Welcome to the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health!

Ready to get started? Lace up your walking shoes, grab a coffee and let us introduce you to our dynamic community! This self-guided tour takes about an hour and rambles for 1.6 miles through the Bloomberg School and across the East Baltimore campus. At each stop, we’ll proudly tell you a little about our School, our history and our mission to protect health, save lives—millions at a time.

Notes: to further the public health goal of a more physically active society, we encourage you to take the stairs whenever possible. If stairs are a challenge for you, there are always elevators nearby. While in the Wolfe Street building, if you lose your way, there is a map in front of most elevators with a layout of that floor.

Start We’ll begin in the Gallery of the Wolfe Street Building, in front of the double glass doors of Student Affairs (E1002—likely where you got this tour).

1 Walk toward the revolving doors of the Monument Street entrance and turn right into the corridor. Across from the elevators is a first floor directory and an illustration of how the school has grown.

Since its founding in 1916, the Bloomberg School has advanced research, education and practice to create solutions to public health problems around the world.

Our home is the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions (JHMI) campus in East Baltimore. We share that home with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The Bloomberg School is primarily located in two buildings: the Wolfe Street building (where you are now) and Hampton House (at the intersection of Broadway and Monument Street). Some of our research institutes and administrative offices reside in row houses located nearby.

The Wolfe Street building is where the majority of classes and School events are held. It’s grown to occupy the entire city block and is nine stories tall. Academic offices located within the Wolfe Street building include the Office of Graduate Education and Research, Office of Research Administration, seven of our ten academic departments and the MPH Program Office.

2 Walk back through the Gallery and stop again at the glass doors to Student Affairs (E1002). This suite includes Admission Services, Financial Aid, Operations and Records & Registration. The Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Career Services, Student Disability, Student Life and SOURCE (Student Outreach Resource Center) are also within Student Affairs, but are located in a second, nearby suite (W1600).

Continue walking through the Gallery toward the enormous screen known as the Wall of Wonder. The Wall regularly presents important public health information, as well as the occasional broadcast of world and major sporting events. The area in front of the wall hosts portions of the Career Fair, Orientation’s Information Fair, receptions and many other school events.

3 Turn right into the corridor and take about a dozen steps. To the right is Sheldon Hall (W1214), the School’s 2nd largest lecture hall with a capacity of 198 students. It’s used for special events, classes, seminars and symposiums. Some of these events are open to the public and some are broadcast on the web.

If the lecture hall is empty, feel free to take a peek inside.

Leaving Sheldon, on the opposite side of the corridor, are glass cases housing public health artifacts. See if you can find William Welch’s microscope or George Comstock’s UNICEF bag.

4 When you’re done, proceed through the corridor to the Courtyard. On your left is the Becton-Dickinson Lecture Hall (W1020). This hall is primarily used for introductory courses required of most students. Rest assured, these large lecture halls are not the norm for Bloomberg School classes. Our average class size is twenty and we’ll see where these smaller classes take place later in our tour.

In the Courtyard you’ll also notice green, yellow and red bins for recycling, composting and trash. JHSPH students, faculty and staff help with sustainability efforts by making proper use of the bins and using reusable water bottles and travel mugs. The green, yellow and red bins are found on every floor of the Wolfe Street building by the north and south elevators and in the west corridors. The bins may also be found in the Hampton House café.
5 Directly across from Becton-Dickinson is the Student Lounge (W1008). This area provides students with a place to meet, study and relax. It’s also the regular gathering place for our student run Friday Happy Hour.

6 The Student Accounts and Business Services Office (W1101), located through the glass doors in the student lounge, collects payment of tuition and fees, administers the School’s Student Health Plan and provides a notary service to students and staff.

Leave the Student Lounge through the same doorway you entered and turn right.

Bulletin boards in the hallway announce doctoral dissertation seminars, workshops, funding opportunities, couches for sale and the activities of the Student Assembly and over 40 student organizations.

The Student Assembly is involved in a variety of activities, and sponsors numerous seminars and forums covering social, professional and academic concerns of students. The Student Assembly hosts several exciting social events throughout the year, including the Welcoming Party, Winter Gala and the ever-popular Annual Harbor Cruise.

7 Walk past the bulletin boards. Directly in front of you is the MPH Program Office (W1015). This office supports over 250 full-time and approximately 450 Part-time/Internet-based students.

Turn left and continue past the Wolfe Street entrance lobby. This is the original entrance to the building.

8 On your left is the Anna M. Baetjer Room (W1030) used for lectures and School events. The room is dedicated to Anna Baetjer, ScD ’24, an alumna, who was dedicated to studying the effects of the environment. She was among the first scientists to identify the relationship between occupation and lung cancer. Her expertise made her a valuable consultant for the private sector and groups like the World Health Organization.

