Department of State Health Services Agency Overview

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Overview

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Agency Overview

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.
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.
Agency Overview (cont.)

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.
DSHS Scope: Fiscal Years 2020 - 2021 Budget

**Senate Bill 1 Summary**

- $1.6 Billion Biennial Budget
  - $481 Million in General Revenue
  - $319 Million in General Revenue-Dedicated
  - $586 Million in Federal Funding
  - $211 Million in Other Funds
- Approximately 3,200 full time equivalent employees
DSHS Services: Fiscal Years 2020 - 2021

- Regional and Local Health Operations
- Disease Control and Prevention
- Community Health Improvement
- Consumer Protection
- Public Health Information
Regional and Local Health Operations

DSHS delivers public health functions in about 75 percent of Texas counties.

• Coordination and support for local jurisdictions
• Office of Border Health
• Public health and medical response to natural disasters, epidemics, bioterrorism, and other emergencies
• Texas Center for Infectious Disease beginning
Disease Control and Prevention

DSHS 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
Community Health Improvement

DSHS plays 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
- Vital Statistics
Consumer Protection

DSHS provides 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
Public Health Information

DSHS collects and analyzes public health data sets to help inform public health decision-making.

- Hospital discharge data
- Health professions data
- Texas health trends and indicators
- Health care shortage area designations
Questions?