



Improving Victoria's disease prevention

The Victorian Government is taking action to protect the Victorian community by preventing the spread of communicable diseases. Funding of \$2 million has been committed in 2009-10 (\$7.8 million over four years) to extend and build on existing Victorian Government communicable disease prevention initiatives in response to areas of critical risk in the State's response to these conditions.

This funding focuses on prevention and screening initiatives for tuberculosis (TB) and on modernising the underpinning information management system.

Improving notifiable infectious diseases response and information management

This initiative will modernise and integrate notifiable infectious disease surveillance and reporting in Victoria. Funding of \$1.5 million in 2009-10 (\$5.6 million over four years) has been committed to support faster identification of infectious diseases issues, and more efficient implementation of control measures and interventions will reduce the impact of communicable diseases on the population in Victoria. Local government will benefit from the initiative by being able to interact directly with the system through direct input of investigation data, extraction of customised reports and management of workflows.

Improving tuberculosis disease control

Multi-drug resistant TB is an increasing problem that requires specialised control strategies to ensure adequate treatment and to prevent transmission in the community. A total of \$2.2 million over four years will provide increased resources for TB prevention and control in Victoria, including funding for drugs used for multi-drug resistant TB. The funding will also boost the current case management capacity to facilitate and undertake additional control activities that will reduce the impact of tuberculosis disease in the Victorian community.