



The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers in California's 61 city and county health jurisdictions, requests that the legislature's budget include vital statewide technology systems.

The governor's proposal neglects to fund critical systems that are necessary to track disease, follow up with patients and contacts, and ensure adequate public health response.

- Funds are needed to ensure that local health departments can continue to access the **California Confidential Network for Contact Tracing** (CalCONNECT). According to CDPH, CalCONNECT provides cities and counties "with modern capabilities to triage and process records, implement streamlined workflows, and communicate with individuals in a more culturally competent way, CalCONNECT enables timely and efficient disease investigation, contact tracing, outbreak investigation, symptom monitoring, and other public health outreach." CalCONNECT has been critical in our measles response in 2025 and 2026, and yet the governor has not included this item in his budget.
 - Cost to maintain funding: \$26 million
- The **California Immunization Registry** (CAIR) is in need of updates. This statewide registry was tested to its limits in 2021 and 2022, and the state has a plan for updating the system – but it is not currently being funded.
 - Cost to maintain funding: \$22 million
- Funding is needed to replace the state's current disease reporting system, **California Reportable Disease Information Exchange** (CalREDIE). This system is how local health departments and the state find out about cases of disease in California, a critical first step in public health response. CalREDIE is decades old and needs to be replaced. This potential replacement is referred to as the Future Disease Surveillance System (FDSS), and is not currently funded in the governor's budget.
 - Cost to maintain funding: \$10.6 million
- The **California Vaccine Management System** (myCAvax) is also unfunded in the governor's budget. This is the state's direct access software platform for vaccine ordering and management. Using myCAvax saves local health departments hundreds of hours of staff time each year, allowing providers to order flu vaccine and other immunizations directly. If myCAvax isn't funded, local health departments and medical providers will return to paper, email, and Excel spreadsheets to manage these logistics.
 - Cost to maintain funding: \$39 million

Our communities deserve to be protected by robust, up-to-date public health programs. HOAC urges the legislature to allocate these funds to protect our critical digital infrastructure. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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