

# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## **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**

- Hired staff to provide services through a mobile RV unit to bring additional immunizations, STI screening, street medicine and community education to very rural/isolated areas of our county.
- Hired epidemiologist to gain better awareness of acute and chronic diseases in the community.
- Supported public health messaging, content creation, and emergency response.
- Supported workforce development position to better train mostly new staff in the department and increase recruitment efforts including an internship program for students.