

# LOS ANGELES 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

- »»» Funds support their communicable disease control outbreak response, community embedded disease intervention specialists, community health workers, public-facing call center staff (who provide 7-day-a-week direct services to community members in all threshold languages to answer questions, provide referrals, and address questions and concerns).
- »»» Funds the Community Public Health Teams, Communications and Government Affairs functions (to develop and deliver targeted, responsive messaging to communities that are most disproportionately impacted by adverse health outcomes, including underserved and non-English speaking populations, and to increase responsiveness to the County's 88 cities that rely on our organization for current and timely information sharing), and K-12 education sector engagement.
- »»» Their funded staff are currently responding to the Hepatitis A outbreak among homeless populations, including offering vaccinations to unhoused individuals.
- »»» FoPH supporting education and outreach on dangers of silicosis among certain groups (e.g., countertop workers, construction workers).