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Joshua A. Mott, PhD, MA, EMT-P (CAPT, USPHS), is the branch chief of the Epidemiology Workforce Branch, Division of Scientific Education and Professional Development. In this role, he serves as chief of CDC's iconic disease detective program, the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) (www.cdc.gov/eis), as well as other CDC training programs, such as the Hubert Global Health Workshop (<http://www.cdc.gov/hubertfellowship/>), the Epidemiology Elective Program (<http://www.cdc.gov/epielective>), the Science Ambassador Program (<http://www.cdc.gov/scienceambassador/>) and the Laboratory Leadership Service (LLS) (<http://www.cdc.gov/lls/>).

A captain in the U.S. Public Health Service, CAPT Mott first joined CDC in 1998 as an EIS officer in the Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health. Before becoming Epidemiology Workforce Branch Chief in 2015, he worked on global polio eradication, CDC bioterrorism preparedness and response. He also served as the Influenza Program Director at CDC's office in Nairobi, Kenya. CAPT Mott brings this extensive domestic and international experience, as well as an epidemiologist's appreciation for data, to his new role as chief of the Epidemiology Workforce Branch.

Career Highlights

After completing an EIS fellowship in 2000, CAPT Mott served as the Field Epidemiology Team Leader in the Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health. As an epidemiologist, his disease detective work has covered air quality and other environmental health issues, bioterrorism preparedness and response, and seasonal and pandemic influenza.

In 2004, CAPT Mott became leader of the Epidemiology and Surveillance team in the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases.

In 2006, CAPT Mott joined the International Epidemiology and Response Team, Influenza Division as CDC increased its focus on global preparedness and response to pandemic influenza. In 2009, CDC seconded him to the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe to provide epidemiologic and technical expertise to WHO EURO's influenza program. He was also heavily involved in the outbreak response during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. In 2011, CAPT Mott became influenza program director in CDC's office in Nairobi, Kenya, where he oversaw surveillance, research, and capacity building for influenza and other respiratory pathogens.

CAPT Mott is widely recognized for his passion for mentorship and training of EIS officers, and uses his past experiences to train the agency's upcoming disease detectives and laboratory specialists for a future career in public health. As chief of the Epidemiology Workforce Branch, CAPT Mott oversees the CDC's EIS Program, a highly competitive 2-year program that includes an average of 80 new officers per year selected from among highly qualified, eligible applicants interested in public service and practicing applied epidemiology.

CAPT Mott received his BA and MA from The Ohio State University and holds a PhD in community health and epidemiology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He also has worked as an EMT-paramedic.