Congress Must Act to Increase Funding for CDC 22% by 2022

22 by 22 is a campaign urging Congress to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 22 percent by fiscal year 2022 (FY22). The CDC’s Bold Promise to the Nation highlights the importance of the agency in protecting and promoting health. By increasing investments in five core capabilities (data, laboratories, workforce, domestic and global preparedness) CDC and its state and local public health partners will be better equipped to saves lives every day by promoting optimal health for all, protecting against disease, and helping to prevent other crises. With the many health threats and challenges our nation faces today, now is the time to adequately fund CDC.

Increasing CDC's budget is critical to build healthier, more resilient communities and is the only way to ensure our nation's health is protected from communicable and non-communicable disease threats.

Why 22 by 22?

While American life expectancy increased for the first time in four years, more work must be done to further prevent heart disease, stroke, diabetes, suicides, and drug overdoses. CDC funds state and local public health efforts to prevent these diseases—and more, not less, is needed.

Federal investment in public health has not kept pace with inflation nor the considerable challenges posed by infectious disease outbreaks, extreme weather events, and other emergencies, such as the Flint water crisis. According to a 2017 report by the Trust for America’s Health, of the $3.5 trillion spent annually on health care, only three percent of all health spending is directed to public health, which includes federal, state, and local resources. That equates to an average of $280 per person. By contrast, total health care spending is $10,739 per person.

Reductions in the public health workforce strain the ability of state and local public health departments to protect and promote population health. From 2012-2016, the estimated number of full-time health agency employees decreased by three percent. By 2020, the percentage of health agency employees who are eligible for retirement will reach 25 percent.
The public health community requests that Congress provide $8.3 billion in FY21—an increase of $326 million in discretionary funding from FY20—to build on the momentum of FY20 to provide predictable, sustained, and increased funding pattern needed to address several public health priorities.

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A $826 million total funding increase over two years will allow CDC to better implement effective programs to address, federal, state, and local public health priorities, such as:

**PREVENTING DRUG OVERDOSES**
More than 192 Americans die every day from opioid-related drug overdoses. Increased investment in prevention is needed to curb this dangerous trend.

**SAVING LIVES AND CURBING COSTS THROUGH CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION**
Chronic diseases are the leading causes of death and disability. Preventable illnesses and injuries from smoking, lack of physical activity, inadequate nutrition, and harmful environmental exposures are literally killing Americans every day.

**ENHANCING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY**
From 2015-2019, the cost for weather-related disasters exceeded $525 billion. Public health, in coordination with emergency preparedness, plays a critical role in disaster prevention, response, and recovery—and more is needed.

**PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION**
Public health data systems are antiquated, in dire need of upgrades, and rely on obsolete surveillance methods. As public health threats continue to evolve, so must the public health’s surveillance system.

**COMBATING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**
Communicable disease control is a core function of the CDC and other governmental public health entities. The United States is experiencing daily infectious disease outbreaks and sexually transmitted diseases are rising at alarming rates. In 2018, reported cases of gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia increased for the fifth consecutive year. These diseases, in addition to emerging infectious outbreaks, such as Zika, Ebola, and MERS, drain resources and challenge an already fragile public health infrastructure.

**PREVENTING AND REMEDIATING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS**
Complex emergencies associated with drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene trigger immediate responses due to the potential for community-wide harm and significant economic loss. Public health plays a role in preventing and responding to these crises.

**ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC**
To reduce new HIV infections in five years by 75 percent increased investments are needed for communities to diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond quickly to new HIV outbreaks.

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The 22x22 campaign is endorsed by over 100 organizations:

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- AcademyHealth
- Adult Congenital Heart Association
- Advocates for Better Children's Diets
- AIDS United
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Association for Dental Research
- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
- American Association of Poison Control Centers
- American College of Cardiology
- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association
- American Public Health Association
- American School Health Association
- American Society for Microbiology
- American Society of Hematology
- Arthritis Foundation
- Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
- Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
- Association of Immunization Managers
- Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
- Association of Public Health Laboratories
- Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
- Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
- Autism Society of America
- Big Cities Health Coalition
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- Central Michigan District Health Department
- Children's Hospital Colorado
- ClearWay Minnesota
- Coalition for Health Funding
- Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials
- Common Threads
- Cooley's Anemia Foundation
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
- Counter Tools
- Epilepsy Foundation
- Florida Institute for Health Innovation
- GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare
- Global Health Technologies Coalition
- Health Resources in Action
- Healthy Schools Network
- Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
- Immunize Nevada
- Impetus - Let's Get Started LLC
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- Intermountain Public Health Consulting, LLC
- Jeffrey Modell Foundation
- Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
- Kymn Ballard Consulting
- LIVESTRONG
- Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition
- March of Dimes
- Maryland Public Health Association
- Michigan Association for Local Public Health
- NACDD
- NAPHSIS
- NASADAD
- NASTAD
- National Association for Health and Fitness
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- National Association of Epilepsy Centers
- National Association of School Nurses
- National Coalition of STD Directors
- National Hemophilia Foundation
- National Network of Public Health Institutes
- National Recreation and Parks Association
- National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
- North American Association of Central Cancer Registries
- Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
- Pitkin County Public Health
- Prevent Blindness
- Prevent Cancer Foundation
- Prevention Institute
- Public Health Institute
- Rare Kids Network, Inc.
- Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness
- Research!America
- Respiratory Health Association
- RMC Health
- Sage Transformations
- SAS
- School-Based Health Alliance
- Signature Pediatrics
- Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
- Society for Public Health Education
- Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education
- Stewards of Change
- The AIDS Institute
- The Ayuda Foundation/Island Girl Power GUAM
- The Immunization Partnership
- The Institute for Family Health/Bronx Health REACH
- The National REACH Coalition
- The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
- Tobacco Control Network
- Triage Cancer
- Trust for America's Health
- West Virginia Breastfeeding Alliance
- WomenHeart
- YMCA of the USA

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