

Governor's Budget Highlights Fiscal Year 2025-26

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The mission of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), a nationally accredited public health department, is to advance the health and well-being of California's diverse people and communities, primarily through population-based programs, strategies, and initiatives.

CDPH's core activities are:

- Protecting the public from communicable diseases;
- Protecting the public from unhealthy and unsafe environments;
- Reducing the risk of disease, disability, and premature death; and reducing health disparities;
- Preparing for, and responding to, public health emergencies;
- Producing and disseminating data to evaluate population health status, inform people, institutions and communities; and to guide public health strategies, programs, and actions;
- Promoting healthy lifestyles for individuals and families in their communities and workplaces; and
- Providing access to quality, population-based health services.

CDPH is comprised of eight Centers: the Center for Preparedness and Response, the Center for Healthy Communities, the Center for Infectious Diseases, the Center for Family Health, the Center for Environmental Health, the Center for Health Care Quality, the Center for Laboratory Sciences, and the Center for Health Statistics and Informatics.

In addition, within CDPH are: the Director's Office, the Office of Communications, the Office of Compliance, the Office of Legal Services, the Office of Policy and Planning, the Office of Health Equity, the Office of Professional Development and Engagement, the Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, the California Conference of Local Health Officers, the Information Technology Services Division, and the Administration and Human Resources Divisions.

GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

CDPH's budget supports activities and services that reinforce the state's commitment to the health and well-being of all Californians. For 2025-26, the Governor's Budget provides \$5.1 billion for the support of CDPH's programs and services, a decrease of 1.3 percent from the 2024-25 Budget Act.

Of the total Governor's Budget proposal, \$1.8 billion is for State Operations and \$3.2 billion is for Local Assistance. The budget affirms CDPH's commitment to address the public health needs of Californians.

Total Departmental Budget at 2025-26 Governor's Budget

Dollars in thousands*

The charts below and the narrative that follows describe the specific budget adjustments.

Fund Source	2024-25 Enacted Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	Governor's	% Change from 2024-25 Enacted Budget
General Fund	\$787,253	\$967,845	\$727,909	-7.54%
Federal Funds	\$2,195,190	\$2,194,362	\$2,311,878	5.32%
Special Funds & Reimbursements	\$2,167,473	\$2,186,628	\$2,042,472	-5.77%
Total Funds	\$5,149,916	\$5,348,835	\$5,082,259	-1.31%

^{*} Amounts do not include Special Fund loans made to the General Fund.

State Operations

Dollars in thousands*

State Operations by Program

Program Title	Program	2024-25 Enacted Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2025-26 Governor's Budget	% Change from 2024-25 Enacted Budget
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	4040	\$87,521	\$109,023	\$86,816	-0.81%
Public and Environmental Health	4045	\$1,265,727	\$1,373,428	\$1,232,120	-2.66%
Licensing and Certification	4050	\$500,882	\$501,985	\$514,382	2.70%
Administration	9900100	\$103,990	\$103,437	\$103,679	-0.30%
Distributed Administration	9900200	(\$103,990)	(\$103,437)	(\$103,679)	-0.30%
Total State Operations		\$1,854,130	\$1,984,436	\$1,833,318	-1.12%

^{*} Numbers may not add or match to other statements due to rounding of budget detail.

^{**} The State Operations budget is anticipated to be reduced pursuant to the 2024 Budget Act Control Sections 4.05 and 4.12. For details on the impact to CalHHS departments please consult the Governor's Budget Summary

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State Operations by Fund Source

Fund Source	2024-25 Enacted Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2025-26 Governor's Budget	% Change from 2024-25 Enacted Budget
General Fund	\$425,719	\$534,948	\$383,315	-9.96%
Federal Fund	\$491,593	\$490,842	\$565,112	14.96%
Special Funds & Reimbursements	\$936,818	\$958,646	\$884,891	-5.54%
Total State Operations	\$1,854,130	\$1,984,436	\$1,833,318	-1.12%

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Local Assistance

Dollars in thousands*

Local Assistance by Program

Program Title	Program	2024-25 Enacted Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2025-26 Governor's Budget	% Change from 2024-25 Enacted Budget
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	4040	\$166,821	\$166,821	\$166,821	0.00%
Public and Environmental Health	4045	\$3,123,345	\$3,189,086	\$3,078,500	-1.44%
Licensing and Certification	4050	\$5,620	\$8,492	\$3,620	-35.59%
Total Local Assistance		\$3,295,786	\$3,364,399	\$3,248,941	-1.42%

^{*} Amounts do not include Special Fund loans made to the General Fund.

Local Assistance by Fund Source

Fund Source	2024-25 Enacted Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2025-26 Governor's Budget	% Change from 2024-25 Enacted Budget
General Fund	\$361,534	\$432,897	\$344,594	-4.69%
Federal Fund	\$1,703,597	\$1,703,520	\$1,746,766	2.53%
Special Funds & Reimbursements	\$1,230,655	\$1,227,982	\$1,157,581	-5.94%
Total Local Assistance	\$3,295,786	\$3,364,399	\$3,248,941	-1.42%

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PROGRAMMATIC ADJUSTMENTS

The specific adjustments listed below reflect the major budgetary changes since the 2024

Budget Act. The major changes include Budget Change Proposals and November

Estimates.

References to "GF" are to the General Fund; "OF" refers to Other Funds, including Special Funds, Federal Funds, and Reimbursements; and "TF" represents Total Funds. All values are listed in whole dollars.

I. <u>Center for Preparedness and Response</u>

The Preparedness and Response program is responsible for overall statewide planning, preparedness and response for public health disasters and emergencies, distributing and monitoring funding for disaster planning at the local level, funding resource allocation and management during an emergency, operating the Medical Health Coordination Center, developing and maintaining a standard public health and medical emergency management system for local and state entities, and planning for the strategic national stockpile. This program is also responsible for recovery and resiliency initiatives within communities following a disaster and providing technical support to local preparedness efforts. Major budget adjustments include:

2024-25 Budget Adjustments

Current Year Unanticipated Cost – Emergency Preparedness and Response for Avian Flu and Marburg

\$13,549,000 TF \$13,549,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$13.5 million General Fund (GF) State Operations to support efforts related to Avian Flu and Marburg.

II. Center for Healthy Communities

The Healthy Communities program works to prevent and control chronic diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, asthma, and diabetes; to reduce the prevalence of obesity; to reduce tobacco use; to improve oral health through prevention, education, and community efforts; to provide training programs for the public health workforce; to prevent and control injuries, violence, deaths, and diseases related to behavioral, environmental, and occupational factors; to promote and support safe and healthy environments in

communities and workplaces; and to prevent substance and gambling addiction and treat gambling disorder. This program includes the California Tobacco Prevention Program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Chronic Disease Control Branch, Chronic Disease Surveillance and Research Branch, Environmental Health Laboratory Branch, Environmental Health Investigations Branch, Nutrition and Physical Activity Branch, Occupational Health Branch, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch, Office of School Health, Office of Suicide Prevention, Office of Problem Gambling, and the Office of Oral Health. Major budget adjustments include:

2025-26 Budget Adjustments

Proposition 99 Health Education Account

-\$5,346,000 TF \$5,346,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$5,346,000 in Proposition 99 Health Education Account (Fund 0231) as a result of the updated Proposition 99 revenue projections. This includes an increase of \$52,000 in State Administration and a decrease of \$981,000 in Media Campaign, \$2,871,000 in Competitive Grants (State Operations), and \$1,546,000 in Competitive Grants in Local assistance. The revenues support a comprehensive statewide tobacco control program and reducing illness and premature death attributable to the use of tobacco products. The funds are provided to state and local government agencies, tribes, universities, colleges, community-based organizations, and other qualified agencies for the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence-based health promotion and health communication activities.

