

SOLANO COUNTY HEALTH & SOCIAL 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

- FoPH funding allowed Solano County to hire a dedicated Infection Prevention Coordinator, enabling direct support to 190 long-term care facilities—some of the county's most vulnerable settings. This position provides outbreak response, prevention guidance, training, and vaccination outreach. Without FoPH funding, this essential service would not exist, and the county's ability to prevent outbreaks among older adults and medically fragile residents would be significantly diminished.
- FoPH resources also expanded the county's Home Visiting Programs, including Healthy Families America, Nurse Family Partnership, Solano HEALS, and IMPACT. These programs serve high-risk perinatal families and are now a flexible workforce that can be deployed during public health emergencies. These positions protect maternal and infant health while simultaneously strengthening Solano County's emergency response capacity—an outcome made possible only through sustained FoPH investment.
- The Solano Public Information Network (SPIN), supported by FoPH funding, ensured coordinated, timely communication across all jurisdictions in the county. This capacity is indispensable during emergencies, where unified messaging prevents misinformation, supports community trust, and enables residents to take protective action quickly.

- FoPH funds have also expanded the Regional Public Health Laboratory, which serves Napa, Solano, Yolo, and Marin. Strengthening this laboratory infrastructure improves disease detection, surveillance, and testing turnaround times across the region, this capacity that local dollars alone cannot sustain.
- To ensure equity remains central to public health practice, FoPH funding supported a Health Equity Coordinator. This critical role ensures that programs and services reach the communities that need them most. Recent efforts include mobile health services delivering culturally and linguistically appropriate care to underserved neighborhoods in Fairfield and Vallejo work that directly reduces disparities and improves access for historically marginalized populations.
- FoPH resources also sustained the capacity needed to maintain the County's Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) efforts. This work informs countywide strategy, supports emergency response education, and ensures trusted messages reach communities before, during, and after public health events.
- FoPH funding enabled the hiring of a Deputy Health Officer, who provides medical oversight for Emergency Preparedness, Immunizations, Communicable Disease, and Tuberculosis control.
- FoPH funding is essential to preserving these gains and sustaining a resilient, effective public health system. Without continued investment, Solano County's core infrastructure, workforce capacity, and ability to protect residents—especially the most vulnerable—would be significantly compromised. FoPH has been transformative, and ongoing support is critical to ensuring a strong, prepared, and equitable future for public health in California.