

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET OVERVIEW

Robert R. Neall, Secretary

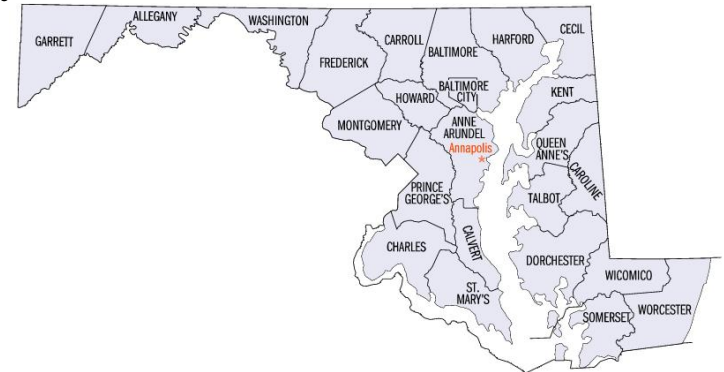
Frances B. Phillips, Deputy Secretary

2019

Public Health Services

Administrations:

- Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation
- Laboratories Administration
- Office of Population Health Improvement
- Office of Preparedness and Response
- Vital Statistics Administration
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Office of Health Care Quality
- Prevention and Health Promotion Administration
- Anatomy Board
- 24 Local Health Departments — Baltimore City and Maryland's 23 counties



Achievements

Realignment of Opioid-Related Programs

- A realignment between Public Health Services and the Behavioral Health Administration of certain programs consolidates and strengthens MDH's overall response to the opioid crisis
- Merges community-based prevention, harm reduction, data and tobacco enforcement efforts across the Department

Achievements

Certification of Community Health Workers (CHW)

- Convened CHW Advisory Committee
- Full implementation of CHW mandate to approve CHW training programs and certifying CHWs on track for 2019

Rural Health

- New Rural Health Collaborative launched in the 5 Mid-Shore Counties
- Transportation pilot in Garrett County begun in 2018
- 8 loan repayment approvals and 20 J-1 visa waiver slots were awarded to rural practitioners

Achievements

National Recognition for Public Health Preparedness

- Maryland named one of seventeen states most prepared for public health emergencies by the Trust for America's Health

Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation

- Implemented PDMP registration requirement for new and renewal CDS registrants and PDMP use mandate

Overview

- 14,798** CDS registrations issued in FY18
- 2,719** CDS Online Renewal Payment System for CDS registrations from*
- 1,492** Inspections of Health Care Practitioners completed in FY18
- 43,345** PDMP-registered prescribers and pharmacists
- 2.4mil** PDMP queries performed by clinical users in CY18
- 1,880** PDMP data reports provided to investigators



\$2M budget**



26 employees***

Major Responsibilities

Office of Controlled Substances

Administration (OCSA)

Issues CDS registrations to practitioners, researchers, and establishments that administer, prescribe, dispense, distribute, manufacture, conduct research, compound, label, and conduct chemical analysis of CDS

Enforces the CDS Act through inspections and ensures the availability of drugs for legitimate medical and scientific purposes

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Collects information on Schedule II - V CDS prescriptions dispensed in and into Maryland, and discloses these data and data products for clinical, investigative, and public health purposes. CRISP serves as major IT partner

Analyzes PDMP data for specific indicators of concern and notifies prescribers for educational purposes. Engages in educational outreach



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6 *Online Payment System went live December 2017
**FY20 allowance: \$1.5M GF +.5M RF
***16 PINs, 10 Contractual, 3 Pinned Vacancies

Accomplishments

- 70-75% of applicants use online system to apply and pay for CDS certificates which are issued within three business days to approved applicants
- "Pill Mill" Tip Line (888-829-1115) established
- Suspicious Ordering Reporting by distributors implemented
- Prescriber and dispenser continuing education requirement implemented
- Doubled clinical user query volume in PDMP user interface within calendar year 2018
- 87% prescribers and pharmacists registered with PDMP
- More than 14% decline in opioid prescriptions dispensed (CY17 - 18)

Overview

9.4 Million public health tests conducted in FY18

75,267 Maryland newborns tested for over 55 treatable hereditary and developmental disorders

4,275 Infants of military personnel and dependents served by providing newborn screening at 13 Military Medical Facilities in five countries