Proposition 99 Research Account

-\$602,000 TF -\$602,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$602,000 in Proposition 99 Research Account (Fund 0234) for State Operations. This includes a decrease of \$1,773,000 in State Administration and an increase of \$1,171,000 in External Contracts. This is a result of updated Proposition 99 revenue projections. The revenues are used for tobacco-related disease research.

Proposition 99 Unallocated Account

-\$209,000 TF -\$209,000 OF The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$209,000 in Proposition 99 Unallocated Account (Fund 0236) State Operations as a result of updated Proposition 99 revenue projections. This includes a decrease of \$127,000 in State Administration, \$72,000 in California Health Interview Survey, and \$10,000 for External Contracts. The revenues are used to support tobacco education, tobacco prevention efforts, tobacco-related programs, tobacco-related healthcare services, environmental protection, and recreational resources.

Proposition 56 State Dental Program Account

-\$9,684,000 TF -\$9,684,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$9,684,000 in State Dental Program Account (Fund 3307), including a decrease of \$7,723,000 in State Operations and \$1,961,000 in Local Assistance as a result of updated Proposition 56 revenue projections. The funds support the children's dental disease prevention programs and other dental workforce initiatives such as Community Based Clinical Education (CBCE) to train providers to serve Californians in designated dental health professional shortage areas. A local level focused on reducing disparities and inequities for priority populations.

Proposition 56 Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs Account

-\$21,886,000 TF -\$21,886,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$21,866,000 in Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs Account (Fund 3322) as a result of updated Proposition 56 revenue projections. The decrease includes \$4,030,000 in Competitive Grants (State Operations), \$2,600,000 in State Administration, \$2,000,000 in Evaluation, \$8,000,000 in Media Campaign, \$386,000 in Competitive Grants (Local Assistance), and \$4,870,000 in Local Lead Agencies. The revenues are used for a comprehensive statewide tobacco control program and reducing illness and premature death attributable to the use of tobacco products. The funds are provided to state and local government agencies, tribes, universities, colleges, community-based organizations, and other qualified agencies for the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence-based health promotion and health communication activities.

Biomonitoring California Funding Realignment

-\$425,000 TF -\$425,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects a reduction of \$425,000 in General Fund (0001). This is a fund shift in lieu of continuing an Interagency Agreement (IAA) that supports laboratory services provided by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) per the legislative mandate of Senate Bill (SB) 1379 (Chapter 599, Statutes of 2006).

Fentanyl: Child Deaths (SB 908)

\$259,000 TF \$259,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a reallocation of \$259,000 State Operations in Opioid Settlement Fund (Fund 3397) to support in monitoring and identifying trends of fentanyl-related deaths in children ages zero to five, developing guidance and spreading awareness, and annually distributing information to the Legislature and local partners as required by Senate Bill (SB) 908 (Chapter 867, Statutes of 2024).

Mental Health and Impacts of Social Media (AB 1282)

\$463,000 TF \$463,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$363,000 State Operations and \$100,000 Local Assistance in Behavioral Health Services Fund (Fund 3085) to implement mental health impacts of social media required by Assembly Bill 1282 (Chapter 807, Statutes of 2024).

Online Accreditation and Certification Application System Development (SB 1076)

\$4,989,000 TF \$4,989,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$5 million State Operations expenditure authority from the Lead-Related Construction Fund (Fund 3155) to develop an online accreditation and certification application system mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 1076 (Chapter 507, Statutes of 2022).

Worker Secondhand Cannabis Smoke Guidance (AB 1775)

1.0 Position \$183,000 TF \$183,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of one position and \$183,000 State Operations in General Fund (Fund 0001) to implement secondhand cannabis smoke guidance as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1775 (Chapter 1004 Statutes of 2024).

Extension of Support for the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Council

\$2,500,000 TF \$2,500,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects a reappropriation of \$2.5 million in General Fund from the 2022 Budget Act with provisional language extending encumbrance or expenditure authority through June 30, 2027, to support the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being (Council).

