

# PASADENA 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**

- FoPH funds investigative and response team, including a Supervising public health nurse and two public health nurses funded by these dollars conducted enhanced case investigation to surrounding neighborhoods including over 100 households and conduct enhanced surveillance activities in response to California's first known case of locally acquired dengue in October of 2023.
- They also recently detected a second locally acquired dengue case through their continued neighborhood surveillance project and requested voluntary blood draws from households with elevated risks (symptomatic, history of travel to places where dengue is present, etc.). The second case was asymptomatic and had no history of travel. They sent the sample for genomic sequencing and received results in the past week and shared that information community this week – coupled with recommended actions residents should take to protect themselves from mosquitos.