

# SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH

## **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**

- Created 19 new positions directly responsible for bolstering core public health functions, including infectious disease control, epidemiology and surveillance, and public health laboratory services.
- Expanded communicable disease surveillance such as wastewater testing and whole genome sequencing to identify potential pathogens present in the community.
- Supports infection prevention support in high-risk settings, such as skilled nursing facilities, to prevent and respond to outbreaks.
- Improved capacity to monitor, interpret, and act upon surveillance data to inform quick actions when public health threats emerge.
- Bolstered disease investigation capacity for case investigations and contact tracing of communicable disease in the community permitting better control of additional infections.