



# Presentation to the House Committee on Public Health

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Texas Department of State Health Services  
Overview

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# Overview

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# Agency Overview

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## **Vision**

A Healthy Texas

## **Mission**

To improve the health, safety, and well-being of Texans through good stewardship of public resources, and a focus on core public health functions.



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## Goals

- Improve health through prevention and population health strategies.
- Enhance public health response to disasters and disease outbreaks.
- Reduce adverse health outcomes through public health consumer protection.
- Expand the effective use of health information.



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## Responsibilities

- Monitoring and controlling infectious disease.
- Maintaining essential public health activities.
- Preventing and reducing the costs of chronic disease.
- Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.
- Protecting consumer health through regulation of certain businesses, equipment and occupations.
- Assembling reliable health data to guide programmatic improvements and decision-making



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# DSHS Scope: Transitioning Programs

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Program transitions in Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019:

- Health care facility regulatory functions will transfer to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in 2017.
- State hospital operations will transfer to HHSC in 2017.
- Additional licensing programs are transferring to HHSC and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).
- The Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program will transfer to HHSC in 2017.



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# DSHS Scope: Fiscal Years 2018 - 2019 Budget

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## House Bill 1 Summary

- \$1.5 Billion Biennial Budget
  - \$452 Million in General Revenue
  - \$319 Million in General Revenue-Dedicated
  - \$529 Million in Federal Funding
  - \$211 Million in Other Funds
- Approximately 3,000 full time equivalent employees



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# DSHS Services: Fiscal Years 2018 - 2019

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- Regional and Local Health Operations
- Disease Control and Prevention
- Community Health
- Consumer Protection
- Health Information and Vital Statistics



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# Regional and Local Health Operations

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Deliver public health functions in about 75 percent of Texas counties.

- Coordination and support for local jurisdictions
- Public health and medical response to natural disasters, epidemics, bioterrorism, and other emergencies
- Texas Center for Infectious Disease beginning in FY 2018

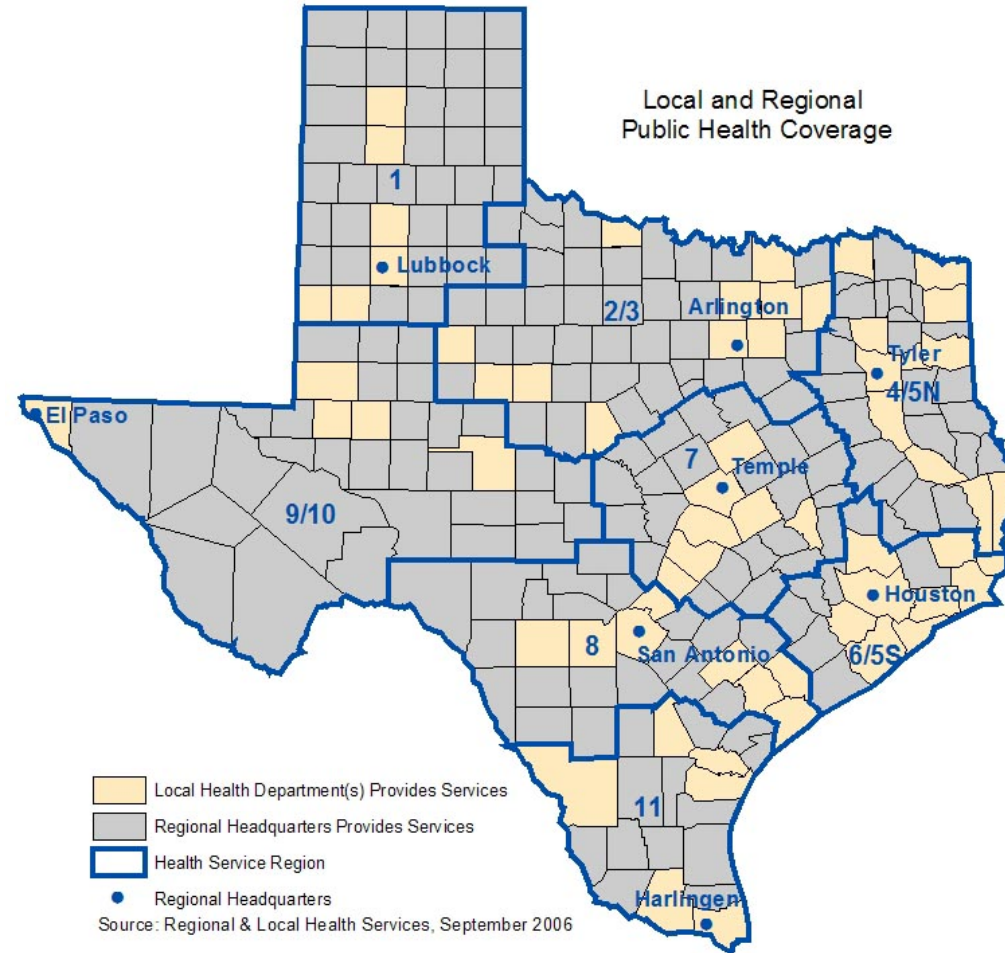


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# DSHS Health Service Regions

- HSR 1 – Lubbock
- HSR 2/3 – Arlington
- HSR 4/5 North – Tyler
- HSR 6/5 South – Houston
- HSR 7 – Temple
- HSR 8 – San Antonio
- HSR 9/10 – El Paso
- HSR 11 - Harlingen



# Disease Control and Prevention

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Implement programs to protect, promote, and improve the public's health by decreasing health threats and sources of disease.

- Laboratory Services
- Infectious Disease
- Immunizations
- Foodborne Illness



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# Community Health

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Play a primary role in providing population-based services, including improving the health of women and children.

- Maternal and Child Health
- Newborn and Child Screenings
- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease
- Disease Registries
- Environmental Epidemiology



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# Consumer Protection

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Provide public health oversight of individuals and entities that provide consumer and health goods and services to the public.

- Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care System
- Environmental Health
- Radiation Control
- Food and Drug Safety



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# Vital Statistics and Health Information

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## Vital Statistics

- Birth and death records
- Marriage, divorces, and annulments

## Center for Health Statistics

- Hospital discharge data
- Health professions data
- Texas health trends and indicators



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# Questions?

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