The mission of the Deputy Director for Public Health Science and Surveillance and staff is to lead, promote, and facilitate science, surveillance, standards and policies to reduce the burden of diseases in the United States and globally. In carrying out this mission, DDPHSS: (1) Serves as the principal advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director on public health science and surveillance; (2) advises the CDC Director in formulating and communicating scientific and surveillance strategic initiatives and policies; (3) informs and represents the CDC Director on key scientific and surveillance issues; (4) represents the CDC Director externally on key scientific and surveillance issues; (5) provides overall strategic leadership and direction for science, laboratory science and safety, statistics, surveillance, informatics and epidemiology; (6) identifies, facilitates, and promotes cross-center and cross-agency collaboration, innovation, and new initiatives related to science, laboratory science and safety, statistics, surveillance, informatics and epidemiology; (7) ensures that agency-wide decisions on resource allocations are aligned with science priorities; (8) coordinates with CDC leaders and public health partners to develop and implement goals and objectives; and, (9) identifies science and surveillance issues of public health importance and launches strategic initiatives to address them including developing shared goals and monitoring progress and accomplishments.

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