

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type:
Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

As a core component of the local public health authority (LPHA) and public health system, communicable disease (CD) programming protects community health by responding to reportable communicable diseases with prompt disease investigation and limiting the spread of these diseases through disease control interventions. Responding to COVID-19 has become and will continue to be a critical aspect of LPHA and CD activities. Community testing is a key strategy for slowing the spread of COVID-19 and also helps Public Health to better understand the prevalence of the virus to inform local response and reopening strategies and decisions.

Program Summary

Public Health implements three main testing strategies based on assessments, current understanding of best practices, lessons learned, and input from Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) leaders. These include test sites in East and Mid County; partnering with culturally specific community-based organizations (CBOs) to identify most effective testing models and locations, and outbreak testing. These strategies are coordinated with testing within the Department's Federally Qualified Health Center program sites.

Low barrier community testing in East and Mid County are open to anyone with possible symptoms of COVID-19, with a focus on reaching BIPOC communities as well as those without health insurance and/or a regular health care provider. Testing is provided at no cost, and individuals can get tested regardless of immigration status.

Testing in partnership with culturally specific CBOs and BIPOC communities will continue to work to identify the most effective testing models, site locations, community partnerships, pre-testing education, and wrap-around support that is needed by individuals and communities.

Outbreak testing focuses on deploying testing resources to outbreak facilities such as large congregate care and worksite settings to obtain hundreds of samples in a day. This type of testing reduces virus spread and mitigates the effects on individuals involved in the outbreaks.

Testing strategies are supported by a combination of the Public Health Office of the Director, CD program, and culturally specific CBOs, including community health workers. Public health continues to refine testing strategies and approaches in real-time through quality improvement and input from BIPOC communities and expects that to continue as the County moves further along in COVID-19 reopening and response.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	# of community based tests	NA	NA	NA	18,000
Outcome	% of high risk employees/residents tested at congregate and worksite outbreak sites	NA	NA	NA	90%
Output	# of culturally specific community partners engaged in testing outreach, hosting, and/or staffing	NA	NA	NA	15

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,975,890
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,812,120
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,990
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,938,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$4,938,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,938,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,938,000

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$49,990 in indirect revenues.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: