

# **SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 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**

- Funds 2 full time staff in the public health emergency response and preparedness group to enhance readiness and resilience of the county against fire, flood, earthquake, terrorist incident, and disease outbreak.
- Supports the local emergency medical services authority (LEMSA) by creating an addition FTE to manage the duties and requirements of the local EMS agency and medical and health operational area coordination system.
- Created the health equity team that leads the department's work to advance diversity, equity, and belonging in the workforce.
- Improved operations in the community outreach and engagement and the public health lab.
- Expanded administrative capacity.