

St. Lucie County Health Department

Proudly Serving our Community Since 1947

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK



Mission

The St. Lucie County Health Department is dedicated to providing leadership in health promotion, disease prevention and control for all residents and visitors.

Vision

Healthy communities fostering healthy people.

Hello St. Lucie County

As Administrator of your St. Lucie County Health Department I'd like to invite you to see what we are doing. In these times of slowing economy and tight budgets I am especially proud of the fact that we offer our community high quality service and great value.



This year we welcome Dr. Loretha King as our new Medical Director, who brings a wide range of knowledge and experience from general practice, emergency care, nutrition and even undersea and hyperbaric medicine. Our pediatric programs are benefiting from the caring skills of Dr. Maria Marull-Balta, another new face to our health community. Our children's dental program is surpassing expectations under the skilled hands of Dr. Moses Johnson and his very capable staff.

For every dollar received from the County, St. Lucie's citizens received twelve dollars in services from your Health Department. Many of our programs are funded through matching grants; others are delegated or contracted from other agencies. In every case the Health Department is working for your benefit. In the last fiscal year our 180 staff have provided nearly one half million services to our citizens in our clinics, laboratory, schools, personal health and environmental health programs we provide.

Please accept my personal invitation and take a few minutes to see some of the quality programs the St. Lucie County Health Department offers.

Very sincerely,
Larry Lee, RN, MA
County Health Administrator

Proudly Serving

A team of Health Department school nurses and the School Board received a prestigious Florida TaxWatch Davis Productivity Award for streamlining children's health screening. The significant time savings allow the opportunity for timely follow up care and minimized class disruptions realizing a projected savings of \$100,000 per year.

Your Health Department, jointly with Volusia County Health Department received another prestigious Davis Productivity Award for the 'Mama Bear Project' which identifies pregnant women with socially transmittable diseases and assure they are treated to assure healthy mothers and infants.

Your St. Lucie county Health Department is one of only 11 local health departments and regional partners in the nation to receive Project Ready Certification, recognizing our preparedness to face epidemics, bioterrorism, natural disasters and public health emergencies.

Your TB program received the Florida Department of Health's 2007 Refugee Health Program of the Year Award.

Hazel Hoylman of 'In the Image of Christ' received the coveted Red Ribbon Award from the Florida Department of Health for her successful efforts in securing rapid HIV testing and outreach programs in non-traditional venues.

Immunizations • Sexually Transmitted Diseases • AIDS • TB • Epidemiology • Hepatitis • Chronic Disease Prevention • Tobacco Intervention • Women, Infants, Children (WIC) • Public Health Preparedness • Family Planning • Improved Pregnancy Outcome • Healthy Start • Comprehensive Child Health • School Health Services • Comprehensive Adult Health • Dental Health • Medical Quality Assurance • Coastal Beach Monitoring • Institutional Food Hygiene • Body Art • Lead Monitoring • Group Care Facilities • Migrant Residential Facilities • Minimum Housing (SLC) • Mobile Home Parks • Petroleum Storage Tanks • SUPER Act • Limited Use Water Systems • Safe Drinking Water Act • Wells • Public Swimming Pools • Bathing Places • River Monitoring • Septic Tank Permitting • Biomedical Waste Services • Sanitary Nuisance Response • Arbo-virus Surveillance (WNV) • Tanning Facilities • Indoor Air Quality • Radon Resource • Emerging Health Issues • Emergency Response EFS8 • Emergency Planning • Special Needs Shelters • Pandemics • Hurricanes • Chemical Fires • Terrorist Acts • Hazardous Spills • Incident Command • Flooding • Wild Fires

A Medicaid Provider for St. Lucie County

www.StLucieCountyHealth.com

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Port St. Lucie Site: 5150 NW Milner Dr. • Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

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What the St. Lucie County Health Department has to offer...YOU!



Dental services are provided 5 days a week emphasizing preventative and restorative care for children. In 2007 we provided 11,800 dental services to our community.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Pediatric Services
 Adult Health Care
 Child and Adult Immunizations
 Dental Care
 School Health
 Family Planning
 Healthy Start Services
 Pharmacy

Laboratory Services
 Medical Records
 Confidential/Anonymous
 HIV & AIDS Testing
 PEPW (Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women)
 Pregnancy Testing and Counseling
 Project AIDS Care
 Tuberculosis (TB)

VITAL STATISTICS

The data gathered from birth and death certificates is used to identify the health of the community.

WIC & NUTRITION SERVICES

WIC is a federally funded health and nutrition program designed to meet the growth needs of pregnancy, infancy and early childhood by providing nutrition counseling, education and nutritious foods and iron-fortified infant formula as needed.