9 Continue down the hall to the bend. On your right is the office of the Dean, Ellen J. MacKenzie, PhD ’79, MSc ’75. Dr. MacKenzie was named Dean of the Bloomberg School on October 1, 2017. She founded and leads the Major Extremity Trauma Research Consortium, a collaboration of more than 50 U.S. trauma centers and military treatment facilities. A former director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy, she has shaped the field of trauma services and outcomes research, leading to improved quality of life for trauma survivors.

As you turn left around the bend, the Public Health Boardroom is on your right and straight ahead is the second Student Affairs Suite mentioned at stop 2. Continue down the hall and turn left through the red stairwell door. Proceed downstairs to the basement.

10 To your left is the Residency Programs Office (W-B602), which includes the General Preventive Medicine Residency and Occupational Residency programs.

Turn right and proceed through the red door.

11 The multimedia recording studios are located in this hallway. This is where the School’s podcasts, webinars and online courses are recorded.

Other School services on this floor include the Mail Room (W-B040) and Mother’s Room for nursing mothers.

Continue down the hallway. The School’s Mail Room on your right provides students and staff with fax, interoffice and U.S. mail services. This office also administers student lockers. An additional Mail Room is located in the foyer of Hampton House.

Continue past the Mail Room until you get to the stairwell marked by a red door on your right.

Here at the School of Public Health, we encourage you to take the stairs whenever possible. Taking the stairs saves energy and increases your own activity. The next leg of our tour is to hike up these stairs to the third floor (if you’re unable to use the stairs, there is an elevator behind you, between the Mail Room and multimedia studios).

12 Exit the stairwell at the third floor. This is the Information Technology (IT) hallway. IT serves as the central computing resource for the School, providing information and support for the instructional, research and administrative computing needs of students, faculty and staff.

Look to the right of the stairs and you’ll see the IT Client Support office (W3014). This office accepts walk-in appointments, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon.

Turn left and walk past the computer labs in W3017 and W3025. Continue around the bend and enter the red stairwell door on your left. Proceed to the Fourth Floor.

13 Exit the stairwell left and walk down the hall. Pass the elevators and east corridor and continue to the South Reading Room (E4530) on your left.

The reading room is intended to be a quiet space for students to study and work without interruption. There are two reading rooms located on the east side of the fourth floor. Both are open 24 hours a day.

14 Exit the elevator left and continue past the booths to the windows overlooking the Baltimore Harbor. From here, you can see the neighborhoods of Fells

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Point and Canton, as well as the School of Nursing and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Continue to enjoy the view as you walk to the JHSPH Fitness Center, an annex of the larger, Cooley Center Gymnasium. The annex is open to those with a Cooley Center membership and is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cooley membership is free to full-time students.

Open the glass door and continue down the windowed hallway, pass the locker rooms to the gym.

If you wish, exit the glass door to the ninth floor patio. This area is popular on sunny days for lunch and studying.

Turn around and walk back through the gym the way you came. Walk past the elevators and into the Garden Plate. The Garden Plate is open weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The seating area is always open and available to students, faculty and staff.

Return the way you came and exit the Garden Plate. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor.

Exit the elevators left and continue around the bend to the corridor on your left. Proceed to Feinstein Hall (E2030) on your right. Feinstein Hall is an open, multi-purpose space used for special events and receptions. The room is dedicated to W. Harry Feinstein, ScD ’39, an alumnus of the School and retired pharmaceutical researcher and executive. His generosity and endowments created the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology.

Continue down the hall to the open seating space of the 2nd floor mezzanine. On the wall to your right you’ll notice a number of artistic renditions of international proverbs that inspired the School’s 2004 award-winning publication, Saving Lives Millions at a Time.

Continue following this hall. On your right is Sommer Hall (E2014), our largest auditorium with a capacity of 350 students. Opened in Summer 2004, it’s named after Alfred Sommer, MD, MHS ’73, dean emeritus of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Exit the auditorium and continue to your right. Take a deep breath. Smell good? You’re standing in the Daily Grind, our in-school coffee shop, open for business weekdays, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Continue past the coffee shop and look to the wall on your left. Beside the water fountain is one of our water filtration systems. If you have a water bottle, now is the time to top it off and contribute to the number of disposable bottles saved.

Turn around and walk back past Sommer Hall, and turn right as the hall opens. Walk past the computer kiosks, to your right, followed by a seating area overlooking the gallery where you began the tour.

On the wall directly to the right of the seating area you will notice a portrait of Michael Bloomberg, mayor of New York City and 1964 graduate of the Johns Hopkins University. In 2001, the School officially changed its name to recognize Mr. Bloomberg’s commitment and support to the success of the School and University.

