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Funding Public Health:

Protects
 Communities

Adds Critical Staff &
 Infrastructure

Provides a Return
 on Investment

Increases Health
 Equity

Enables Timely
 Disease
 Investigation

Improves
 Productivity
 & Efficiency

Sustains Essential
 Immunization
 Programs

Saves Billions of
 Dollars

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS' COLLABORATIVE EFFORT (PHACE)

Fund Public Health & Protect our Communities

- New Jersey's public health system needs the reinstatement of dedicated funding, and local health departments are requesting \$10,000,000 statewide.
- This will establish necessary infrastructure and capacities, for which there is **zero** State funding.
- There is a statutory obligation for the State to provide funding to local health, and health departments have been without this funding since 2010.
- **Restoration of public health funding would not replace current support or services, but would restore and expand vital essential services including, but not limited to:**
 - Infectious disease investigation, outbreak containment and emergency response
 - Control of chronic illnesses and enhancement of health promotion and education
 - Advance economics of communities through regional, place-based initiatives
 - Improve health by addressing social determinants of health and increasing equity

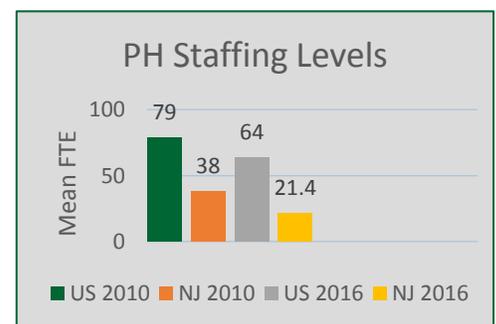
Public Health Funding: A Return on Investment

- **Funding public health is smart and fiscally responsible.**
- State funding to local health departments was \$6.2 million statewide in 1990, which would equate to \$11.2 million today.¹
- Public health offers exceptional return on investment:
 - Each 10% increase in local public health spending decreases deaths attributed to heart disease, diabetes and cancer²
 - An additional investment of just \$10 per person to increase physical activity, improve nutrition and reduce tobacco use could save the country over \$16 billion - a return on investment of \$5.60 for each \$1 spent.³ In New Jersey, this would amount to \$504 million in savings.
 - Up to \$34 is saved for every \$1 spent per person on substance abuse prevention⁴
 - Each dollar spent on childhood vaccination saves as much as \$44⁵
- Public health improves productivity:
 - For every dollar spent on workforce wellness programs, absenteeism costs are reduced by approximately \$2.73⁶

Reversing the Trend: A Declining Workforce & Lack of Support

- **When compared to national averages, New Jersey health departments are under-resourced, ranking 41st out of 50 states in public health expenditures.**
- New Jersey's local health departments have 55% less staff than the national average.
- In 2011, the first year after public health funding was eliminated:

- 53% of New Jersey's local health departments reported loss of staff
- 32% reported reduced staff time
- 71% reported cuts to at least one funded public health program
- 47% of New Jersey's local health departments cut *three or more* programs⁷



Public Health Funding Saves Lives and Money!

¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; ² Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; ³ Trust for America's Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; ⁴ Trust for America's Health; ⁵ Johns Hopkins University; ⁶ U.S. Surgeon General; ⁷ National Association of County & City Health Officials