

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HEALTH CARE 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 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

- ▶▶▶ Funding supported 25 positions, including six communicable disease investigators, three laboratory staff, 9 IT informatics and epidemiology positions, three management staff, two health educators and one public health information officer.
- ▶▶▶ Expanded capacity for data modernization which includes building three public-facing data dashboards related to communicable diseases, substance use, and respiratory illnesses, providing residents with access and transparency on public health threats.
- ▶▶▶ Supported Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement plan processes for public health reaccreditation.
- ▶▶▶ Expanded laboratory equipment and capacity as a regional lab supporting multiple Central Valley counties.
- ▶▶▶ Funding supported key communicable disease activities, including investigation of a recent Legionnaires Disease outbreak and active monitoring of H5N1.