III. Center for Infectious Diseases

The Infectious Diseases program works to prevent and control infectious diseases such as: Human Immunodeficiency Virus HIV/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome AIDS, COVID-19, viral hepatitis, influenza and other vaccine-preventable illnesses, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, emerging infections, and foodborne illnesses. This program includes the Division of Communicable Disease Control, the Office of AIDS, the Office of Binational Border Health, the Office of Refugee Health, the Office of Guidance and Policy, and the Office of Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. Major budget adjustments include:

2024-25 Budget Adjustments

ADAP Estimate

-\$1,762,000 TF -\$1,762,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$1.8 million in Local Assistance. This includes an increase of \$14.5 million in the Federal Trust Fund and a decrease of \$16.2 million in the ADAP Rebate Fund. The decrease is primarily due to staggered implementation of stakeholder proposals and legislative

requirements coupled with higher medication and insurance premium expenditures.

ADAP Early Action Adjustment

-\$5,000,000 TF -\$5,000,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$5 million expenditure authority from the AIDS Drug Assistance Rebate Fund (Fund 3080). This includes a decrease of \$5.4 million Local Assistance and an increase of \$400,000 State Operations. The adjustment transfers \$400,000 Local Assistance to State Operations to support two needs assessments outlined in Senate Bill (SB) 159 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2024). The adjustment also corrects a \$5 million Revenue Transfer to the Transgender, Gender Nonconforming and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund (Fund 3385) that was originally scored as expenditure authority in the AIDS Drug Assistance Rebate Fund (Fund 3080).

2025-26 Budget Adjustments

Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative Reduction

-\$8,391,000 TF -\$8,391,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$8.4 million from the Opioid Settlement Fund (Fund 3397) Local Assistance that supports Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction due to availability of resources. Additionally, the Governor's Budget reflects a shift of \$259,000 from the Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative to the Center of Healthy Communities to support Senate Bill (SB) 908 (Chapter 867, Statutes of 2024).

ADAP Estimate

\$51,806,000 TF \$51,806,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$51.8 million in Local Assistance. This includes an increase of \$9.5 million in the Federal Trust Fund and an increase of \$42.3 million in the ADAP Rebate Fund. The increase is primarily due to staggered implementation of stakeholder proposals and legislative requirements, higher medication and insurance premium expenditures, and the modernization and expansion of ADAP and related programs with a focus on addressing the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in California, referred to as the ADAP Modernization Plan.

ADAP Early Action Adjustment

-\$7,600,000 TF -\$7,600,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$7.6 million expenditure authority from the AIDS Drug Assistance Rebate Fund (Fund 3080). This corrects a \$5 million Revenue Transfer to the Transgender, Gender Nonconforming and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund (Fund 3385) that was originally scored as expenditure authority in the AIDS Drug Assistance Rebate Fund (Fund 3080) and a decrease of \$2.6 million local assistance associated with components of the ADAP Early Action Plan.

Maintenance and Operations Support for the Surveillance and Public Health Information Reporting and Exchange (SaPHIRE) System

15.0 Positions \$27,000,000 TF \$27,000,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of 15.0 positions and \$27 million General Fund (Fund 0001) State Operations for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) support of the Surveillance and Public Health Information Reporting and Exchange (SaPHIRE) system.

Maintenance and Operations Support for CalCONNECT

\$18,000,000 TF \$18,000,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$18 million General Fund (Fund 0001) State Operations to support the California Confidential Network for Contact Tracing (CalCONNECT) system.

California Immunization Registry 3 (CAIR3) Design, Development, and Implementation

\$5,100,000 TF \$5,100,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$5.1 million General Fund (Fund 0001) State Operations to be used for the California Immunization Registry 3 (CAIR3) Project.

