

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health 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.

Core Services

- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
- Inform, educate and empower people about health issues.
- Mobilize partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
- Assure adequate and competent public health infrastructure and enforcement of health and safety laws/regulations.
- Monitor, research and evaluate health status and service effectiveness, accessibility and quality to identify and solve community health problems.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2021

Division of Public Health Non-COVID-19 Accomplishments

- The Alaska Peninsula Quality Collaborative concluded its hypertension in pregnancy initiative which resulted in a 28 percent reduction of severe complications among people with preeclampsia from 2018 to 2020. Harnessing the momentum from this first successful initiative, the Alaska Peninsula Quality Collaborative launched the Substance Affected Pregnancies Initiative. This initiative engages Alaska hospitals in collaborative quality improvement to improve outcomes for pregnant people and newborns impacted by substances. The Alaska Peninsula Quality Collaborative also continues to support initiatives to advance universal screening for substance use during pregnancy and improve transfers from planned birth center and home births.
- Established a Healthy and Equitable Communities Unit and began development of a Healthy and Equitable Communities Strategic Plan.
- Established a Governor's Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation to provide recommendations on the opioid settlement.

Division of Public Health COVID-19 Accomplishments

- Provided expertise and guidance to communities, health care systems and facilities, schools, large group gatherings, and other partners on COVID-19 mitigation strategies.
- Provided COVID-19 mitigation support and guidance to Alaska organizations and communities via the Plan Safer Events project.
- Coordinated the distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE), testing supplies, monoclonal antibodies, vaccine, and other resources to health care providers, local governmental entities, non-profit entities, tribal entities, Alaska businesses, industry sectors of Alaska, travelers to Alaska, and school districts.
- Established treatment protocols, guidelines and surge plans for Alaska and communities throughout the state.
- Engaged in two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursable contracts with a staffing agency to provide support for health care facilities and vaccine, testing, and monoclonal antibody clinics.
- Provided testing at ten airports and vaccine clinics at three airports.
- Continued expanded testing capacity at Alaska State Public Health Laboratories with an average of over 2,000 per day.
- Became and remained one of the top 10 most sequenced states in terms of SARS-CoV-2 variant tracking and situational awareness.
- Worked with communities, employers, tribes, health care providers, and others to respond to outbreaks.
- Conducted case investigation and contact tracing in collaboration with partners to provide guidance and support to Alaskans who have been infected with or exposed to COVID-19.
- Disseminated COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine information in coordination with communities, health care partners, and federal agencies.

- Managed pandemic-related data with the data information team and continued the dashboard that provides daily information, accessible to the general public on active cases, recovered cases, demographics, testing, and hospitalization utilization rates.
- Partnered with Project Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) to share expertise with the public and groups such as healthcare partners, local governments, and industries and issued weekly clinical newsletters.
- Initiated Mobile Integrated Health programs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, Juneau, and Mat-Su.

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 provides statewide leadership to ensure a qualified and available public health and health care 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.
- The loss of functionality of multiple data systems and public facing websites due to the cyberattack in May created challenges to staff and the public. Staff had to create manual processes and create alternate website to communicate with the public.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

No significant changes in results to be delivered.

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**Public Health
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2021 Actuals				FY2022 Management Plan				FY2023 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
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Nursing	20,496.5	45.3	3,420.7	23,962.5	24,783.8	115.0	6,217.5	31,116.3	24,362.4	115.0	6,059.9	30,537.3
Women, Children and Family Health	3,474.4	1,616.2	7,857.1	12,947.7	4,391.6	1,801.6	8,972.9	15,166.1	4,347.9	1,786.9	8,909.2	15,044.0
Public Health Admin Svcs	4,026.5	1,376.6	2,763.4	8,166.5	1,437.6	25.8	704.0	2,167.4	1,411.9	25.8	699.4	2,137.1
Emergency Programs	4,130.1	321.4	369,205.7	373,657.2	2,991.0	3,168.8	189,085.4	195,245.2	3,042.8	3,861.5	6,925.8	13,830.1
Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	6,994.1	354.9	6,343.7	13,692.7	12,999.5	2,714.6	10,025.6	25,739.7	12,991.1	2,710.2	9,948.8	25,650.1
Epidemiology	14,563.6	2,160.1	9,254.9	25,978.6	2,359.8	2,975.1	68,559.1	73,894.0	2,330.4	2,972.4	11,219.0	16,521.8
Bureau of Vital Statistics	2,224.0	185.9	1,444.0	3,853.9	3,812.1	387.0	1,766.6	5,965.7	3,766.5	383.4	1,743.5	5,893.4
Emergency Medical Svcs Grants	2,532.0	0.0	503.3	3,035.3	2,632.4	0.0	501.3	3,133.7	2,632.4	0.0	501.3	3,133.7
State Medical Examiner	3,026.4	0.0	60.0	3,086.4	3,407.7	75.0	68.6	3,551.3	3,345.8	75.0	68.6	3,489.4
Public Health Laboratories	4,316.1	112.6	2,839.7	7,268.4	5,270.9	775.2	3,029.3	9,075.4	5,213.9	770.9	2,986.7	8,971.5
Totals	65,783.7	6,173.0	403,692.5	475,649.2	64,086.4	12,038.1	288,930.3	365,054.8	63,445.1	12,701.1	49,062.2	125,208.4

Public Health
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2022 Management Plan to FY2023 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>
FY2022 Management Plan	45,861.3	18,225.1	12,038.1	288,930.3	365,054.8
Adjustments which get you to start of year:					
-Emergency Programs	0.0	0.0	697.1	0.0	697.1
One-time items:					
-Women, Children and Family Healt	0.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0
-Emergency Programs	0.0	0.0	-275.0	-182,114.5	-182,389.5
-Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	0.0	0.0	-45.0	0.0	-45.0
-Epidemiology	0.0	0.0	0.0	-57,177.4	-57,177.4
-Bureau of Vital Statistics	0.0	0.0	-40.0	0.0	-40.0
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Nursing	-421.4	0.0	0.0	-157.6	-579.0
-Women, Children and Family Healt	-33.5	-10.2	85.3	-63.7	-22.1
-Public Health Admin Svcs	-25.7	0.0	0.0	-4.6	-30.3
-Emergency Programs	54.7	-2.9	270.6	-45.1	277.3
-Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	2,678.0	-2,686.4	40.6	-76.8	-44.6
-Epidemiology	-29.0	-0.4	-2.7	-162.7	-194.8
-Bureau of Vital Statistics	-4.6	-41.0	36.4	-23.1	-32.3
-State Medical Examiner	-61.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	-61.9
-Public Health Laboratories	-55.6	-1.4	-4.3	-42.6	-103.9
FY2023 Governor	47,962.3	15,482.8	12,701.1	49,062.2	125,208.4