Continue walking past the stairs and through the next corridor. You will find student lockers, more seating, and additional computer kiosks available 24 hours for student use.

At the intersection, turn left and exit through the red door to the stairwell on your left. Proceed to the 1st Floor.

Exit the stairwell left until you see the steps down to the Wolfe Street entrance (at the guard’s desk on your right).

Exit onto Wolfe Street, turn left and walk down to the intersection of Wolfe and McElderry Streets.

Across McElderry is the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. The School of Nursing is nationally recognized and focuses on community health nursing and work in Baltimore’s inner city. Each year the School of Nursing and Bloomberg School of Public Health enroll approximately ten students in the joint MPH/MSN program.

Across Wolfe Street is the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The original Hospital opened in 1889, followed four years later by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The schools of Public Health, Medicine, and Nursing “share” a number of faculty and collaborate in many areas of research.

The Hospital is home to the Brady Urological Institute, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center, Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center, Johns Hopkins Heart and Vascular Institute, the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Wilmer Eye Institute. Also on campus is the Kennedy Krieger Institute. Other Johns Hopkins Medicine member hospitals include the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Howard County General Hospital, Sibley Memorial Hospital, Suburban Hospital and All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Hospital has undergone (and is still undergoing) a tremendous renovation. Two new towers: the Sheikh Zayed Tower and the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Children’s Center opened May 2012.

Let’s go explore.

Cross Wolfe Street and enter the Hospital through the corner entrance. The main
entrance, with access to emergency rooms, is on Orleans Street.

Walk down the windowed hallway until you reach Harvey/Nelson 108 on your right. This is the ID Office (new students attending the Bloomberg School will be provided with an ID badge at New Student Orientation).

21 At the large intersection, turn to your left and follow the hallway past the guard desk, seating area, Gift Shop and ATMs. This is part of the “Main Loop” of the Hospital, a series of major corridors marked with gold-lettered signs.

Move from the old building to the new and refresh your coffee if needed at Grand Grounds, a coffee shop on your right. Continue to the intersection of the Main Loop with the Arcade.

22 Stop at the intersection and look to your left. This portion of the Main Loop is called the Arcade and includes another gift shop, a pharmacy and the Garden Bistro, a mini food court with a sunny dining area. You may also access an outdoor patio with tables and benches for an open air meal.

Turn right and continue down this new portion of the Main Loop.

23 Across from the elevator bank, is the new main entrance.

This new larger drive boasts separate entrances for adult and child emergencies and valet parking is available for visitors.

Continue down the Main Loop. Walk past the pedestrian bridge to the Orleans Garage and enter the Weinberg building. Follow the Main Loop as it turns right.

24 The Loop now passes through the world renowned Wilmer Eye Institute. Keep walking and to your left you’ll see the entrance to the underground corridor to the Johns Hopkins Outpatient Center. This underground corridor also has an entrance to the Metro, the Baltimore subway system.

25 Keep on the Main Loop until you reach the next major intersection. Look to your right, down a long corridor and you’ll see one of the first intersections you crossed in the hospital. This corridor also has entrances to two more hospitals eateries: the Tower Terrace restaurant and the Cobblestone Café food court. There is also a small florist.

26 In front of you, past the Information desk is a display outlining the history of Johns Hopkins Hospital. If you’re interested, go and take a look. Or turn left through the narrow door into the original building of the Hospital. Walk around the back of the staircase and stop next to the Christ statue, under the dome.

You are standing in the Billings Administration Building, one of the original Hospital structures. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

The Hospital was the first in the country equipped with central heating. It is rumored that it was from this building that the term “making the rounds” was first used as physicians had to climb a winding staircase that exited at each floor into the circular hallway under the dome.

The 10 1/2-foot Carrara marble Christ statue was donated in 1896. Why the nonsectarian Hospital acquired the religious symbol is open to speculation.

Through the years, young Hopkins doctors have rubbed the statue’s toes for good luck and patients often pray before it. It has become a symbol of compassion and hope, for those of many faiths.

27 To the right of the entrance to the rotunda is a painting of Johns Hopkins, a Quaker merchant from Baltimore. In 1867, Johns Hopkins arranged for the incorporation of The Johns Hopkins University and The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and for the appointment of a twelve-member board of trustees for each. He died on Christmas Eve 1873, leaving $7 million to be divided equally between the two institutions. It was, at the time, the largest philanthropic bequest in U.S. history.

Many people ask about the “s” in “Johns.” Johns Hopkins’ peculiar first name was simply a family affair; it was his great-grandmother’s maiden name.

28 Walk past the painting of Johns Hopkins and exit the Hospital. Stop at the top of the steps.

Broadway is the street running left to right. The exterior entrance to the Metro is in the median. Across Broadway on the left is the Outpatient building which contains the Grille 601 Café and a pharmacy.