\$47M budget*



219 employees**

*FY20 allowance, \$35M GF, \$7.5M SF, \$4.5M FF

**208 PINs, 11 contractual

Major Responsibilities

Disease surveillance, reference, and specialized testing

Testing services for infectious disease outbreak investigations and environmental hazards

Laboratory quality assurance

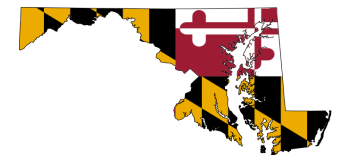
Environmental health and protection programs

Food safety assurance through surveillance and testing

Emergency and terrorism preparedness and response activities

Emergency testing services for emerging infectious disease threats (Ebola, Dengue, Chikungunya, Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus, Zika virus)

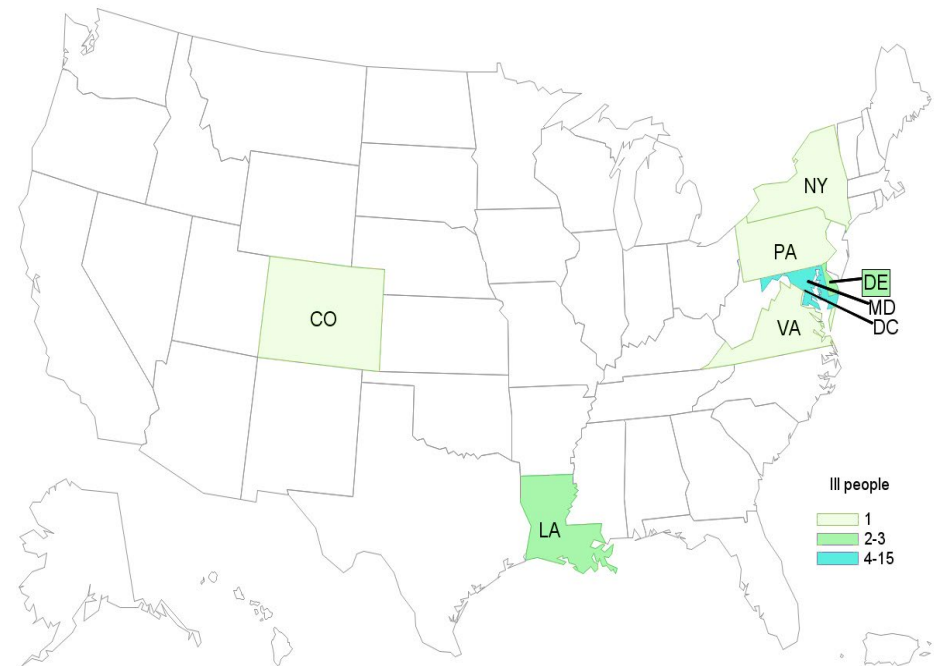
Public health laboratory applied research to transfer technology and improve the practice of public health laboratory science



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Protecting the Food Supply: Vibrio Contaminated Venezuelan Crab Meat Outbreak

- MDH Laboratories Administration was instrumental in the investigation of a multistate outbreak associated with the consumption of imported crab meat
- Early detection halted progression of a potentially widespread outbreak which sickened 26 people



Overview

Coordinates the integration of Maryland's high-performing public health system with value-based health care to improve Maryland's population health and reduce Maryland's health care spending

Core funding for

24 Local Health Departments and the Baltimore City Health Department

 **\$57.3M** budget*

 **7** employees**

*FY20 allowance, \$56.2M GF, \$1.1M FF

**7 PIN allowance,

Major Responsibilities

Primary Care Initiatives: Federally Qualified Health Center, Population Health Quality Measurement, Community Health Workers

Workforce Development for Healthcare

Professionals: Maryland and State Loan Assistance Repayment Program, J-1 Visa Waiver, Preceptor Tax Credit, National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

Rural Health Improvement: Maryland's Rural Health Plan

State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP): MDH Dashboard for 39 health measures by jurisdiction; Local Health Improvement Coalitions

Accomplishments

School Health

- Collaborated with Garrett County Public Schools and the University of Maryland on the Healthy School Dashboard project to correlate student health and academic outcomes

Rural Health

- Collaborated with the Rural Maryland Council to grant over \$1,000,000 to rural healthcare programs in 14 rural counties
- Collaborated with the Maryland Rural Health Association to develop a local planning document based on the 2018 Maryland Rural Health Plan

Health Professions Workforce Programs

- FY 18 OPHI awarded State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) and Maryland Loan Repayment Program (MLRP): Awarded 30 recipients awarded \$175,000 Federal and \$445,000 in State funds

