Our Goals

Serve as Alaska’s chief strategists for existing and emerging public health issues
• 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

Protect life, health, and safety through core public health functions
• Monitor health status
• Respond to outbreaks and disasters
• Prevent or limit illness, injury, and premature death
• Ensure health services for vulnerable populations

Serve as the trusted source of health information
• Collect and analyze public health data
• Share timely public health information important to stakeholders
• Communicate effective health messages

Strengthen essential public health infrastructure, services, and partnerships
• 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