The MMS continues to work with national and state officials on a broad range of public health issues, including firearm safety, emergency preparedness and response, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for patients with opioid use disorder, and improved access to prescription medications.

In 2018, the MMS remained active on several public health fronts:

- Partnered with the Massachusetts DPH, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Massachusetts Infectious Disease Society, and the Northeast Branch of the American Society for Microbiology to offer a course addressing the treatment of infections complicated by substance use disorder
- Promoting disaster-response training, specifically awareness of the Stop the Bleed initiative, to control severe hemorrhages and the proper use of tourniquets
- Partnering with the GE Foundation, Shatterproof, and RIZE Massachusetts to explore issues and strategies to expand access to MAT for opioid use disorder

Issues and initiatives that will remain a priority for the MMS in the coming months include:

- Advancing medical knowledge about transmissible diseases like influenza, as well as tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses
- Substance use, including access to evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder and chronic pain treatment
- Tobacco use and the rise in vaping, especially among young adults and teens
- Physician health and well-being
- Addressing the clinical, regulatory, marketing, insurance, and pricing policies that impact patients’ ability to access prescribed treatment