

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY | 2025-26

A YEAR OF IMPACT

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) made meaningful strides in protecting and improving the health of our community in 2025-26. Through innovative programs, responsive services, and strong partnerships, our staff worked to expand access to care and resources, prevent disease, strengthen families and communities, and prepare for emerging challenges. Our annual report reflects both the breadth of our work and the difference it makes in the lives of Sacramento County residents.

Coordinated Response to CalFresh Benefit Disruption

When a federal shutdown threatened to disrupt CalFresh benefits for approximately 270,000 Sacramento County residents, SCPH led the coordinated efforts for countywide planning, food resources, data analysis, and multilingual public information with government and community partners.

Measles Outbreak Contained

SCPH mounted a coordinated, seven-program response when a measles outbreak reached Sacramento County in early 2026. Staff investigated cases, monitored hundreds of exposed individuals, coordinated post-exposure care, and worked with healthcare, education, and community partners to limit spread. The outbreak ended May 29 after 13 confirmed cases, with no evidence of ongoing transmission.

TB Drug Resistance Testing in Days, Not Weeks

SCPH's Public Health Laboratory introduced advanced DNA sequencing to identify drug-resistant tuberculosis in as little as two days, compared with several weeks using traditional testing. The Lab performed nearly 80,000 tests for more than 34,000 clients while expanding its role as a regional resource for infectious disease testing and response.

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

These stories represent just a few examples of the everyday work that keeps Sacramento County healthy, from WIC nutrition and breastfeeding support to nursing home visits, disease investigations, clinical services, emergency medical services, oral health, tobacco prevention, and community nursing.

Ready When Our Community Needs Us

Public Health Emergency Preparedness strengthened disaster and outbreak readiness through training, exercises, emergency communications, and regional partnerships. A countywide medical response exercise brought together more than 70 healthcare and emergency response partners to test coordination during a simulated earthquake.

Addressing Barriers to Better Health

SCPH continued to address barriers to care and improve access to culturally responsive services and support. Black Infant Health served 426 mothers and exceeded its state participant service target, while African American Perinatal Health connected families to prenatal care, primary care, developmental services, and other supports.

Strengthening Food Access

Through the Capital Food Access Alliance, SCPH and six cities invested more than \$1.7 million in food recovery infrastructure and capacity-building projects. Investments strengthened community organizations' capacity to recover, store, transport, and distribute surplus food, helping more food reach residents experiencing food insecurity.

Investing in Our People and Our Performance

SCPH completed its 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, advanced quality improvement and Results-Based Accountability, and continued building a stronger workforce. Employee engagement reached 83% in 2026, up from 80% in 2023 and ten points above the external benchmark, reflecting continued investment in staff learning, leadership, mentorship, and professional development.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 80,000** Certified copies of vital records issued
- 34,138** Clients served by the Public Health Laboratory
- 24,000** WIC clients served in one month
- 10,284** STI tests performed
- 8,148** Clients served by California Children's Services
- 3,396** Chest Clinic/TB patient visits
- 3,324** Oral health kits distributed
- 2,953** Disease reports investigated
- 2,600** Certifications & accreditations issued by EMS
- 2,283** HIV-positive clients served
- 2,053** Senior & Adults Services nursing consultations provided
- 739** Community Nursing program home visits
- 113** Epidemiology data projects