Orange County Public Health

FY20-21 Budget: $184.3 M Total Positions (FTE): 668

Orange County is home to 3.1 million people and is the 6th most populous county in the nation. The county has a diverse demographic with no single, racial/ethnic making up a majority of the population, which is approximately 40% White, 34% Hispanic, 22% Asian, and 2% African-American. Almost half of the county’s population speaks a language other than English at home. Orange County’s cost of living is higher compared to other regions. A family with two adults and two school-age children needs a total family annual income of $76,488 to meet its basic needs. In 2020, 18% of households had an annual income of less than $35,000.

Clinical Services
Clinical Services promotes the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, adults and families through service delivery within specialized medical and dental clinics, and provides prevention, care and treatment services for STDs, HIV and tuberculosis (TB).

Communicable Disease Control
Communicable Disease Control monitors and investigates trends in communicable disease incidence to prevent their spread.

Community and Nursing Services
Community and Nursing Services provides community and in-home health assessments, health education, case management, health access support and leadership in the development of community resources and partnerships to promote optimal health across the life span.

Environmental Health Services
Environmental Health Services works to protect public health and our environment, and promotes the well-being of all Orange County residents, workers and visitors. Environmental Health is a regulatory agency that relies heavily on education and outreach to obtain compliance.

Health Promotion and Community Planning
Health Promotion and Community Planning engages individuals, organizations, and communities to develop services and programs that promote optimal health and prevent disease, disability and premature death.

Public Health Laboratory
Public Health Laboratory provides laboratory support services for all programs within the Health Care Agency that require clinical diagnostic and environmental laboratory services.

Key Community Health Indicators

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<td>% of adults reporting good, very good, or excellent health</td>
<td>86.3%</td>
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<td>Infant mortality rate</td>
<td>3.1 per 1,000</td>
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<td>% of adults who are obese</td>
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Public Health Services plays a key role in the work of the Orange County Health Improvement Partnership and Orange County’s Healthier Together initiative. The initiative aligns public and private resources to improve health for all communities in Orange County by conducting a community health assessment and implementing a community health improvement plan.
MISSION

In partnership with the community, protect and promote the health and safety of individuals and families in Orange County through:

- Assessment and planning
- Prevention and education
- Treatment and care

The Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) is a regional service provider charged with protecting and promoting individual, family and community health in Orange County, California through the coordination of public and private sector resources. We navigate a complex system of operations comprised of 180 different funding sources and more than 200 state and federal mandates that impact the way we provide and regulate a variety of programs and services to keep people well.

SERVICE AREAS

Administrative Services

Provides outstanding accounting, contracting, finance, human resources, information technology, management services and purchasing services support that enables HCA staff to provide the best possible service to our community through efficient and effective operations.

Behavioral Health Services

Provides a culturally-competent and client-centered continuum of behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorder) care, which includes crisis, prevention, early intervention, outpatient, residential and inpatient services for all eligible county residents.

Correctional Health Services

Provides comprehensive medical and mental health care to all adult inmates within the five County of Orange correctional facilities, as well as to the children and youth residing within its six residential facilities operated by staff from the Probation Department and Social Service Agency.

Public Health Services

Monitors and investigates the occurrence of disease, injury and related factors in the community and in collaboration with community partners develops and implements preventive strategies to maintain and improve the health of the public.

Regulatory/Medical Health Services

Coordinates and oversees emergency medical services and prehospital care, employee health for all County of Orange employees, health disaster preparedness and management, environmental health issues involving food safety, water quality and harmful conditions in our community, and medical safety net that provides urgent, emergent medical services to eligible low-income adults.

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