

## The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Critical Partner to Local Health Departments

The nation's governmental public health enterprise consists of federal, state, and local health agencies. All three work hand-in-hand to keep Americans healthy and safe. As the nation's—and the world's—expert resource and response center, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides critical funding and technical assistance for state, local, and national programs to strengthen public health capacity, share critical information, and improve health to save millions of lives annually.

The CDC tracks diseases, responds to outbreaks, and protects the nation from health threats and emergencies from all around the world. The CDC is critical to protecting the American public, ensuring national health security and allowing Americans to have the building blocks of good health. The CDC provides essential data to enable policymakers to make informed decisions on how to direct federal resources for disease prevention and control.

### CDC Impact at the State and Local Level

Strong public health services strengthen economic well-being, educational success, and nation-wide competitiveness, community by community. As the nation's leading health protection agency, the CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities and is critical to the success of health systems and programs at the local, state, and national level. About two-thirds of CDC's budget—\$4.5 billion—is invested in public health and prevention activities by local and state health departments, national public health partners, and academic institutions at the local and state level. CDC provides workforce expertise and funds state and local programs that support the health of communities including the following:

- Protecting Americans from natural and bioterrorism threats.
- Protecting Americans from infectious diseases.
- Monitoring health and ensuring laboratory excellence.
- Preventing the leading causes of disease, disability, and death.
- Ensuring global disease protection.
- Keeping Americans safe from environmental and work-related hazards.
- Detecting and protecting against antibiotic resistance.



### CDC BY THE NUMBERS

**\$7.2 billion**

in funding in FY2017

**More than 60%**

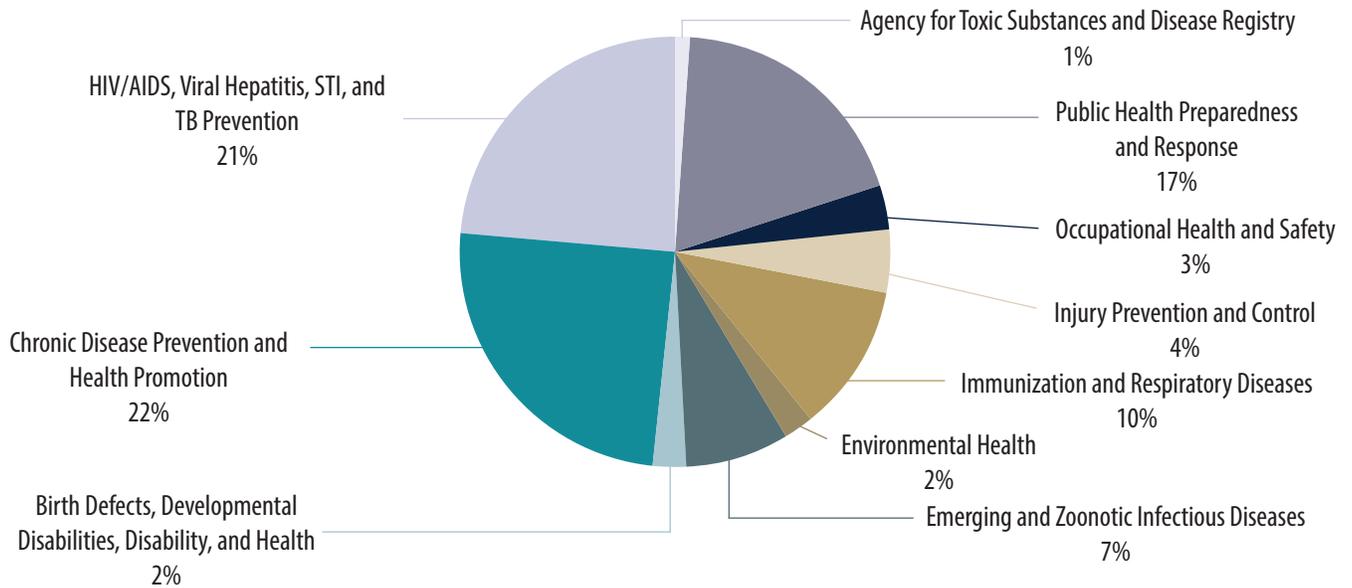
of funding supports state and local health departments and other community-based organizations

### CDC: A Trusted Global Leader

Local communities, states, and the international community rely on the CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak—and they deliver.

- In 2016, the CDC was central to detecting and investigating the health complications of the Zika virus, an unprecedented health threat that causes

CDC FUNDING TO STATES/CITIES PRIORITY AREAS FY2016 (\$3.4 BILLION TOTAL)



devastating birth defects. The CDC redirected \$300 million for a full range of activities to fight Zika, including mosquito control and surveillance, increasing lab capacity, public health studies, technical assistance to state and local governments, and diagnostic development. The agency provided nearly \$200 million in funding directly support state, local, and territorial health departments to protect people in their communities.

- During the 2014 Ebola outbreak, the CDC was a critical leader of the effort to mitigate the spread of this deadly disease. The CDC buttressed laboratory and emergency management systems, increased capacity for infectious disease surveillance, conducted public health education, trained over 1 million health care staff and provided over \$1.5 billion in funding to track, limit, and combat the disease in over 12

international countries and domestic communities. When the first U.S. case of Ebola was found in Dallas, The CDC supported local health officials and infectious disease experts in discovering how the patient contracted the disease and limiting its spread, saving countless lives. The CDC also worked tirelessly on the ground in West Africa to stop the disease at its source.

Local health departments are the “boots on the ground” protecting and supporting the health of residents across the United States each and every day and rely heavily on the CDC’s support. Together, local health departments, state health departments, and the CDC form a crucial and symbiotic partnership critical to domestic and international health security. Continued investment in the CDC is essential to the strength, economic well-being, and productivity of the American public and must be maintained.

**About NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials is the voice of more than 3,000 local health departments across the country. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to ensure the safety of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the air we breathe.

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