## Dear Colleagues:



CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support is pleased to continue to provide support for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Profile of State and Territorial Public Health.

The information ASTHO collected and compiled for this Profile is extremely valuable, providing the nation's most comprehensive data on state and territorial public health services, structure, governance, workforce, financial resources, and quality improvement activities. We are especially pleased that this newest version is presented in a user-friendly data visualization format that displays both aggregate longitudinal data and data for individual jurisdictions.

Policymakers, public health practitioners, researchers, and others will be able to use the data visualization format to access essential information about the work public health agencies conduct and the resources they use. This improved access will likely engage additional stakeholders to further expand the reach of state and territorial health agencies.

The Profile data collection—and the significant work underlying it—would not be possible without the tireless efforts of public health agency staff. We applaud their commitment to promoting and protecting the public's health.

Sincerely,

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