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As Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH, leads the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) efforts to detect, prevent, and respond to vaccine-preventable and respiratory infectious disease threats. He oversees and coordinates activities across the Center to effectively balance public health efforts in both domestic and global arenas, and to accommodate the specific needs of a variety of populations at risk for vaccine preventable diseases across the lifespan. Dr. Daskalakis also plays a key role in CDC emergency responses to respiratory and vaccine-preventable diseases such as seasonal respiratory viruses (COVID-19, influenza, and RSV), measles, and avian influenza.

Prior to joining NCIRD, Dr. Daskalakis served as the Director of the Division of HIV Prevention in CDC's National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. Dr. Daskalakis has been recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in HIV prevention and has focused much of his career on the treatment and prevention of HIV and other STIs as an activist physician with a focus on LGBTQIA+ communities. He also served as the Deputy Coordinator of the White House's Mpox Response, where he successfully led vaccination and public education efforts that helped to halt the advancement of the virus.