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**State Public Health Officer, Director**  
**California Department of Public Health**



Dr. Mark Horton was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health, effective July 2007. As Director, Dr. Horton provides leadership for programs responsible for public health, disaster preparedness, and disease prevention for all Californians.

With more than 30 years of experience, Dr. Horton has a strong background in public health programs and clinical practice. From November 2005 through June 2007, Dr. Horton served as State Public Health Officer and Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Health Services.

During that time he advised the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the Department of Health Services on public health issues.

Dr. Horton previously served as the Deputy Agency Director and Health Officer for the County of Orange Health Care Agency from 1999 to 2005. Prior to that, he was Vice President for Community Programs, Director of the Center for Child Protection, and Director of the Center for Healthier Communities for Children at San Diego Children's Hospital and Health Center from 1997 to 1999. For the preceding six years, Horton served as Director of Public Health for the State of Nebraska.

Dr. Horton currently serves on the executive committee of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and is a diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics.

Dr. Horton received his Medical Doctorate from St. Louis University and his Master of Science degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina.