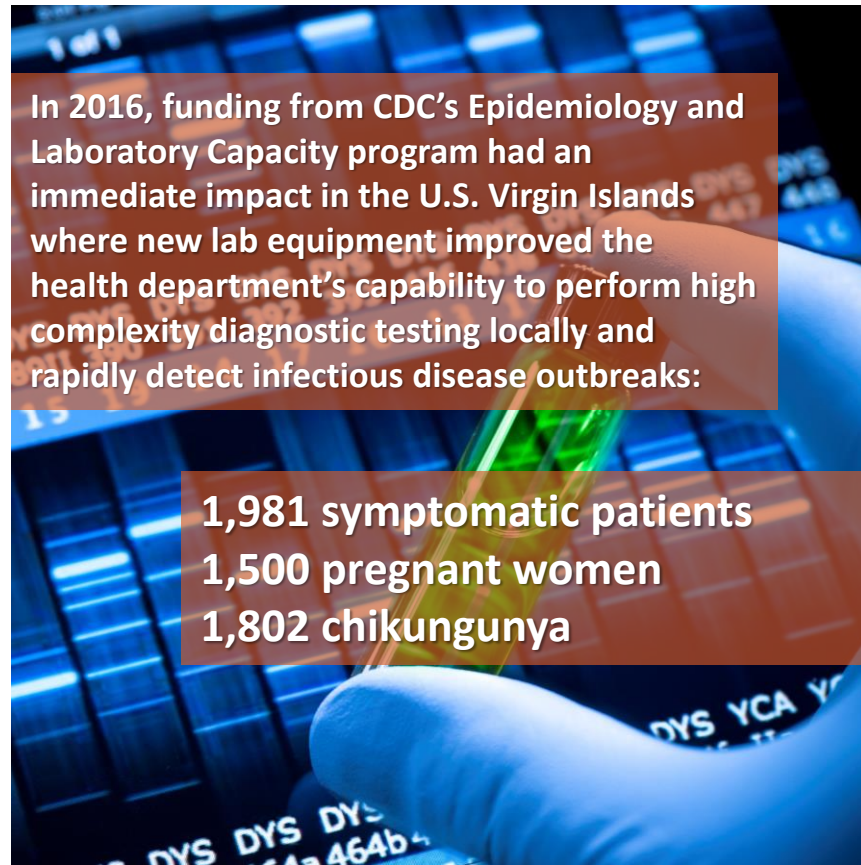


Mission: To reduce health risks, increase access to quality healthcare and enforce health standards.

ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH

Health agencies are working across the country to actively protect the public's health, prevent avoidable diseases and conditions, and promote healthy communities.



In 2016, funding from CDC's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity program had an immediate impact in the U.S. Virgin Islands where new lab equipment improved the health department's capability to perform high complexity diagnostic testing locally and rapidly detect infectious disease outbreaks:

1,981 symptomatic patients
1,500 pregnant women
1,802 chikungunya

Source: USVI Department of Health

SAMHSA STATE TARGETED RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS GRANTS

Year 1 (2017) \$250,000
Year 2 (2018) \$250,000

The program aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment and reducing opioid overdose related deaths by:

- the provision of prevention activities,
- treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder.

These grants are awarded to states and territories via formula based on unmet need for opioid use disorder treatment and drug poisoning deaths.

These programs are often administered by agencies other than the state or territorial health agency but often involve collaboration and partnerships across state and territorial governmental agencies.

TOP 5 HEALTH AGENCY PRIORITIES

- 1 Staff recruitment for current vacancies
- 2 Staff training and development
- 3 Agency reorganization and stabilization
- 4 Implementing activities to address health equity
- 5 Zika response

Source: ASTHO 2017 Profile

