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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ST. LUCIE *Celebrates National Public Health Week*



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St. Lucie County, FL – The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH-St. Lucie) joins the nation in acknowledging National Public Health Week (NPHW). NPHW presents an opportunity for communities across the United States to reflect on the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our health. Public health professionals across St. Lucie County make it their life's work to help keep people and communities healthy- from better maternal and child health to improvements in disease control and prevention to addressing environmental concerns and emergency preparedness.

“Our 160 employees work extremely hard every day to prevent disease, promote health and protect you. This includes: increasing physical activity through the **Billion Steps Challenge**, please join <https://healthystlucie.walkertracker.com/>; reducing unintentional injuries in children; through our Safe Kids program we partnered with the Florida Department of Transportation’s Safe Routes to School – making it safer for more children to walk and bicycle to school, we provided education to 10,761, K-12 students; providing dental sealants in public schools; investigating over 2,500 reports of communicable disease, and starting an age-friendly community workgroup to improve the health and well-being of the older adults in St. Lucie, this is only a brief mention of how public health impacts your life on a daily basis,” said Clint Sperber, County Health Officer for the Department of Health in St. Lucie County.

In St. Lucie County, the [Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with the United Way of SLC, Children Services Council, Early Learning Coalition, Jessica Clinton MVP Foundation and many more stakeholders to implement the CHIP and we collaborate regularly to track progress.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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