Public Health Alliance of Southern California

7 WAYS LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES HEALTHY

Coordinate personnel, resources, & information during disease outbreaks

Advance economic opportunity

Promote occupational health & safety

Support healthy eating & active living

Address population health through screening & prevention

Serve as essential community providers

Provide backbone response to public health emergencies

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How Has the Role of LHDs Evolved Over Time?

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Since 2007, local public health funding has stalled, yet robust support for Local Health Departments and the essential function they serve is needed now more than ever.

In 2007, California spent $78 on public health per capita. By 2018, California devoted only $66 to public health per capita.

Health Care spending in California has quadrupled in size from 2007 to 2018, whereas Public Health funding has remained stagnant.

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*National Health Expenditures Accounts. In Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2018

**Public Health Report Card on Spending**

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- Public Health: 3.0%

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What Funding Local Public Health Does for Communities

- Promotes a Health in All policies approach
- Advances environmental equity
- Prepares rapid disaster and disease outbreak response
- Increases accurate data access to combat health inequity
- Provides essential support to population health management
- Supports climate change adaptation and resilience

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THE VALUE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Protecting communities and saving lives

RETURN ON INVESTMENT
For every $1 spent on Public Health, $5.60 is reduced in overall health spending

PROMOTES HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
Public Health is a key part of population health and addressing the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

IMPROVES HEALTH OUTCOMES
For every 10% increase in local public health spending, infant mortality decreases 6.3%, cardiovascular mortality decreases 3.6%, and Diabetes mortality decreases 1.4%

ESSENTIAL TO DISEASE PREVENTION & RESPONSE
Local Health Departments are the backbone of the response to disease outbreak. They provide essential prevention, surveillance, and response services to their communities

INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH IS IMPERATIVE
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