



HEALTH

Mayor Bowser remains committed to delivering a health care system that meets the needs of all residents, attacks health disparities, and makes us more resilient for the challenges that lie ahead. In addition to investments that address the social determinants of health such as transportation, education, proximity to care, livable income, and housing, this budget invests in facilities and programs that make high-quality care more affordable and accessible to residents in all eight wards.

Health investments in the Fair Shot budget encompass our DC Values by recognizing the unique healthcare needs of all residents and reducing barriers to care. This budget will ensure more Washingtonians get the right care at the right time.



INVESTMENTS

Building a High-Quality Network of Care

- **\$15M** to support small businesses and residents whose health insurance premiums are in arrears
- **\$4.2M** to support five Centers of Excellence at Howard University Hospital
- **\$16M** to advance health equity, including creating a new sobering center to divert lower risk cases from crowded ERs, expanding telehealth services for behavioral health, and disability services clients
- **\$13M** to increase supports and crisis response for mental health and substance use orders

Continuing DC's COVID-19 Response

- **\$75M** to support ongoing testing, vaccination, isolation and quarantine, cleaning, PPE, and other needs
- **\$9.5M** to enhance oversight, accountability, tracking, evaluation and monitoring, and processing of the District's \$3.4B in federal COVID relief funds

