

# **State of Alaska FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Public Health Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Public Health Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

To protect and promote the health of Alaskans.

### Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

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#### Measures by Core Service

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### Major RDU Accomplishments in 2020

#### Division of Public Health Non-COVID Accomplishments

- New interactive online dashboard to share Youth Risk Behavior Survey data
- Healthy Alaskans 2030 updated with 30 proposed new objectives
- Perinatal quality collaborative established
- Comprehensive Cancer Control Program recognized nationally for focus on LGBTQ populations
- Diabetes Self-Management Education sites doubled to seven
- Added Diabetes Prevention Program site at Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
- Diabetes Prevention Program online participation now available statewide
- New Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring program established through YMCA
- Alaska Cancer Registry recognized by Gold Certification and as a Registry of Distinction
- Implemented National Uniform Chart of Accounts to enable the Division of Public Health to link expenditures to program areas using national standard

- Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program recognized by Alaska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics for Children’s Organization of the Year
- Marijuana Program is funding after school program grants to focus on risk and protective factors for substance misuse

**Division of Public Health COVID-19 Accomplishments**

- Supported successful repatriation flight of US citizens from Wuhan, China in January 2020
- Established and provided leadership and staffing for Unified Command
- Provided expertise and support for Health Mandates and Health Alerts
- Expanded testing capacity at Alaska State Public Health Laboratories to over 2,000 samples per day
- Implemented testing at ten airports in June 2020 to support travel mandate
- Coordinated fishing industry communication, mandate compliance, and other support
- Established data dashboard to share information with the public
- Worked with communities, employers, tribes, health care providers, and others to respond to outbreaks
- Adapted Play Every Day to COVID-19 circumstances, how to be active during COVID-19
- Provided expertise and guidance to communities, health care systems and facilities, schools, large group gatherings, and other partners on COVID-19 mitigation strategies
- Partnered with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) to coordinate COVID-19 logistics, including centralized distribution of personal protective equipment and testing supplies
- Partnered with University of Alaska Anchorage to develop Contact Tracing Training system
- Partnered with Anchorage Health Department, Anchorage School Districts, North Slope Borough, Maniilaq Association, Alaska Native Epidemiology Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic Investigations Program, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, University of Alaska Anchorage, school districts, and others to build contact tracing workforce
- Partnered with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to develop specimen collection training for Alaska community health aides and practitioners
- Project Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) to share expertise with the public and groups such as healthcare partners

**Key RDU Challenges**

- The work to protect the public health of Alaskans involves geographic, cultural, lifestyle, fiscal, and other factors. Improving population health requires an investment in upstream factors that address the conditions in places where Alaskans live, learn, work, and play. Public health approaches require long-term solutions to make generational gains. These interventions focus on changing the context to make healthy choices easier and require a widespread, long-term, competent, and collaborative commitment from a wide array of key local stakeholders.
- The ability to identify, assess, and evaluate emerging public health issues hinges on information and the ability to share that information appropriately internally and externally. Information Technology is an increasingly important tool in public health and keeping pace with data systems, specialized equipment, and associated policies is critical to achieving the mission.
- Public Health must provide leadership as necessary to ensure a qualified and available public health workforce. Although health care jobs are the fastest growing occupational sector of this decade, the division and partners statewide are challenged to attract and retain highly skilled professionals. It is particularly challenging to keep scientist and highly-skilled professional positions in the public health laboratories, public health nursing, and epidemiology filled. Leaving these types of positions vacant reduces the capacity to positively affect public health.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022**

No significant changes in results to be delivered.

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**Public Health  
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2020 Actuals				FY2021 Management Plan				FY2022 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b> None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Nursing	21,322.9	58.0	5,120.1	26,501.0	21,631.5	115.0	5,458.4	27,204.9	22,736.0	115.0	5,872.5	28,723.5
Women, Children and Family Health	3,615.6	1,423.5	7,710.3	12,749.4	4,272.3	1,672.7	8,753.5	14,698.5	4,300.4	1,777.8	8,801.8	14,880.0
Public Health Admin Svcs	3,762.7	1,228.4	3,438.3	8,429.4	4,324.0	1,996.7	4,159.1	10,479.8	4,371.9	1,997.8	4,218.5	10,588.2
Emergency Programs	3,238.0	350.0	109,159.0	112,747.0	97,058.6	2,565.1	15,838.7	115,462.4	3,014.9	3,159.9	6,855.9	13,030.7
Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	6,925.5	442.8	6,132.6	13,500.9	10,020.1	683.8	6,505.1	17,209.0	10,073.9	729.9	6,533.3	17,337.1
Epidemiology	13,548.1	1,396.1	10,238.6	25,182.8	2,291.2	2,070.9	10,849.9	15,212.0	2,296.3	2,968.1	11,007.2	16,271.6
Bureau of Vital Statistics	3,175.4	174.7	1,202.9	4,553.0	3,675.8	380.3	1,705.0	5,761.1	3,686.3	381.1	1,710.5	5,777.9
Emergency Medical Svcs Grants	2,464.9	0.0	465.4	2,930.3	2,632.4	0.0	501.3	3,133.7	2,632.4	0.0	501.3	3,133.7
State Medical Examiner	3,132.2	0.0	0.0	3,132.2	3,265.7	75.0	68.6	3,409.3	3,275.4	75.0	68.6	3,419.0
Public Health Laboratories	4,503.6	231.7	2,825.7	7,561.0	5,105.1	764.2	2,922.4	8,791.7	5,118.8	765.1	2,932.6	8,816.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>65,688.9</b>	<b>5,305.2</b>	<b>146,292.9</b>	<b>217,287.0</b>	<b>154,276.7</b>	<b>10,323.7</b>	<b>56,762.0</b>	<b>221,362.4</b>	<b>61,506.3</b>	<b>11,969.7</b>	<b>48,502.2</b>	<b>121,978.2</b>

**Public Health**  
**Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component**  
**From FY2021 Management Plan to FY2022 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>136,253.1</b>	<b>18,023.6</b>	<b>10,323.7</b>	<b>56,762.0</b>	<b>221,362.4</b>
<b>Adjustments which get you to start of year:</b>					
-Emergency Programs	0.0	0.0	593.6	0.0	593.6
<b>One-time items:</b>					
-Emergency Programs	-94,131.7	0.0	-275.0	-9,000.0	-103,406.7
-Bureau of Vital Statistics	0.0	0.0	-40.5	0.0	-40.5
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Nursing	1,104.5	0.0	0.0	414.1	1,518.6
-Women, Children and Family Health	14.0	14.1	105.1	48.3	181.5
-Public Health Admin Svcs	46.3	1.6	1.1	59.4	108.4
-Emergency Programs	12.3	75.7	276.2	17.2	381.4
-Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	6.9	46.9	46.1	28.2	128.1
-Epidemiology	5.1	0.0	2.2	157.3	164.6
-Bureau of Vital Statistics	1.1	9.4	41.3	5.5	57.3
-State Medical Examiner	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7
-Public Health Laboratories	13.6	0.1	0.9	10.2	24.8
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Epidemiology	0.0	0.0	895.0	0.0	895.0
<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>43,334.9</b>	<b>18,171.4</b>	<b>11,969.7</b>	<b>48,502.2</b>	<b>121,978.2</b>