

# **Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC)**

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# Mission

To optimize the health and well-being of  
the people in California  
*through the prevention and control of  
communicable disease*

# Programs

- Branches
  - Immunization Branch
  - Sexually Transmitted Diseases Branch
  - Tuberculosis Control Branch
  - Communicable Disease Emergency Response Branch
  - Infectious Diseases Branch
- Laboratories
  - Microbial Diseases Laboratory
  - Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory
- Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program
- California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CaREDIE)

# What Does DCDC Do?

- Assessment
  - Monitor statewide disease trends
  - Identify outbreaks and emerging or unusual diseases
  - Monitor the delivery of preventive services
  - Evaluate disease control activities
- Policy development
  - Develop disease control plans, strategies and guidelines
  - Develop and implement regulations
- Assurance
  - Provide support, consultation and resources to local health departments
  - Directly respond to communicable disease events
  - Provide reference laboratory testing
  - Educate and inform the public

# Some Recent Examples

- Influenza pandemic
- Pertussis epidemic
- Measles importations
- School entry immunization requirements
- Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis
- Drug resistant gonorrhoea
- Salmonella outbreak associated with eggs
- CalREDIE