

Department of Health

2022 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

Prevent and Control Communicable Disease

- Control the spread of over 80 reportable diseases
- Provide and promote child and adult immunizations.
- Diagnosis and treat TB and STDs
- Reduce HIV transmission through testing and pre and post-exposure prophylaxis.
- Inform the medical community of emerging public health issues and recommend appropriate responses

Core Programs & Functions

Protect the Environment

- Inspect and regulate public water systems, wastewater treatment facilities, fuel oil storage tanks, gas stations, chemical storage facilities and other potential sources of environmental contamination.
- Review and approve engineering plans for septic systems, water supply and sewage conveyance systems.
- Permit and inspect food service establishments, hotels and motels, day camps, public bathing beaches and swimming pools.
- Identify and mitigate environmental sources of lead, inspect high-risk housing and provide case management for children with EBLs

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Protect the Environment

- Inspect diagnostic radiological facilities, monitor ambient radiation levels and respond to reports of accidental exposure.
- Active surveillance of disease bearing mosquitoes.
- Notify the public about rabid animals and send specimens for testing.
- Ensure enforcement of codes and regulations through an administrative hearing process and collection of civil penalties.
- Investigate public health complaints.

Core Programs & Functions

Inform, Educate and Collaborate with the Community

- Provide population-focused health education and information via news media, special events, social media, website updates, public health alerts and 24-hr information lines.
- Partner with CBOs to help residents reduce their risk of chronic and communicable diseases.
- Deliver and promote lifestyle change programs to address hypertension, diabetes and heart disease.
- Provide nutrition education, breast feeding support, electronic benefits to purchase healthy foods and referrals to health and social services for low-income women, infants and children up to age five.
- Improve health insurance access for residents and small business owners.
- Continue as a NYS certified Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

Core Programs & Functions

Plan, Assess and Evaluate Services

- Analyze data to assess the health status of residents and to evaluate trends in existing and emerging public health threats.
- Prepare and coordinate responses to public health threats and emergencies.
- Manage the department's budgeting, financial/grant reporting, human resources and contracting functions.
- Obtain and administer grants, State aid and third party reimbursement to maximize available revenue sources and reduce tax levies.
- Support quality improvement, a Public Health Strategic Plan and workforce development.

Core Programs & Functions

Support Families and Children with Special Needs

- Provide programmatic and fiscal oversight for Early Intervention Program.
- Provide initial service coordination and conduct quality assurance for the Early Intervention Program.
- Provide fiscal oversight for contracted 4410 SED approved providers and enforce contracted 4410 and related service provider compliance with Medicaid claiming requirements.
- Ensure that transportation vendors provide safe and efficient transportation for children with special needs under five.

Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Operating Positions	196	202
Trust Positions	53	63
TOTAL POSITIONS	249	265
Personal Service	\$16,630,485	\$18,144,626
Equipment	\$128,500	\$202,500
Materials & Supplies	\$444,442	\$366,200
Contractual Expenses	\$139,156,002	\$147,131,038
Inter-Departmental Charges	\$5,774,133	\$6,381,991
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$162,133,562	\$172,226,355

Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Inter-Departmental Revenue	\$171,900	\$4,900
Departmental Revenue	\$8,826,800	\$10,489,500
State & Federal Aid	\$68,177,407	\$83,653,864
TOTAL REVENUE	\$77,176,107	\$94,148,265
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	\$84,957,455	\$78,078,091

COVID-19 Response

Funding

- Awarded a \$3.76 million, two-year grant by HHS Office of Minority Health to reduce health disparities, improve vaccination rates and increase health literacy among residents most at risk of COVID-19.
- Awarded a \$15 million ELC school reopening grant to support in-person instruction in K – 12 schools with resources to enable and expand school-based screening and testing.
- Awarded \$8 million for a Public Health Corps program to provide staffing through a fellowship program.

COVID-19 Response

Additional Responsibilities

- Conducted case investigation and contact tracing for COVID-19.
- Provided COVID-19 vaccinations through mass vaccination sites, pop-up community clinics, school vaccination clinics, and a homebound vaccination program.
- Continued to assist with SARS-CoV-2 testing in select cases/populations as needed, including schools and in communities.
- Provided nursing staff and operational guidance for mass vaccination site which operated between late January and late April 2021.
- WCDH staff participated in numerous press conferences and briefings, town hall public meetings, and media interviews to educate the public about COVID-19 and the safety and efficacy of the vaccines.

COVID-19 Response

Additional Responsibilities

- Coordinated weekly meetings with NYSDOH on the management of COVID-19 case clusters and implementation of NYS guidance.
- Expanded WCDH workforce to support COVID-19 activities.
- Coordinated redistribution of COVID vaccines to nursing homes, medical providers, and with NYSDOH Vaccine Hubs.
- Maintained and expanded a COVID-19 webpage and supported a COVID-19 Data Dashboard to inform residents.
- Provided guidance to school officials regarding implication of COVID-19 positive cases and contacts to school operations and disease containment.
- Continued to review extensive guidance from CDC, NYSDOH, NY Forward, and other trusted medical experts on testing, school reopening, children's camps and pools.

COVID-19 Response

Additional Responsibilities

- Continued to provide COVID-19 information and communicate with residents through our social media sites.
- Produced and disseminated education materials to promote COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- Developed Public Health Updates/Alerts on COVID-19 that were disseminated to the medical community.
- Provided daily data reports regarding census numbers at hospitals number of COVID-19 cases, and number of deaths by COVID-19 (daily/cumulative) and number of vaccinations administered.

COVID-19 Response

Impact on Department Services

Most services continued during COVID response. Some activities were suspended or reduced, but other areas continued at required levels.

- Ensured the continuity of WIC, Health Insurance Access Program/Navigator and EI services through telehealth.
- Continued operate but on a more limited basis TB, PreP and STD services, and routine immunizations.
- Continued to investigate and case manage priority reportable communicable diseases – including TB, meningitis, rabies exposures, suspected measles, mumps, HIV, and syphilis.
- Continue to inspect facilities and review engineering plans

New Initiatives & Highlights

- New 2020 funding to support the neighborhood health centers, telemedicine and a healthy moms/healthy babies initiatives
- Successfully Managed TB cases through telemedicine, including multi-drug resistant cases and contact investigations.
- Maintained the PrEP program and expanded to include PEP for non-occupational exposure.
- Collected 200 water samples from individual residential wells to test for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS).

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Provided nearly 1800 Narcan kits to residents and municipal PDs.
- Coordinated with the Commissioners of DCMH, DSS and Public Safety to secure approval for a pilot program to install Naloxboxes at select shelter facilities.
- Coordinated the purchase and installation of new outdoor fitness equipment at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers
- Collaborating with WCDoIT to purchase and install video monitors/digital message boards in waiting areas of WCDH offices.
- Working with the Office for Women and County Administration to develop a targeted educational campaign for women at high-risk of pre-eclampsia during pregnancy.
- Participated in a NYSDOH-Bureau of Early Intervention annual review to ensure compliance with federal indicators required by OSEP.