

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HEALTH CARE 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

- Funding supports 29 positions, including 8 communicable disease investigators, 3 laboratory staff, 12 IT informatics and epidemiology positions, 4 management staff, and 2 health educators.
- Expanded data platforms for quality improvement and data visualization, especially for communicable diseases.
- Supporting Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement plan processes for public health reaccreditation.
- Expanded laboratory equipment and capacity as a regional lab supporting multiple Central Valley counties.

Their epidemiology team and nurse team, supported with these funds were able prepare for and respond to a recent positive measles case.