

Neil Vora's biography (different lengths available below)

Really short (<100 words):

Neil Vora is a physician, epidemiologist, and conservationist serving as Executive Director of [Preventing Pandemics at the Source](#). During nearly a decade at the CDC, he responded in [west](#) and central Africa to the two largest Ebola outbreaks ever, and led the investigation of [a smallpox-like virus in the country of Georgia](#). In 2020, he built NYC's COVID-19 contact tracing program. He has published 100+ articles, delivered a [TED talk](#), and was named to the TIME100 Next [list](#) of "World's Most Influential Rising Stars". He still sees patients in a public [tuberculosis clinic](#).

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Neil Vora, MD, is a physician, epidemiologist and conservationist who serves as the Executive Director for [Preventing Pandemics at the Source Coalition](#) (PPATS) and Orchestrator-in-Residence at [Integral](#). He served for nearly a decade with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), through which he deployed to [Liberia in 2014](#) and to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2019 to assist in the responses to two of the three largest Ebola outbreaks ever. He also led the investigation of [a newly discovered smallpox-like virus in the country of Georgia](#) in 2013. In 2020, Neil was asked by New York City (NYC) Mayor Bill de Blasio to develop and lead [NYC's COVID-19 contact tracing program](#), through which he oversaw a team of [over 3,000 staff](#) who traced more than 700,000 affected New Yorkers. He still sees patients in [a public tuberculosis clinic in New York City](#). From 2021-2025, he served as a technical fellow and Senior Advisor for One Health at Conservation International. He has published more than 100 articles in leading outlets such as the [New York Times](#), [Nature](#), [New England Journal of Medicine](#), and [The Lancet](#). In 2023, he delivered a [TED talk](#) on how stopping deforestation is a critical intervention for preventing pandemics and mitigating climate change. In 2025, he was named to the TIME100 Next [list](#) of "World's Most Influential Rising Stars". Outside of work, Neil loves to train in [Brazilian jiu jitsu](#).

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He is currently a Co-Chair of the [Lancet/PPATS Commission on Prevention of Viral Spillover](#), an [Editor](#) at CDC's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal, and a member of the Board of Directors of the [Global Health Council](#). He was previously a [Presidential Leadership Scholar](#), on the Board of Directors for [Health in](#)

[Harmony](#), and a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He still sees patients in [a public tuberculosis clinic in New York City](#).

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For his work, he has received numerous accolades including the USPHS Physician Researcher of the Year Award, USPHS Meritorious Service Medal, CDC James H. Steele Veterinary Public Health Award, CDC Donald C. Mackel Memorial Award, and CDC Alexander D. Langmuir Prize Manuscript Award. In 2025, he was named to the TIME100 Next [list](#) of “World’s Most Influential Rising Stars”.

He completed medical school at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in 2009 and his Internal Medicine training at Columbia University in 2012.

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