IV. Center for Family Health

The Family Health program works to improve the health and well-being of pregnant people, children and youth as well as reduce disparities in perinatal health outcomes. The key programs include the Genetic Disease Screening Program (GDSP); Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH); and the Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Major budget adjustments include:

2024-25 Budget Adjustments:

WIC Estimate

-\$10,241,000 TF -\$10,241,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$10.2 million in Local Assistance expenditure authority from the WIC Estimate. This includes a decrease of \$34.2 million in the Federal Trust Fund (Fund 0890), an increase of \$4.3 million in the WIC Manufacturer Rebate Fund (Fund 3023), and an increase of \$19.7 million in Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) grant. The decrease in food expenditures is based on a decrease in projected participation partially offset by a slight increase in per participant food cost. The food inflation rate is revised up slightly from the 2024 Budget Act (2.05 percent in the November Estimate compared to 1.99 percent in the 2024 Budget Act). The increase in rebate revenue is attributed to an increase in projected infant participation from the 2024 Budget Act. The NSA budget, including the anticipated expenditures for local administration increase is driven by increased allocations to WIC Local Agencies to support growing caseload.

GDSP Estimate

-\$1,569,000 TF -\$1,569,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a decrease of \$1.6 million in Genetic Disease Testing Fund (Fund 0203) Local Assistance expenditure authority from the GDSP Estimate. The decrease consists of a \$5.6 million decrease from lower projected prenatal caseload due to lower participation in Cell-Free DNA (cfDNA) Screening (from 52 to 50 percent) compared to the 2024 Budget Act. This decline is somewhat offset by newborn screening contract rate increases of approximately \$4 million.

2025-26 Budget Adjustments:

WIC Estimate

\$31,535,000 TF \$31,535,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$31.5 million in Local Assistance expenditure authority from the WIC Estimate. This includes an increase of \$9.4 million in the Federal Trust Fund (Fund 0890), \$2.4 million in the WIC Manufacturer Rebate Fund (Fund 3023), and \$19.7 million in Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) grant. The increase in food expenditures is driven by a moderate food inflation rate of 1.92 percent, slightly offset by a reduced participation forecast for 2025-26 (1,031,891 participants projected in the 2025-26 November Estimate compared to 1,032,546 projected in the 2024 Budget Act). The increase in rebate revenue is attributed to an increase in projected infant participation from the 2024 Budget Act. The NSA budget, including the anticipated expenditures for local administration increase is driven by increased allocations to WIC Local Agencies to support growing caseload.

GDSP Estimate

\$809,000 TF \$809,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects a net increase of \$809,000 in Genetic Disease Testing Fund (Fund 0203) Local Assistance expenditure authority from the GDSP Estimate. The net increase is attributed to the laboratory supplies and services and case management and coordination services (CMCS) contract rate increases. These increases are somewhat offset by lower participation in Prenatal cfDNA Screening (52 to 50 percent) and an overall decrease in both NBS and PNS caseload because of the Department of Finance (Finance) Demographic Research Units (DRU) declining projection of live births compared to the projections used in the 2024 Budget Act.

V. <u>Center for Health Statistics and Informatics</u>

The Health Statistics and Informatics program works to improve the public's health by managing information systems and facilitating the collection, validation, analysis, and dissemination of health statistics and demographic information on California's population. This program includes Vital Records, Vital Statistics, and Public Health Informatics. Major budget changes include:

IT Enhancement Resource Shift to CalHHS

-\$381,000 TF -\$381,000 GF

The Governor's Budget reflects a reduction of \$381,000 General Fund State Operations that is being transferred to the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) in lieu of continuing an Interagency Agreement (IAA) currently used to provide funding for two positions established by CalHHS through the Information Technology, Data Science, and Informatics Framework for a 21st Century Public Health System Budget Change Proposal (BCP).

VI. Center for Environmental Health

The Environmental Health program is home to inspection, technical assistance, regulatory, investigation, and emergency response activities that ensure compliance with regulations and improve the safety of foods, industrial hemp products, drugs, and medical devices to protect and improve the health of all Californians. This program conducts age-related and flavor ban tobacco enforcement, regulates radiation machines/producers and radioactive materials, ensures proper disposition of low-level radioactive waste, regulates the generation, handling, and disposal of medical waste; and conducts other environmental management programs. The program includes the Division of Food and Drug Safety, the Division of Radiation Safety, Environmental Management, and the Environmental Health Support Section, which focuses on emergency preparedness and One Health. Major budget adjustments include:

Proposition 56 State Tobacco Law Enforcement Account

-\$342,000 TF -\$342,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an decrease of \$342,000 in State Tobacco Law Enforcement Account (Fund 3318) State Operations as a result of updated Proposition 56 revenue projections. This funding supports the enforcement of state and local laws related to the illegal sales of tobacco to minors.