To the left of the Outpatient building, further down Broadway, is the 550 Building where some of the School’s faculty offices are located.

To the right of the Outpatient Center is McElderry Street, a brick road. This block of McElderry Street is not accessible to cars and is the site of many warm weather events, including the Hopkins Farmer’s Market.

To the right of McElderry Street is Reed Hall, home of the Housing Office and Office of International Services. The Housing Office assists students, faculty and staff in finding the perfect home in Baltimore. The Office of International Services provides a number of services for international students, including the perfect home in Baltimore. The Office of International Services provides a number of services for international students, including the perfect home in Baltimore. The Office of International Services provides a number of services for international students, including
guidance in obtaining visa to study in the U.S.

To the right of Reed Hall is Hampton House, the other building housing the Bloomberg School. Notice the large windows of the Lilienfeld Reading Room located on the top floor of Hampton House.

Across from Hampton House, on the hospital side of Broadway is the bus stop for the JHMI/Homewood shuttle. This free bus service takes anyone with a Hopkins ID to the Peabody Institute, the train station, and to the Johns Hopkins University Homewood campus where the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Whiting School of Engineering and the School of Education are located. (The Homewood campus is on 3400 N. Charles Street, which is Northwest of the East Baltimore campus.)

Descend the steps, cross both lanes of Broadway and turn right. Walk to Hampton House at 624 N. Broadway Avenue. The departments of Health Policy & Management, Health, Behavior and Society and Mental Health reside in Hampton House.

Enter the front door and turn right at the guard’s desk. This is the Hampton Café. Walk over to the windows on the left to see the swimming pool belonging to the Cooley Athletic Center, 1620 McElderry Street. The Cooley Center provides facilities to students on the East Baltimore campus including aerobic sessions, indoor soccer, racquetball, a running track, and cardio vascular and weight training equipment. Membership is free to full-time, degree-seeking students.

The entrance to the Cooley Center is on McElderry Street on the other side of Reed Hall.

Go back to the lobby and to your right is the new elevator bay. Take the elevator to the Lilienfeld Reading Room on the 9th floor.

The tall windows you saw from below allow plenty of natural light for studying and provide a great view of the hospital.

Take the elevator back down to the 1st floor.

Exit Hampton House left and walk to the intersection of Broadway and East Monument Street. Cross East Monument Street, then Broadway. Walk up East Monument, keeping the Hospital on your right, Kennedy Krieger on your left and Hampton House at your back.

In the next block, cross Rutland Avenue. The main entrance to the School of Medicine is on Rutland. This area includes the Administration Building, the Taylor Research Building and Turner Auditorium, used for various campus events. Each year approximately 15 students in the School of Medicine take a year’s leave of absence in order to complete the MPH program at the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Past Rutland is the Bank of America (and ATM) and the Johns Hopkins Outpatient Pharmacy. At the corner of Monument and Wolfe Streets is the 1830 Building containing the Matthews Johns Hopkins Medical Bookstore.

At the intersection of Monument and Wolfe Streets, cross over Wolfe Street and stop. To your left are the School of Medicine’s training buildings including the Preclinical Training Building and the Wood Basic Science Building.

Look further down Wolfe, to the tall building at the bottom of the hill. This is the 929 apartment building. This facility is administered and maintained by a private entity, but provides housing to interested Hopkins students at special rates. Across from the 929 building is Eager Park which hosts weekly summer farmers’ markets and concerts.

Walk further up Monument until you’re standing directly across from the East Monument entrance of the School of Public Health. The Welch Library is on your left.

This is the main library for the East Baltimore Campus.

Continue walking up Monument Street until you get to Washington Street. Stop at the corner.

Further down Monument Street are a handful of Hopkins buildings: row houses hosting administrative offices, the 2024 building of the School of Medicine and a number of research centers. There are also several neighborhood venues: the Johns Hopkins Credit Union, shops, eateries and the Northeast Market. The Market offers a variety of food vendors including fresh fruit and vegetables, deli meats and sandwiches, baked goods, and a plethora of over-the-counter foods. The market is located in the 2100 block of East Monument Street.

Cross Monument Street and turn right to the Monument Street entrance of the Wolfe Street building.

You’re finished! Thank you for taking our tour. We hope you enjoyed our campus and learned more about the opportunities and community here at Johns Hopkins. Come back again!

Want to Learn More?

Admission Services accepts walk-in appointments weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to discuss the application process.

Phone inquiries may be made weekdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., to 410-955-3543.

Email us any time at jhsph.admiss@jhu.edu. Prospective Students may also find a wealth of resources at www.jhsph.edu/admissions, including application instructions, an FAQ and the admissions blog.

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