

# Department of Health

2021 Executive Proposed Budget

# Core Programs & Functions

## ***Prevent and Control Communicable Disease***

- Investigate and control the spread of 74 reportable diseases
- Provide and promote child and adult immunizations
- Diagnosis and treat tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, and test for HIV and Hepatitis C infection

## ***Protect the Environment***

- Inspect/regulate public water system, wastewater treatment facilities, fuel oil storage tank and other potential sources of contamination
- Review and approve engineering plans for septic systems, water supply and sewage systems

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- Permit and inspect food service establishments, hotels, day camps, public bathing beaches and swimming pools
- Protect against rabies and lead poisoning

## ***Support Families and Children***

- Programmatic and fiscal oversight for Early Intervention Program (EIP)
- Initial service coordination and quality assurance
- Fiscal oversight 4410 (Pre-School Program)
- Ensure contracted vendors provide safe and efficient transport

# Core Programs & Functions

## ***Inform and Collaborate with the Community***

- Health education focused on chronic disease prevention
- Nutrition education and breastfeeding support
- Access to health insurance
- Operate an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

## ***Plan, Assess and Evaluate Services***

- Conduct community health assessments
- Prepare responses to public health threats/emergencies
- Manage grants and programs
- Support quality improvement, strategic planning and workforce development

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2020	2021
Operating Positions	196	196
Trust Positions	53	53
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>249</b>
Personal Service	17,241,799	16,595,485
Equipment	308,601	128,500
Materials & Supplies	327,509	431,200
Contractual Expenses	123,545,742	139,110,308
Inter-Departmental Charges	5,758,197	5,774,133
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>147,181,848</b>	<b>162,039,626</b>

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2020	2021
Inter-Departmental Revenue	170,900	171,900
Departmental Revenue	9,035,400	8,826,800
State & Federal Aid	72,387,097	68,177,407
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>81,593,397</b>	<b>77,176,107</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY</b>	<b>65,588,452</b>	<b>84,863,519</b>

# New Initiatives and Highlights

- Case managed and housed initial travelers from China
- Identified as a model county and received funding to hire staff
- Conducted initial home visits for diagnostic testing in collaboration with NYSDOH and collected specimens at various facilities with clusters (residential centers, assisted living facilities, group homes, shelters and schools) with assistance provided by environmental health.
- Participated in the NYSDOH Command Center in New Rochelle, including Fit testing staff and supporting the logistics section, assisted in the design of NYS's first drive-through testing operation in Glen Island.
- Supported a NYSDOH study to detect the presence of antibodies for potential blood donation for COVID patients

# New Initiatives and Highlights

- Implemented a comprehensive case investigation and contact tracing program, including a field monitoring team.
- Hired hourly and trained County staff and Medical Reserve Corp to support case investigation and case monitoring efforts.
- Conducted field visits and inspections at nursing homes, OPWDD, OMH and OCFS facilities, and assisted living facilities, ensured staff had appropriate fit testing to wear N-95 masks, assisted facilities to get fit testing.
- Assisted in staffing the County's Temporary Morgue.
- Provided cleaning guidance to municipal leaders, building sanitation, County buildings, schools and multiple other facilities.
- Developed a COVID-19 webpage to inform residents, provided extensive messaging through Facebook and Twitter pages and developed extensive educational materials.

# New Initiatives and Highlights

- Staffed EOC and a toll free hotline for support and questions related to COVID
- Provided guidance to school officials regarding implication of COVID positive cases and contacts to school operations and disease containment.
- Provided numerous education sessions on COVID to hospital staff, medical organizations, colleges, and the public.
- Commissioner of Health participated in numerous press conferences and briefings, lectured at colleges and American Academy of Pediatrics, and appeared on Pix 11, CNN and 60 Minutes featured segments on COVID.
- Responded to travel and non-compliance complaints received by NYSDOH and responded to all environmental COVID complaints.
- Reviewed extensive guidance from CDC, NYSDOH and NY Forward on testing, school reopening, children's camps and pools.
- Conducted specialized COVID informational meetings and webinars for Camps, Pools, Food service, school openings and country clubs

# New Initiatives and Highlights

- Developed Public Health Updates/Alerts on COVID-19 that were disseminated to Westchester's medical community on a regular basis since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Contracted and coordinated a COVID-19 Public Information Hotline with United Way 211 to address inquiries and link the public to needed resources
- Managed /redirected medical volunteers through ServNY to staffing agencies / local hospitals for immediate front-line jobs and deployed County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members to support call center and to notify positive COVID cases of the need to isolate and have contacts quarantine.
- Organized management of NYS-provided COVID test kits for distribution to local long term care (NH, ACF) facilities (with support from MRC and DES) and coordinated with OEM calls with long term care facilities affected by Governor's Executive Order (EO) requiring twice a week COVID testing of staff. Currently assisting schools in yellow/orange zones.

# New Initiatives and Highlights

- Ensured the continuity of EI services to be delivered through telehealth, in accordance with NYSDOH BEI guidance
- Participated in the school reopening calls for preparation of the reopen of 4410 special education programs/ home/community SEIT and Related Services
- Developed guidance for transportation vendors, in accordance with NYSDOH, CDC and SED school reopening guidance.
- WIC continued to provide services via telephone and in-person, as needed. Participation rate has increased from an average of 75% (Oct 2019- March 2020) to 87% in July 2020.
- Continued to provide TB medications and care, PreP services and administer medications to known STD cases. Immunization clinics were held in August.
- Providing Narcan trainings to the public using a virtual platform. A total of 998 Narcan kits were also provided to county and municipal police departments for opioid overdose response