

EL DORADO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW

Through the 2022 Budget Act, California took a transformational step toward rebuilding our state and local public health workforce and infrastructure that was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and years of disinvestment. The \$300 million ongoing General Fund investment (\$200 million for local health departments, \$100 million for CDPH), referred to as the Future of Public Health, is a critical investment in our state's public health readiness and response to existing and emerging public health threats.

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶▶▶ Funded staff has expanded clinical infrastructure and services, including capacity to provide vaccines, sexual health programs (e.g., HIV prevention and care, congenital syphilis), chronic hepatitis, communicable disease, infection prevention and outbreak management, and emergency preparedness.
- ▶▶▶ FoPH funds have supported 12 new positions, most of which support disease outbreak response, communicable disease case investigations, and treatment management. These positions, including disease investigator positions and public health nursing positions, have improved response time and capacity for outbreak investigations and follow-up. Without FoPH, the county would be less likely to be able to stop the spread of infectious diseases before an outbreak occurs, which could significantly negatively impact both the county and the state.
- ▶▶▶ FoPH additionally supports three leadership positions to provide strategic guidance, structure, and efficiencies in the organization by providing dedicated support to each unit, including through coaching, guidance, and best practices.