

PLACER 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 has funded the county's expansion of communicable disease and epidemiological capacities. This has been most recently realized through two recent measles exposure events in Sacramento County that impacted numerous neighboring counties, including Placer.

The response to the two measles outbreaks allowed for normal public health operations to continue, while also conducting disease investigation activities.

Without these funds, the response would have required staff to be temporarily reassigned from other day-to-day essential public health functions, interrupting important programs and services offered to residents.

➤➤➤ FoPH-funded epidemiologists updated and published the county's Community Health Assessment (CHA), providing data and insight into the health and wellbeing of county residents. The assessment was distributed to the public, and key partners contributed to the now completed Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to develop strategies to address priority health issues.