

# Influenza Investments by State

**2019****California****\$3,920,133****Total Funding Amount****Benefits of U.S. influenza vaccination 2017–2018****6.2 MILLION**  
illnesses  
prevented**91,000**  
hospitalizations  
prevented**5,700**  
deaths  
prevented

CDC helps to protect the nation from seasonal and pandemic influenza. Influenza investments improve vaccine impact, enhance detection and response, and assess risk and pandemic readiness throughout the United States. Investments in **California** support national efforts to improve influenza prevention through vaccination and collect data that helps decide the makeup of the next season's flu vaccine. CDC's support for **California** contributes to the U.S. system to identify and respond to seasonal and pandemic influenza threats and the development of newer, better flu vaccines.

**Improving Vaccine Impact**

CDC helps **California** contribute to the science and data collection required to improve flu vaccines and encourage more people to get vaccinated. CDC supports networks that evaluate influenza vaccine effectiveness, promotes state-led efforts to increase seasonal flu vaccination, and studies how our immune systems respond to vaccines.

**\$2,051,677**

- Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET)—California is one of 13 states that is part of the FluSurv-NET collaboration. These population-based data help monitor trends in influenza hospitalization by age group, the severity of the influenza season, and inform models to estimate influenza burden and vaccine impact.

**Improving Influenza Detection and Response**

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding helps **California** detect influenza by supporting the critical state and local public health workforce and infrastructure. States study seasonal influenza viruses and identify important changes. This information impacts CDC's flu vaccine recommendations, treatments, and clinical guidance. Through the International Reagent Resource (IRR) CDC also provides the tools and information needed to conduct research and detect influenza.

**\$1,740,441****Improving Risk Assessment and Pandemic Readiness**

CDC prepares for the next influenza pandemic through maintaining labs that can detect new influenza threats at any time, in any state. CDC studies how and when flu spreads between people, and improve pandemic influenza vaccines and other medical countermeasures. CDC partners with states to prevent influenza transmission between people and animals in rural communities and better respond to novel flu outbreaks.

**\$128,015**

- National Influenza Reference Centers (NIRC)—California hosts one of the nation's three National Influenza Reference Centers (NIRC). NIRC labs serve as extensions of CDC by performing advanced testing on flu specimens to understand which viruses are circulating and to monitor for antiviral resistance. NIRCs collect data that help decide the makeup of the next season's flu vaccine and are components of the nation's flu surveillance and pandemic readiness systems.