

HEALTH - 4010

MISSION

The mission of the Department of Health (DOH) is to prevent disease, epidemics and injuries, to protect against hazards that affect health and safety and to promote the healthy development of children and the wellness of all Albany County residents.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

DOH enforces New York State Public Health Law and Rules and Regulations, as well as the Albany County Sanitary Code. The Department also administers the following programs and services:

- **Disease Prevention and Health Promotion** strives to prevent chronic diseases, injuries and disabilities by providing health education and promoting risk reduction activities. The division is also responsible for the County public health preparedness and emergency response plans developed and implemented in conjunction with state and local entities.
- **Public Health Nursing** promotes the healthy development and wellness of children through its maternal and child health programs, community outreach services and immunization program. Health services provided to adults include dental health services, communicable disease control clinics and adult wellness programs.
- **Environmental Health Services** plays a critical role in protecting public health and safety in a broad range of areas including food borne contaminants and environmental hazards.

OUTCOMES

- Albany County residents will be protected against communicable, chronic and disabling conditions and injuries through continual assessment that quickly identifies and addresses disease trends, community health needs and gaps in services.
- Residents of Albany County will live in an environment with clean air, soil and water and a safe food supply.
- Albany County will be prepared to address emergencies caused by infectious disease outbreaks, bioterrorism and other public health threats through the exercise of the Emergency Operations Plan for Public Health Preparedness and Response and in collaboration with numerous public health and safety partners.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The 2010 Executive Budget reduces the Health Department staff by a net of six positions. Four individuals participated in the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI), and four additional vacant positions were eliminated. Two new positions were added to the budget specifically to assist with the planning and implementation efforts to address the H1N1 influenza pandemic. The Department will receive additional funding to support Homeland Security and H1N1 pandemic initiatives.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES 2010

- DOH will adequately prepare for and manage the County's response to the novel H1N1 and seasonal influenzas through disease surveillance, vaccine dissemination and public education. Through close collaboration with the state and federal governments, the medical community and other agencies involved in emergency preparedness, DOH will help orchestrate an organized, multi-systems approach to mitigating the impact of the H1N1 and seasonal influenzas.
- Efforts to eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases among children and adults will continue by assuring that all children have access to vaccines and providers and the public have up-to-date vaccine information.
- DOH will implement the new "Building a Healthy Nation-Strategic Alliance for Health" grant to create healthier communities through sustainable, innovative, evidence- and practice-based community health promotion and chronic disease prevention programs that promote policy, systems and environmental changes.
- The Department will execute the Health Neighborhoods Program to increase efforts to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in children.
- DOH will uphold NYS Public Health Law by directly contacting individuals diagnosed with HIV to offer and provide partner notification services while retaining grant funding essential to the Department's core mission.

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Account	Description	2008 Expended	2009 Adjusted	2010 Proposed	2009-10 Change	2009-10 Percent Change
Health -(4010)						
Personal Services		\$4,648,494	\$4,990,181	\$4,990,492	\$311	0.0%
Equipment		\$6,617	\$13,588	\$6,400	(\$7,188)	-52.9%
Contractual Expenses		\$2,584,986	\$3,507,743	\$3,383,653	(\$124,090)	-3.5%
Fringe Benefits		\$1,545,363	\$1,662,933	\$1,978,048	\$315,115	18.9%
Health Total		\$8,785,460	\$10,174,445	\$10,358,593	\$184,148	1.8%
Control of Animals -(3510)						
Contractual Expenses		\$0	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	100%
Control of Animals -(3510)		\$0	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	100%
Control of Animals Total		\$0	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	100%
Total Appropriations		\$8,785,460	\$10,179,945	\$10,364,093	\$189,648	1.9%

Revenue

Health -(4010)		(\$5,743,137)	(\$6,436,290)	(\$6,454,753)	(\$18,463)	0.3%
Total Revenue		(\$5,743,137)	(\$6,436,290)	(\$6,454,753)	(\$18,463)	0.3%
County Share		\$3,042,322	\$3,743,659	\$3,909,340	\$171,185	4.6%