



## **ROBERT R. REDFIELD, M.D.** **WWSG FULL BIO**

Dr. Robert R. Redfield is an American virologist who most recently served as Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, advising the nation during one of the most tumultuous and fast-paced scientific discovery environments of our time, the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Redfield has experienced three vastly unique and scientifically complex global epidemics during his career: Ebola, HIV/AIDS, and COVID-19. As such, he holds the unique perspective of someone who has played a significant role in finding, studying, and publishing some of the most important scientific discoveries and medical advancements in modern history. Redfield is passionate about teaching the body to heal itself resulting in self-limited chronic viruses.

While Director of CDC, Redfield's accomplishments included advancing the presidential initiative to end HIV transmission by 2030, successfully responding to three Ebola epidemics, developing a new program to confront the nation's expanding drug use disorder, identifying and responding to Acute Flaccid Myelitis, developing programs to address growing nicotine addiction in children and adolescents, and of course leading CDC's COVID-19 response.

As co-founder of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Redfield is highly esteemed for his clinical research contributions for the virology and therapeutic treatments of HIV infection and AIDS. Working with various faith-based organizations, he traveled extensively from 2004-2013 throughout Africa and the Caribbean, providing care and treatment to over 700,000 people living with HIV infection. Redfield was able to successfully transition the continuation of these overseas care programs to local, national organizations. This meaningful work was part of a \$700M grant award to Catholic Relief Services as part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDSRelief.

In addition to recently serving as CDC Director and a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force and Operation Warp Speed, Redfield's other national administrative services include: Membership of the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS under President George W. Bush, numerous chair and member positions with National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Special Advisor to Global Virus Network in Bioterrorism and Clinical Virology, Administrator of Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and membership positions with Department of Health and Human Services, amongst many others.

Redfield holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, D.C., where he was also enrolled as a U.S. Army officer throughout his clinical research fellowships in infectious diseases and tropical medicine. Redfield retired from the Army as Colonel in 1996.

Robert Redfield resides in Maryland with his wife, Joy. They have six children and thirteen grandchildren.