

Sara Cody

Sara Cody serves as the health officer and director of the Santa Clara Public Health Department. In her dual roles, she oversees 550 staff who lead more than thirty programs dedicated to providing services that prevent disease and promote health and equity for nearly two million county residents. She leads the department in providing services, assessing and reporting on community health, and working on policy and strategic planning. She also serves as a board member for several organizations and is a past chair of the Big Cities Health Coalition, which represents health leaders from the thirty largest cities in the country, who collectively serve one in five Americans. Prior to joining the county, Cody completed a postdoctoral fellowship as an epidemic intelligence service officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She graduated from Yale School of Medicine, followed by a residency in internal medicine at Stanford Hospital. She received her bachelor's degree from Stanford University.