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SECOND ANNUAL BLOOMBERG AMERICAN HEALTH SUMMIT KICKS OFF TOMORROW IN BALTIMORE

--Summit to focus on five critical challenges to health in the U.S., in light of declining life expectancy

After years of progress, the average life expectancy in the U.S. has been on the decline for three consecutive years. The second annual Bloomberg American Health Summit—taking place November 12 and 13, 2019, in Baltimore, Maryland—will bring together national leaders, policymakers, advocates, and innovators from across the country to share new knowledge and evidence-based practices around five focus areas implicated in reducing U.S. life expectancy: addiction and overdose, adolescent health, environmental challenges, obesity and the food system, and violence.

The Summit is an annual convening hosted by the Bloomberg American Health Initiative, based at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Initiative was launched in 2016 in response to declining life expectancy in the U.S., with the goal of addressing some of the country’s most critical health challenges. The Initiative also administers the Bloomberg Fellows Program, which provides full-tuition scholarships for public health graduate degrees at the Bloomberg School of Public Health to professionals whose work aligns with that of the Initiative.

The Summit is invitation-only, but the Nov. 12 plenary will be livestreamed. The Nov. 12 morning plenary is open to press.

Speakers at the Nov. 12 morning plenary will include: Kelly Henning, public health program lead at Bloomberg Philanthropies; Henry Waxman, chairman of Waxman Strategies and former U.S. Congressman; Mustafa Santiago Ali, vice president of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization at the National Wildlife Federation; Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy director for Health of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; Carl Pope, principal of Inside Straight Strategies, and Stacey Stewart, president and chief executive officer of March of Dimes.

Speakers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will include Ellen MacKenzie, Bloomberg School Dean; Joshua Sharfstein, director of the Bloomberg American
What:
The second annual Bloomberg American Health Summit

Where:
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
202 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD

When:
November 12 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (livestream 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
November 13 – 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The 2019 Summit has a focus on the Bloomberg Fellows. The afternoon of Nov. 12 and morning of Nov. 13 will feature breakout sessions for the Fellows, with networking and skill-building opportunities. Bloomberg Fellows enroll in the Master of Public Health (MPH) or Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program at the Bloomberg School of Public Health with the support of their employer.

The Summit will take place at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel.

For additional questions about the Bloomberg American Health Summit, please contact Marianne Amoss, 410-614-1892 or mamoss@jhu.edu or Jean Weinberg, 332-201-0508 or jean@bloomberg.org.

Agenda - Tuesday, Nov. 12 Morning Plenary
This agenda is embargoed and subject to change.

8:30 AM - Keynotes & Panel Discussions, Maryland Ballroom C–D

Welcome
Ronald J. Daniels - President, Johns Hopkins University
Allison Jaffin - Head of Operations, Bloomberg Philanthropies
Joshua Sharfstein - Director, Bloomberg American Health Initiative
Michelle Spencer - Associate Director, Bloomberg American Health Initiative

Addiction & Overdose Introduction
Eric Harkness - Bloomberg Fellow and Director of the Office of Health Policy, Tennessee Department of Health

The Story of Karli
Kama Einhorn - Writer and Editor of Children’s Media, Sesame Workshop


**Policing and Harm Reduction**  
*Introduced by:*  
**Susan Sherman** - Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
*Moderated by:*  
**Monica Bharel** - Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
*Panelists:*  
- **Neill Franklin** - Executive Director, Law Enforcement Action Partnership  
- **Allie Hunter** - Executive Director, Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative  
- **Devin Reaves** - Co-founder and Executive Director, Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition

**Using Big Data to Reduce Overdoses**  
*Featuring:*  
**Brendan Saloner** - Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

**Environmental Challenges Introduction**  
**Jennifer Spiller** - Bloomberg Fellow and Direct Services Program Manager, Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan

**The Principles of Environmental Justice**  
**Mustafa Santiago Ali** - Vice President of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization, National Wildlife Federation

**The Practice of Environmental Justice with Q&A**  
*Moderator:*  
**Daniel Kass** - Senior Vice President, Environmental Health, Vital Strategies  
*Panelists:*  
- **Mustafa Santiago Ali** - Vice President of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization, National Wildlife Federation  
- **Aisha Dickerson** - Bloomberg Professor of American Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
- **Della Wright** - Evaluator, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

**A Conversation on Climate Change**  
*Introduced by:*  
**Leah Ford** - Bloomberg Fellow and Researcher, Food & Water Watch  
*In conversation:*  
- **Carl Pope** - Principal, Inside Straight Strategies  
- **Henry Waxman** - Chairman, Waxman Strategies

**Adolescent Health Introduction**  
**Nicholas Pisca** - Bloomberg Fellow and Strategic Initiatives and Policy Impact Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
The Threat of Vaping to Adolescent Health
Introduced by:
Kelly Henning - Public Health Program Lead, Bloomberg Philanthropies
Keynote:
Joneigh Khaldun - Chief Medical Executive and Chief Deputy Director for Health, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

The Voice of Youth in Baltimore
Introduced by:
Wadezah McCullough - Bloomberg Fellow and Site Administrator, Montefiore School Health Program
Moderator:
J. Nadine Gracia - Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Trust for America’s Health
Panelists:
James Gaither - HeartSmiles and Center for Adolescent Health Youth Advisory Board
Joni Hollifield - Founder and President, HeartSmiles
Jemira Queen - HeartSmiles and Center for Adolescent Health Youth Advisory Board
Performance: “Still Standing”
Young Elder - HeartSmiles and Center for Adolescent Health Youth Advisory Board

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Program Resumes

Obesity and the Food System Introduction
Ashley Hickson - Bloomberg Fellow and Regional Community Impact Director, American Heart Association

Sweetened Beverage Taxes: A Policy that Works
Featuring:
Christina Roberto - Assistant Professor, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Food Systems in Indigenous Contexts
Introduced by:
David Peters - Academic Director, Alliance for a Healthier World, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
In conversation:
Tara Houska - Founder, Ginew
Melissa Walls - Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

The Power of Growing Food
Introduced by:
Cheryl Bettigole - Director, Get Healthy Philly

Keynote:
Karen Washington - Farmer and Co-owner, Rise and Root Farm

Violence Introduction
Amanda Capitummino - Bloomberg Fellow and Communications and Evaluation Specialist, Sitkans Against Family Violence

ERPO: Preventing Gun Violence and Saving Lives
Featuring:
Shannon Frattaroli - Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Public Health Solutions to Violence
Introduced by:
Gary Slutkin - Founder and CEO, Cure Violence Global

Moderator:
Thomas Abt - Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Development, Harvard University

Panelists:
A.T. Mitchell - Founder and Executive Director, ManUp! Inc. New York
Sandi Timmons - Executive Director, House of Ruth Maryland
James “J.T.” Timpson - Director of Safety and Community Partnerships, Roca Baltimore

Reflections & Maternal Health Introduction
Ellen MacKenzie - Dean, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

How Data Sparks Change: New Jersey’s Maternal Health Report Card
Moderator:
Andrea McDaniels - Editorial Writer, Baltimore Sun

Panelists:
Andreea Creanga - Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Judith M. Persichilli - Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health
Stacey D. Stewart - President and CEO, March of Dimes

Conclusion
Joshua Sharfstein - Director, Bloomberg American Health Initiative
Michelle Spencer - Associate Director, Bloomberg American Health Initiative

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