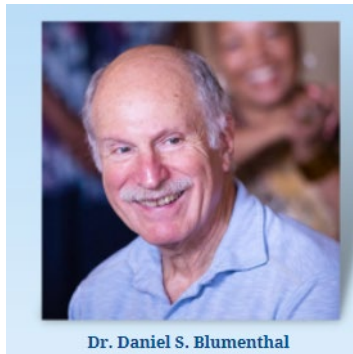


The 2026 Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH Public Health Symposium



Prevention, Policy, and Public Health: The Intersections Shaping Community Health Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentations

About the Symposium

The **2026 Daniel S. Blumenthal Public Health Symposium** Theme underscores the critical connections among early prevention, evidence-informed policy, and community-engaged public health practice in advancing health equity and health justice. This symposium highlights how culturally responsive prevention strategies, community-centered research, and policy action intersect to influence health outcomes across clinical, community, and population health settings. By bringing together community leaders, students, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers, the symposium fosters meaningful dialogue and cross-sector collaboration that elevates community voice, translates evidence into action, and catalyzes sustainable solutions to persistent and structural health inequities.

Abstract Themes

This year's convening will:

- Objective 1 - (Prevention)- Highlight innovative and culturally responsive disease prevention strategies—spanning clinical, community, and population health settings—that demonstrate the power of early intervention in improving long-term health outcomes and eradicating health inequities.
- Objective 2 - (Policy)- Examine how evidence-informed public health policies can advance equity and strengthen community well-being, while inspiring participants to advocate for policy solutions that address persistent health inequities
- Objective 3 - (Public Health Impact) -Foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration among community members, students, and academic stakeholders that catalyze actionable public health initiatives that lead to the creation and advancement of health equity towards health justice.

Who Should Submit?

All Voices are Welcome. We encourage submissions from **students, professionals, academicians, and community members** who have worked in preventive medicine, public health, community engagement,

and capacity-building for improving health outcomes. We will highlight both traditional research and non-research practice and processes. Those eligible include, but are not limited to:

- Faculty
- Undergraduate, Graduate and Medical Students
- Allied Health Professionals
- Clinicians
- Community-based Organizations
- Educators
- Public Health Practitioners
- Social Workers
- Community Health Workers
- Local/State/Federal Government, Policymakers

If you have a non-research abstract (e.g., practice, policy, partnership development, case studies, processes, etc.), we welcome your submission especially if you are involved in community engagement, community organizing, and processes that connect preventive medicine to health.

Required Documents

Please submit the following two-page **Proposal for Poster Presentation** in a single file:

- Title Page and Author Information: Please include all authors' names, affiliations, and degrees or degree candidacy.
- Second Page: An abstract up to 450 words. All abstract submissions should be sent to the following email address: msmpublichealthday@msm.edu. Email SUBJECT LINE: **[Presenter Last Name, First Name_ABSTRACT]** e.g., Smith, Taylor_ABSTRACT.
- Abstracts submitted after the deadline may not be considered.

Abstract Preparation and Submission

- All abstracts should be limited to 450 words in length (not including titles or sub-headings).
- **Research abstracts should include** *Objective, Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion.*
- **Practice/Process/Policy abstracts should include** *Goals and Purpose, Activities, Outcomes, Public Health Impact (if applicable), and Relevance.*

IMPORTANT DATES!!

- Deadline to submit abstracts **Friday, February 20, 2026 (midnight EST)**
- Final notification of abstract disposition **Friday, March 13, 2026**
- Deadline for presenter to withdraw or cancel **Friday, March 27, 2026 (5:00 pm EST)**
- Poster presentation **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**