

ALASKA DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2016–2020



Our Mission

To protect and promote the health of Alaskans

Our Vision

Healthy Alaskans today and tomorrow

Our Values

- SERVICE:** Demonstrate commitment to public health through compassionate action and stewardship of time, resources, and talent
- HEALTH EQUITY:** Ensure all Alaskans have full and equal access to opportunities to lead healthy lives
- INTEGRITY:** Exemplify uncompromising ethical conduct and the highest standards of responsibility and accountability
- EXCELLENCE:** Use the best available knowledge, expertise, and data to inform public health policies and practice
- LEADERSHIP:** Provide public health vision, purpose, and strategies to improve the health of Alaskans
- DEDICATION:** Continuously and enthusiastically work to achieve the best health for Alaskans and their communities

Our Goals

STRATEGIES	<p>Serve as Alaska’s chief strategists for existing and emerging public health issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate to achieve health equity for Alaskans • Engage communities to set and implement public health strategies and policies • Foster a culture of health for individuals, families, and communities • Translate data into policies and actions affecting population health • Communicate and promote wellness and the value of public health • Support quality improvement initiatives
SERVICES	<p>Protect life, health, and safety through core public health functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor health status • Respond to outbreaks and disasters • Prevent or limit illness, injury, and premature death • Ensure health services for vulnerable populations
SCIENCE	<p>Serve as the trusted source of health information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect and analyze public health data • Share timely public health information important to stakeholders • Communicate effective health messages
SYSTEMS	<p>Strengthen essential public health infrastructure, services, and partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policies to improve the health of Alaskans • Support an adequate and competent health workforce • Leverage resources and collaborate with health partners • Integrate technology, informatics, and cross-sector partnerships into practice

Alaska’s Winnable Battles

- DECREASE TOBACCO USE AND NICOTINE DEPENDENCE**
 - Decrease use of smoking, chewing, and vaping tobacco products
- DECREASE COLORECTAL AND CERVICAL CANCER**
 - Increase colorectal screening among people aged 50 and over
 - Increase on-time human papillomavirus vaccinations
 - Increase appropriate cervical cancer screening
- INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE**
 - Increase proportion of Alaskans with an appropriate medical home
- IMPROVE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH**
 - Increase the proportion of children who are at a healthy weight
 - Reduce the proportion of children who die before their first birthday
 - Increase the percent of children with on-time immunizations
 - Reduce the rate of teen pregnancy
- DECREASE INFECTIOUS DISEASE**
 - Reduce the rate of sexually transmitted infections
 - Decrease the rate of hepatitis C infection among injection drug users
- PREVENT POISONING AND OVERDOSE**
 - Decrease opioid overdose
 - Decrease childhood poisonings