

NAPA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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

FoPH funds have helped address immediate public health concerns and lay the foundation for a healthier, more engaged community in Napa County. Six staff positions funded by FoPH have:

- Supported the development and implementation of the 2024-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) through a comprehensive stakeholder-informed process that included priorities identified in the 2023 Community Health Assessment (CHA).
- Enhanced emergency preparedness and response efforts, including expanding epidemiology capacity to investigate, mitigate, and control public health threats.
- Performed communicable disease investigations including responding to increases in cases of pertussis, Salmonella, and Valley Fever, as well as rising TB cases and their first measles case since 2012.
- Worked with congregate facilities to strengthen infection prevention and control practices, including monitoring them for infectious disease outbreaks and providing regular education and site visits to prevent the transmission of diseases. These efforts positively impacted local congregate facilities.

- Worked with local acute care hospitals to strengthen coordination around communicable disease investigation and response, including investigation of healthcare associated acute Hepatitis B and best practices in tuberculosis control.
- Developed a Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) plan with pre-established messaging templates for disasters and other public health emergencies to ensure timely, accessible lifesaving information reaches all demographics in our community.
- Enhanced collaboration with county-wide coalition and local health care partners to increase community capacity and create an integrated system of care for breastfeeding and lactation support.
- Strengthened administrative infrastructure within Public Health to provide centralized support, planning and implementation of strategic activities, including workforce development, performance management, and Pathways Recognition.