United States