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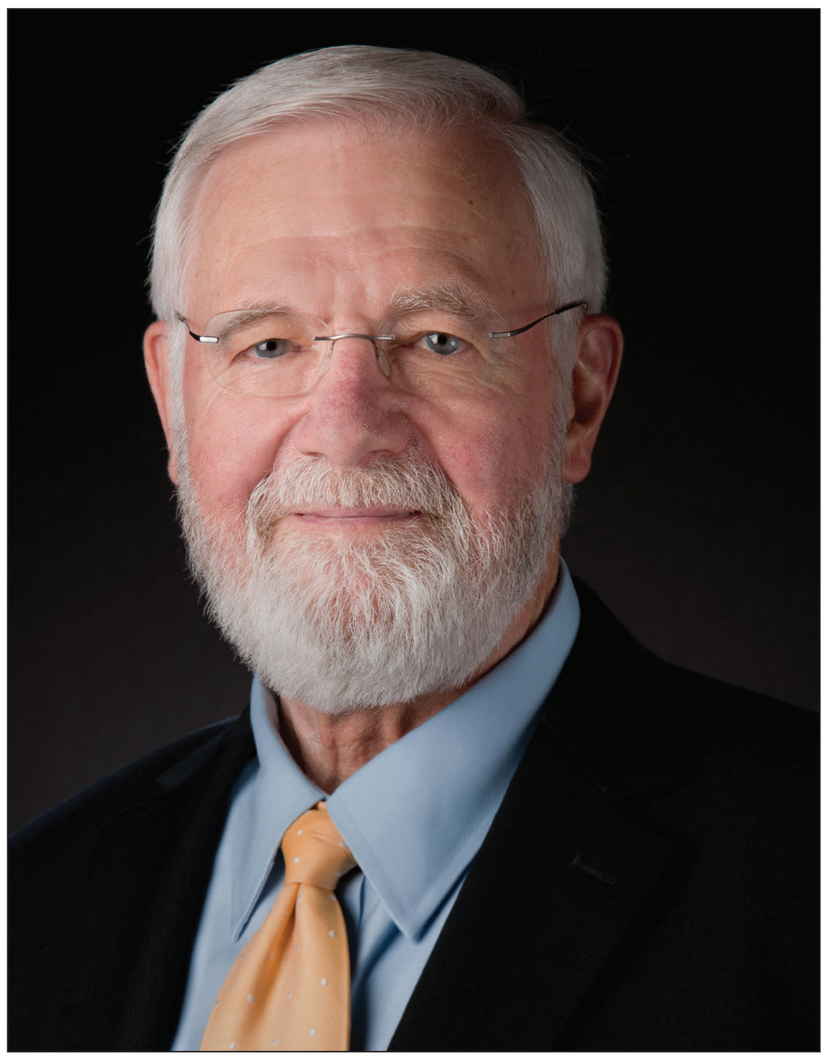
SPECIAL PRESENTATION

## Seven Decades of Firsts with Seven CDC Directors



**William H. Foege, MD, MPH**
**CDC Director 1977-1983**

William H. Foege attended medical school at the University of Washington, where he received his MD in 1961. He was a member of CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) from 1962-1964. During his time with the EIS, he was inspired to pursue public health further. He entered the Master of Public Health program at the Harvard School of Public Health, where he received his degree in 1965.

He provided 23 years of service to CDC, including serving as CDC's director from 1977-1983. In 1984, he was a founding member of the Task Force for Child Survival (now the Task Force for Global Health), and served as its executive director, working across sectors, boundaries, and organizations to improve childhood immunization rates and help those in need. In 1986, he joined the Carter Center as its executive director and fellow for health policy. Though he resigned his position as executive director in 1992, he continued in his role as a fellow. Dr. Foege is a presidential distinguished professor of global health at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. He has served as a senior medical advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has written more than 125 professional publications, holds honorary degrees from numerous institutions, and has received many awards and accolades, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. He is also a proud grandfather.

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