

Washington State Department of Health Budget Fact Sheet

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The Department of Health protects and improves the health of citizens in many ways, including:

- Tracking and monitoring diseases such as West Nile virus and swine flu.
- Encouraging healthy behavior through nutrition and physical activity, cancer screening, and tobacco use prevention and control.
- Watching for and informing people about health hazards in the environment.
- Licensing and overseeing thousands of medical professionals and health care facilities.

2007-09 Operating Budget	\$ 1.034 billion
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$ 1.089 billion
2009-11 Operating Budget	\$ 991.7 million

Reductions and actions we are taking:

- Reducing public awareness activities on tobacco use prevention and control, and cutting local community and school funding for this issue.
- Eliminating state funding for the Universal Vaccine Program, which provides recommended vaccines for all children through age 18.
- Reducing travel, purchases and contracting, and eliminating programs and positions.

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- We are committed to maintaining core public health capabilities and services. Every day we help the people of our state stay safe and healthy by tracking and monitoring diseases, providing public health laboratory services, assuring patient safety, informing the public, and making sure water is safe to drink and food is safe to eat.

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