



## PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE BACKBONE OF A STRONG AND HEALTHY MICHIGAN

Local health departments work at the county, city, and district level to ensure the safety of the food we eat, the air we breathe, and the water we drink. They prevent chronic diseases and respond to a wide range of health security threats. An equipped public health system strengthens its community by keeping people healthy, safe, and informed. By investing in public health, we create healthier environments and build a stronger foundation for long-term well-being and quality of life.



### ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PROTECT MICHIGANDERS YET GO UNDERFUNDED



Essential local public health services (ELPHS) funding fuels programs that monitor drinking and surface water, tackle food safety, prevent and track disease, and identify hearing and vision concerns in children. **MALPH advocates for an inflation-adjusted maintenance in ELPHS funding, to \$81.5 million.**

### CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES HELPS FAMILIES GET THE CARE THEY NEED



Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) is a program that provides medical coordination, care, and equipment to children with certain high-need conditions and their families, limiting the need for emergency services. **Increasing the base funding for CSHCS to \$14 million will improve access to services and lead to better care.**

### IMPORTANT LEAD SCREENING AND PREVENTION MANDATE REQUIRES FUNDING TO MEET ITS GOAL



Universal lead screening is a necessary new program to protect children and families from lead poisoning, but with no attached funding, local health departments and labs are left with the increased burden from additional testing and needed capacity. **To honor legislative intent and protect children, MALPH asks for \$10 million to fully implement universal lead screening.**



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### RETAIL LICENSING IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO REDUCE YOUTH USE OF TOBACCO

Tobacco remains a leading cause of death in Michigan; retail licensing of tobacco products sets clear expectations for shops and, in other states, has led to lower rates of illegal sales to minors. **MALPH supports retail licensure for tobacco products and penalties for sale to minors, as in SBs 462, 463, 465, and 466.**



### UPDATING THE FOOD LAW WILL SUPPORT MICHIGAN'S FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM

The FDA Food Code provides science-based regulatory guidance for retail food stores, restaurants, and other food service establishments. While the FDA has released updated versions of its Code through 2022, Michigan's regulatory framework dates back to the 2009 Food Code. **MALPH supports legislation that will align the state with modern FDA standards, incorporate the latest food safety science, improve regulatory consistency, and better support today's food industry practices.**