Overview

OPR provides situational awareness to partners, manages a surveillance system, conducts surge planning, and coordinates with other state and Federal agencies for communications, response capabilities, and planning for emergencies

Mostly federally funded by the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreement

 **\$16.1M** budget*

 **27** Employees**

*FY20 allowance, \$15.7M FF, \$366K GF;

Opioid Crisis Response, 5.1M (awarded 09/2018)

**26 PINs, .8 contractual

Major Responsibilities

Lead agency for Maryland's health sector emergency response. Responsible for the overall public health emergency preparedness for the State

Plans, Trains and Exercises for:

- Heat and Cold Emergencies
- Seasonal and Pandemic Influenza Epidemics
- Emerging Infectious Disease Emergencies, including Zika and Ebola
- Health Radiation Emergencies
- Strategic National Stockpile Distribution
- Risk Communication during Public Health Emergencies

Accomplishments

- Developed and implemented CDS Prescriber Closure Response Protocol
- Expanded ESSENCE to include Urgent Care Centers
- Coordinated with state and local agencies for response/recovery to Ellicott City floods
- Provided medical staffing to shelter for evacuees from Hurricane Michael
- Expanded Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps by 288 new members
- Continued support for state and regional Infectious Diseases Response System

Overview

175,000 registered births, deaths, marriages, and divorces in Maryland in 2017

607,000 copies of vital records issued in FY18

388,000 copies issued by Division of Vital Records

219,000 copies issued by Local Health Departments

 **\$5.2M** budget*

 **74** employees**

*FY20 allowance, \$3.7M GF, \$928K FF, \$409K SF, \$207K RF

**56.5 PINs, 17 contractual

Major Responsibilities

Registration of all births, deaths, and fetal deaths occurring in Maryland

Issuance of certified copies of vital records (birth, death, fetal death, and marriage certificates; divorce verifications)

Analysis and dissemination of vital statistics data for state, local, and national public health and administrative purposes

Coordination of drug intoxication mortality data activities for the Department

Coordination of development of a new integrated electronic vital records registration system

Accomplishments

- Trained and secured agreements with 19 medical facilities, hospices, and physician practices in the use of the Maryland electronic death registration system
- Increased fully electronic submission of death records from 37% in 2017 to 54% in 2018, resulting in faster issuance of death certificates
- Worked collaboratively with other Departmental and State agencies to improve the dissemination of vital statistics and drug-related data

Overview

15,716

case investigations
conducted in 2018.

42.6%

increase over 2014 totals

5,676

autopsies conducted in
2018.

37.9%

increase over 2014 totals

Major Responsibilities

Statutory obligation to investigate deaths that are caused by injury, homicide, suicide, in suspicious circumstances, and when a person is not attended by a physician



\$15.3

Million*



91.3

Employees**

*FY20 allowance, \$14.9 M GF, \$100K FF, \$300K RF

** 85.5 PIN, 5.8 contractual



**The Maryland Department of Health’s Responses to the DLS FY 2020
Public Health Administration Budget Analysis
February 15, 2019 (Senate) and February 18, 2019 (House)**

Policy Questions

None.

Budget Questions

The Department of Legislative Services recommends committee narrative requesting that OCME provide information on the accreditation status of the office following the accreditation review as well as an update on the status of filling vacant positions and use of per diem pathologists. The information should include competitive salary data relative to current OCME salary levels. (pgs. 19, 20)

The Department concurs with the recommendation.

**OLA Report on Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Status Report as of February 15, 2019**

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner’s (OCME) recent OLA audit yielded three findings.

For Finding 3: OCME is awaiting independent verification by the Maryland Department of Health’s Office of the Inspector General to confirm that the following measures implemented were sufficient to address OLA’s concerns. OCME now does quarterly reviews to ensure employee access to the IT system are appropriate for their job duties and other administrative changes were made to ensure that financial transactions are reviewed.

Findings one and two are still undergoing corrective action:

- Finding 1: OCME has enhanced internal procedures to align with state procurement regulations and worked with the Department’s Office of Procurement and Support Services (OPASS) for guidance and support related to statewide purchase orders.
- Finding 2: OCME has enhanced internal procedures to improve the transportation payment system and is conducting monthly audits to prevent overpayment. Retrospective collections of overpaid accounts have been secured from all except three vendors who are no longer in business. Certified letters have been sent to these vendors seeking payment.