A Major Investment In A Healthy Future For The United States.

Through education, research and practice, the Bloomberg American Health Initiative works to tackle critical 21st century challenges to public health in the United States, aiming to improve health and save lives nationwide.

5 AREAS OF FOCUS

- Addiction & Overdose
- Environmental Challenges
- Obesity And The Food System
- Risks To Adolescent Health
- Violence

BY THE NUMBERS

$300 Million
The Initiative was established in 2016 with a $300 million gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies in honor of the centennial of the Bloomberg School of Public Health

- 25 Endowed Professors
- 50 Full-tuition scholarships for a Master of Public Health degree annually
- 10 Full-tuition scholarships for a Doctor of Public Health Degree annually

Endowed Bloomberg Professors of American Health

- **VIOLENCE**
  - Daniel Webster
  - Professor at JHSPH
  - Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy Research

- **adolescent health**
  - Tamar Mendelson
  - Associate Professor at JHSPH
  - Joint appointments in the Department of Mental Health and Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health

THE BLOOMBERG FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Bloomberg Fellows program aims to train a new generation of public health leaders in communities nationwide. Fellows, who are individuals already working in one of the five focus areas, receive a full scholarship to earn a Master of Public Health or Doctor of Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. However, the program is not your typical scholarship – prospective fellows must apply with support from the organization for which they work, and they must commit to working for that organization for at least one year following completion of their degree, applying their new tools and expertise on the ground in their communities.
High Impact Projects

**Addiction**

**Fentanyl Testing: Baltimore, Providence and Boston**

Researchers assessed the validity of three field-based methods for detecting fentanyl in street drugs and interviewed drug users in three cities to understand whether street-level detection can reduce overdoses and help individuals reach life-saving addiction treatment.

**The Lead Researchers:**
- **Susan Sherman**
  Professor at JHSPH
  Co-lead of the Initiative’s Addiction and Overdose Workgroup
- **Traci Green**
  Associate Professor at Brown University
  Deputy director of Boston Medical Center’s Injury Prevention Center

**Violence**

**Effective Gun Policy Acceptable to Communities: Baltimore**

Researchers are developing a set of policies, procedures and training methods for gun law enforcement practices that enhance community safety, police legitimacy in communities and procedural justice without violating individual rights.

**The Lead Researchers:**
- **Daniel Webster**
  Professor at JHSPH
  Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy Research
- **Cassandra Crifasi**
  Assistant Professor at the JHSPH

**Addiction**

**Measuring Drug Use: Rural West Virginia**

Researchers estimated the size and characteristics of the population of people who inject drugs in Cabell County, West Virginia Counties in order to determine population-level needs for treatment and harm-reduction services.

**The Lead Researcher:**
- **Sean Allen**
  Assistant Scientist at JHSPH

**Violence**

**Optimizing ‘Red Flag’ Laws: Maryland, Washington**

Researchers are working with law enforcement in Maryland and Washington to best implement their new Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPOs), laws that allow police and family members to seek to have guns removed from people at high risk for using them dangerously.

**The Lead Researchers:**
- **Shannon Frattaroli**
  Associate Professor at JHSPH
- **Josh Horwitz**
  Executive Director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
  Visiting scholar at JHSPH

**Adolescent Health**

**Using Evidence to Prevent Child Sex Abuse**

Researchers are identifying the principles and underlying best practices for preventing sexual abuse in the context of youth serving organizations.

**The Lead Researcher:**
- **Elizabeth Letourneau**
  Professor at JHSPH
POLICY ENGAGEMENT

10 Standards of Care for Law Enforcement During Opioid Crisis

Law enforcement officers are on the front lines of addressing the opioid crisis. They see the toll the crisis is taking on communities, and they have a critical role to play in influencing how communities address it. With this in mind, the Bloomberg American Health Initiative helped convene a group of public safety and public health experts to discuss best practices for police departments responding to the opioid crisis. Together, and with support from the Initiative, they developed recommendations for law enforcement agencies in West Virginia, Rhode Island and Staten Island as they grapple with this crisis.

ATLANTIC EVENT

‘Healing the Divide’ in Baltimore

On June 13, 2018, the Initiative supported an Atlantic Live event — “Healing the Divide” — that focused on health equity in Baltimore.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Concealed Carry Reciprocity: Facts vs. Fiction

Ahead of the House of Representatives vote to pass a bill to require concealed carry reciprocity between states, the Initiative partnered with the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research to release a policy brief on the concealed carrying of handguns. The brief, which was released in November 2017, outlined some of the key research findings related to concealed carry laws, and debunked some of the myths often heard from proponents of more lenient carry laws. Daniel Webster, the brief’s lead author and JHSPH professor, conducted a radio media tour to discuss the brief.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Supporting Effective Strategies on Opioids

Initiative efforts on opioids have informed policy changes in West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. Efforts are ongoing in Staten Island, Louisiana, and New Jersey.

More than 20 agencies have contacted Initiative researchers who studied approaches to test for fentanyl in illicit drugs.