

SAVINGS

Funding Public Health helps protect the economy.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Here are the facts about Public Health's return on investment:

\$ Early intervention and treatment of latent TB costs about \$700 per case. Unfortunately, our limited resources means only those with active TB are treated. These cases can quickly exceed \$15,000 per person, or more than \$100,000 for those multi-drug resistant cases.

\$ The flu can cause 3,000 to 49,000 deaths a year, more than \$10 billion in direct medical expenses, and more than \$16 billion in lost earnings. By preventing hospitalizations, flu shots can save \$80 per year, per person vaccinated.

\$ Syphilis cases are on the rise in Washington, and many residents go untreated. Without investments in critical prevention and outreach, the United States will continue to spend nearly \$12 billion in direct medical costs to treat the 20 million new syphilis infections each year.

Invest in Public Health today to save Washington money tomorrow.



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