PROTECTING AND PROMOTING HEALTH IN THE STATES

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BREADTH AND DEPTH: STATE HEALTH AGENCY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**PROMOTING POPULATION HEALTH**

State health agencies promote the health of all populations within their jurisdictions. The three maternal and child health services performed by the most state health agencies are:

- **59%** Children with special healthcare needs
- **56%** WIC
- **44%** Home visits

The treatments for diseases and conditions provided by the most state health agencies are for tuberculosis (54%), sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV/AIDS (50%), and HIV/AIDS (50%).

The screenings for diseases and conditions performed by the most state health agencies are for sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV/AIDS (65%), HIV/AIDS (65%), and newborn screenings (67%).

**COLLECTING AND SHARING INFORMATION**

State public health labs stand ready to perform a wide variety of tests. The three lab services performed by the most state health agencies directly are:

- **96%** Bioterror agent testing
- **94%** Foodborne illness testing
- **94%** Flu typing

The data collection, epidemiology, and surveillance activities performed by the most state health agencies are reportable diseases (100%), communicable/infectious diseases (98%), foodborne illness (98%), and vital statistics (98%).

Many state health agencies also engage in research activities, such as collecting, exchanging, or reporting data for a study (90%), disseminating research findings to key stakeholders (90%), and analyzing and interpreting study findings (88%).

**ENSURING ACCESS FOR ALL**

State health agencies perform a number of activities to promote access to healthcare services directly. The three types of initiatives that the most state health agencies perform are:

- **94%** Health disparities and/or minority health initiatives
- **72%** Rural health
- **47%** Emergency medical services

State health agency activities, coupled with their research initiatives, make state health agencies valuable cross-sector partners.