All WIC services are provided at no cost to pregnant, breastfeeding, post-partum women, infants and children up to age 5 who meet eligibility criteria.

WIC participation improves pregnancy outcome, reduces the incidence of anemia and improves children's readiness to learn.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

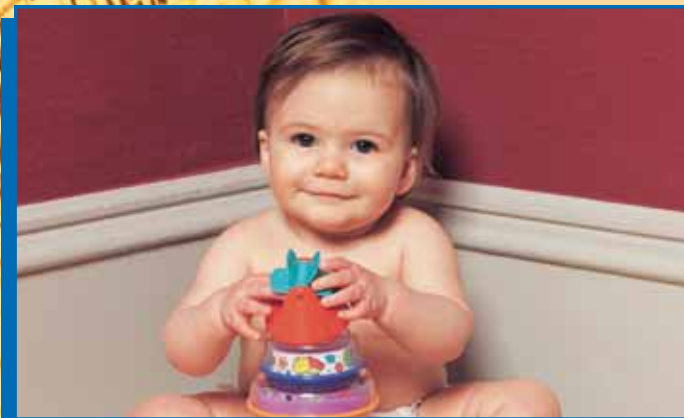
Communicable Disease Surveillance
 Hepatitis B in Pregnant Women
 Bio-Terrorism Surveillance
 Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)
 Jail Link
 Childhood Lead Investigations
 HIV Investigations Surveillance
 Special Programs

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Medical Special Needs Shelters
 Medical Reserve Corps
 Pandemic Influenza
 Bio Terrorism Emergencies
 Chemical Emergencies
 Radiological Emergencies
 Mass Casualty Events
 Hurricane & Natural Disaster
 Severe Weather
 Response Partnerships



Routine river sampling is one of 22 environmental health programs.



"NEW" OB Services - We provide prenatal care and delivery services to pregnant women.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Medical Quality Assurance
 Beach Water Quality
 IRL/StLR Sampling
 Institutional Food
 Biomedical Waste
 Body Art
 Group Care
 Migrant Housing
 Mobile Home Parks

Fuel Storage Tanks
 SUPER Act
 Water Systems Wells
 Public Pools
 Septic Tanks
 Sanitary Complaints
 Rabies Surveillance
 Arbo-virus Surveillance
 Indoor Air Quality

HEALTH PROMOTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
 Cancer • Diabetes • Cardiovascular
 INJURY PREVENTION
 Drowning Awareness & Prevention
 Summer Safety

VOLUNTEERS
 TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION
 TOBACCO PREVENTION AND
 EDUCATION

The United Way Community Assessment of St. Lucie County noted that access to health care is an increasing problem. 25% of residents under age 65 do not have health insurance and many more are struggling to keep insurance coverage. In order to keep emergency rooms from being overburdened, we are evaluating ways to expand community health clinics and serve the health care needs of our residents.



Congressman Tim Mahoney visits our well child clinic for the Reach Out and Read program.

TOBACCO PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

- At 20 minutes after last cigarette: blood pressure decreases: pulse rate drops; body temperature of hands & feet increases.
- At 8 hours after quitting: carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal; and oxygen level in blood increases to normal.
- At 24 hours after quitting: chance of a heart attack decreases.
- After 1 year: excess risk of coronary heart disease is decreased to half that of a smoker.
- After 5 to 15 years: stroke risk is reduced to that of people who have never smoked.

Quitting smoking may seem almost impossible, but it can be done.



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 FLORIDA QUIT-FOR-LIFE LINE
 1-877-U-CAN-NOW toll free



"EXCELLENCE IS OUR STANDARD"



The Health Department sponsored a World AIDS Day seminar with keynote speaker State Surgeon General Ana Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H. (far right), seen here with Health Administrator Larry Lee, HIV Program Consultant Dawn Jones, and former Deputy Secretary Lillian Rivera.



Dr. Edward Pelote and Dr. Leonard Berg are Volunteer Champion Physicians for the Health Department.

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national program under the Office of the United States Surgeon General. Be part of a group of medical professionals and other volunteers that may be called to assist St. Lucie County during public health emergencies, opportunities for learning, skill development, and networking and participate in health and medical preparedness training and exercises. MRC Volunteers complete an orientation, optional specialized training, background check, and become Department of Health sponsored volunteer employees. Anyone 18 years and older wanting to help during emergencies with the health and medical response for the people of St. Lucie County may apply.

Medical Reserve Corps program visit:
www.slmrc.com

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