

# MADERA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC 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 decades of disinvestment. The \$276 million ongoing General Fund investment (roughly \$188 million for local health departments, \$98 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 protect local communities from existing and emerging public health threats.

## FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Hired staff to lead and complete implementation of the 2024 Community Health Improvement Plan, 2024 Strategic Plan, and 2026 Community Health Assessment.
- Hired a bilingual mobile health team initially deployed during COVID-19 for testing and vaccination. The team offered expanded clinical services to communities most in need:
  - Provided wellness checks to identify potential health issues and connected patients to primary care.
  - Cross-trained to educate residents on key public health topics, such as car seat safety, tobacco cessation, and diabetes prevention.
  - Hosted One Stop 4 Health events in collaboration with local partners and agencies. Events included services such as immunizations, training on use of naloxone, screening for vision, oral health, and blood pressure, distribution of food boxes, health education, and enrollment in health and social safety net programs.
- Added an informatics team to increase efficiency and service quality through data-informed workflow optimization.
  - Implemented an electronic health record system.
  - Established systems to bill Medi-Cal for eligible services.
- Supported its public health communications team to expand the reach of communications to the community.
- Implemented interventions designed to identify and address chronic conditions and connect people with care so when the next virus emerges, their population will be healthier and more able to avoid acute illness.