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Dr. Frieden has been NYC Health Commissioner since January 2002 and oversees one of the oldest and largest public health agencies in the world. His focus is on studying and promoting health within New York and bringing this knowledge to other communities. Under his leadership, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has led the way nationally on numerous public health fronts, including tobacco control, eliminating trans-fats from restaurants, stopping HIV and improving mental health diagnosis and treatment.

He has worked in all aspects of public health including research, education, clinical practice and community organizing. Dr. Frieden's career with the NYC Department of Health began in 1990 where he worked on a range of health issues and spent time as Director of the NYC Bureau of Tuberculosis Control before leaving the Department to spend five years in India working on national tuberculosis control efforts. Dr. Frieden has authored over 150 scientific articles and holds medical and public health degrees from Columbia University.

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