VII. Center for Health Care Quality

The Health Facilities program regulates the quality of care in public and private health facilities, clinics, and agencies throughout the state; licenses nursing home administrators, and certifies nurse assistants, home health aides, and hemodialysis technicians; and oversees the prevention, surveillance, and reporting of healthcare-associated infections in California's health facilities. Major budget adjustments include:

Policy & Legislative Branch Expansion

7.0 Positions \$1,138,000 TF \$1,138,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of 7.0 positions and \$1.1 million from the State Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification Program Fund (Fund 3098) to support Public Policy and Legislative Branch Expansion.

Health Care Service: Artificial Intelligence (AB 3030)

3.0 Positions \$672,000 TF \$672,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of 3.0 positions and \$672,000 State Operations from the State Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification Program Fund (Fund 3098) to provide resources to implement the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 3030 (Chapter 848, Statutes of 2024), which deals with health care services and artificial intelligence.

Internal Department Quality Improvement (IDQIA)

\$3,086,000 TF \$3,086,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$3.1 million from the Internal Departmental Quality Improvement Account (Fund 0942-222) to support planning and implementation cost for the Centralized Application Branch (CAB) Online Licensing Application Project.

Long-Term Healthcare Facilities: Payment Source and Resident Census (SB 1354)

1.25 Positions \$307,000 TF \$307,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of 1.25 positions and \$307,000 State Operations from the State Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification Program Fund (Fund 3098) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 1354 (Chapter 339, Statutes of 2024) regarding Long-Term Healthcare Facilities, Payment Source and Resident Census.

VIII. Office of Health Equity

The Office of Health Equity provides a key leadership role in advancing physical

and mental health equity in California. This office works with communities and across sectors to address the root causes of health inequities, including but not limited to climate change and racial injustice, and to embed health and equity considerations into the decision-making process. This office has played a critical role in centering equity and those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which will also help to firmly establish a health equity lens for future public health challenges. There are no major budget adjustments.

IX. Center for Laboratory Sciences

The Laboratory Sciences program provides laboratory testing services, technical consultation, training, and leadership for the State's Public Health Laboratory System to protect Californians from the threat of infectious and environmental diseases. The Center includes the Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory, Environmental Health Laboratory, Food and Drug Laboratory, Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program, Microbial Diseases Laboratory, Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory, and Operations Branch. The Center provides laboratory testing services to provide frontline testing for individuals for high consequence and rare pathogens and environmental threats; support public health surveillance programs; support research for disease diagnosis, characterization, investigation, and control; and provide subject matter expertise to inform effective decision-making. The Center regulates California clinical and public health laboratory, blood bank, biologics, and tissue bank quality standards through licensure and oversight of approximately 27,000 clinical laboratories, public health laboratories, blood banks, biologics facilities, and tissue banks operating in California; and approximately 77,000 California laboratory personnel in more than 30 different categories of laboratory personnel, including phlebotomists, cytotechnologists, medical laboratory technicians, clinical laboratory scientist trainees, clinical laboratory scientists, public health microbiologists, clinical reproductive biologists, and clinical laboratory directors. Major budget adjustments include:

Augmentation to the BabyBIG® Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program

2.0 Positions \$3,000,000 TF \$3,000,000 OF

The Governor's Budget reflects an increase of 2.0 positions and \$3 million State Operations expenditure authority from the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Fund (0272) to meet the increased manufacturing and regulatory costs associated with the production of Lot 8 and Lot 9 of its licensed orphan drug BabyBIG® (Human Botulism Immune Globulin Intravenous; BIG-IV), used for the treatment of infant botulism.