



ST. LUCIE COUNTY
Health
DEPARTMENT

"Proudly Serving Our Community
Since 1947"

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

CORE VALUES

- *Excellence*
- *Commitment to Service*
- *Accountability*
- *Empowerment*
- *Integrity*
- *Respect*
- *Teamwork*
- *Compassion*



MISSION

The St. Lucie County Health Department is dedicated to promote, protect and improve the health of all people in St. Lucie County.

VISION

A healthier future for the people of St. Lucie County

Hello St Lucie County!

It's been another very active and challenging year for your county health department. While there are signs the economy is slowly getting better, budgets remain a challenge both for you and for us. Nonetheless, this did not deter nature from unleashing the H1N1 pandemic. We distributed over 90,000 doses of vaccine to our community through private physicians and a series of mass vaccination stations. With the able assistance of a wide range of county partners, our mass vaccination clinics and public information campaign garnered praise from our citizens and the state.



We are also very proud to be a member of the St. Lucie Health Access Network Delivery System (HANDS). This is an effort by many community organizations to improve health services to low income, uninsured residents of our county. HANDS, which has affiliated with the national Volunteers in Medicine movement, plans to open a free clinic that will offer basic health services and eventually expand to offer dental services. The ground breaking at the County Logistics Center brought together over forty community and regional partners whose kind donations and support will make this much needed health service available by the fall.

As we face the challenges ahead, we will continue working with our community to assure a healthier future for the people of St. Lucie County. The employees of the St. Lucie County Health Department are proud to serve you.

Very sincerely,

Larry Lee, RN, MA
County Health Administrator

Our Strategic Plan...



1. Protect St. Lucie County's residents and visitors from disease, injury, environmental risks, and disasters
2. Promote the healthy behavior of St. Lucie County's residents and visitors and their communities
3. Increase access to health care for St. Lucie County's residents and visitors
4. Optimize the Department's capacity to achieve its goals

H1N1 Vaccination Campaign

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THE H1N1 SWINE FLU



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The H1N1 vaccination campaign responded to the world's first flu pandemic since 1976. The Health Department received over 90,000 doses of flu vaccine which were distributed to CDC designated priority groups through 79 local physicians and countywide mass vaccination stations. This campaign, funded by a Federal emergency grant, was a community effort involving county administration, public safety, law enforcement, fire district, school district, Ft Pierce and Port St Lucie, Lawnwood Regional and St Lucie Medical Centers, and Indian River State College. A wide-ranging plan was prepared to effectively and efficiently communicate key H1N1 messages to the public, healthcare providers, government agencies and private businesses. Dozens of press conferences, training sessions, symposiums, media briefings and print advertisements were developed to target St. Lucie County residents that were at highest risk of severe complications to H1N1 and to keep the communication lines open with partners and the public.



Residents of St. Lucie County lined up on the first day of free H1N1 shots provided by the St. Lucie County Health Department on Oct. 26, 2009.

Health Access Network Delivery System



H.A.N.D.S.
of St. Lucie County
HEALTH ACCESS NETWORK DELIVERY SYSTEMS

The Health Access Network Delivery System (HANDS), a not for profit corporation, was developed to address the lack of access to health care by the estimated one-in-four county residents who don't have health insurance. It is a collaboration of over forty local and regional organizations and businesses who are concerned with the health of our community. The resulting HANDS free clinic, under construction at the County Logistics Center on U.S. 1, is expected to open by September. The clinic's mission is to provide access to health care for the uninsured, indigent and working poor of St Lucie County. The clinic's goal is early diagnosis and treatment reducing the instance of non-emergency patients congesting overcrowded emergency room. It will also be a clearing house for medical referrals and provide preventive education.



Doug Anderson,
Executive Director

HANDS Board members and County Commissioners hammer the first nails of the new clinic.

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www.StLucieCountyHealth.com

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Port St. Lucie Site:

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Port St. Lucie,
FL 34983

TEEN ZONE



Teen Zone is a teen friendly clinic providing a wide range of free and confidential services on health education, career skills, STD & HIV testing, nutritional counseling & education, social service referrals, pregnancy testing and birth control. The clinic is staffed by a nurse practitioner, registered nurses, lab techs, counselors, case managers, nutritionists, health educators and clerical support. Each has the unique skills of being teen friendly, approachable and knowledgeable, fostering the tools to improve and maintain teens' overall well being. It is a collaborative effort of the Health Department, Kids Connected by Design, Children's Services Council, Executive Roundtable, and Healthy Changes. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Milner location from 3-7pm. For more information call 462-3834.



Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program



St. Lucie County Health Department was awarded a grant from the Florida Department of Health to implement the Community/Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP). The health department, in partnership with Indian River State College, presented the NEPP grants to Lake Forest at St. Lucie West and the Savanna Club. These communities were chosen because of their Community Emergency Planning and Preparedness Plans that are in effect. NEPP enables personal and community strategies to ease the massive surge on medical resources and the infrastructure that can be anticipated when a disaster strikes.



National Public Health Week



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Clinic Services

- Pediatric Services
- Limited Adult Health Services
- Child and Adult Immunizations
- Dental Care
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Family Planning
- Healthy Start Services
- TOPWA - Targeted Outreach For Pregnant Women Act
- Laboratory Services
- Medicaid Eligibility Determination
- Pregnancy Testing and Counseling

Environmental Health

- Beach Water Quality
- StLR Sampling
- Institutional Food
- Biomedical Waste/Body Art
- Group Care
- Migrant Housing
- Mobile Home Parks
- Fuel Storage Tanks
- SUPER Act
- Small Water Systems
- Wells
- Public Pools
- Septic Tanks
- Sanitary Complaints
- Rabies Surveillance
- Arbo-virus Surveillance
- Indoor Air Quality

Health Promotion & Community Education

- Chronic Disease Prevention: Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular
- Injury Prevention: Drowning Awareness & Prevention and Summer Safety
- Volunteers
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Tobacco Prevention and Education
- School Health

HIV/AIDS Prevention & Patient Care

- Confidential HIV Counseling & Testing/STD Screens
- HIV/AIDS Education
- Evidence – based Interventions
- Community Outreach
- Early Intervention
- Community Planning
- Special Projects
- Special Studies
- Workshops
- Community Mobilization
- Jail-Link Program
- AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Project AIDS Care (PAC)
- Contract Management
- Ryan White Part C Program – Medical, Lab Mental Health, Substance Abuse, & Dental

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, breastfeeding support, or infant formula, if 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 Prevention
- Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention
- Childhood Lead Investigations
- HIV Surveillance
- Special Outbreak Investigations

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Response Partnerships
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Special Needs Shelters
- Mass Casualty Events
- Pandemic Influenza
- Bioterrorism Emergencies
- Hurricane and Natural Disasters
- Strategic National Stockpile
- Radiological Emergencies
- Chemical Emergencies
- Severe Weather

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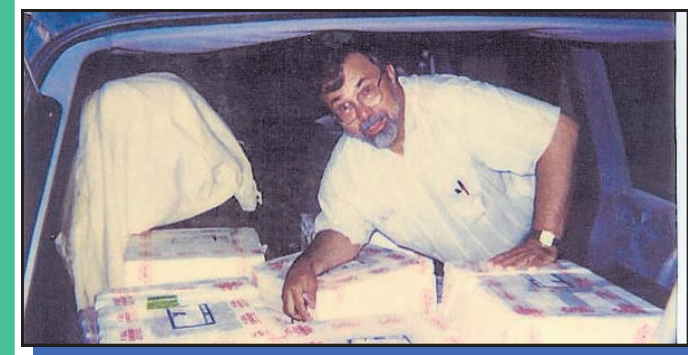


DIRECTOR RETIRES Jim Moses, RS, MAT

Long time environmental director Jim Moses will be retiring in September after 35 years in public health, 27 as the state's longest serving director. Coming to St Lucie County in 1983 he concurrently held the director's position in Okeechobee County until 1986. He is a Registered Sanitarian with the National Environmental Health Association and the Florida Environmental Health Association, an organization in which he has held various state and district level positions since 1978. Jim is responsible for 21 environmental health programs ranging from river sampling to emergency response. His St Lucie experience includes interim county health director, the St Lucie Childhood Cancer Investigation, the anthrax response, a multi-million gallon sewage spill into the Indian River Lagoon, hurricane responses, and planning chief for H1N1 mass vaccinations. His staff has won five prestigious Prudential Financial-Davis Productivity Awards from Florida TaxWatch for efficiency in government.



Jim Moses



HIV / AIDS Symposium

As part of World AIDS Awareness Week, the Health Department in partnership with Indian River State College hosted its 5th Annual HIV/AIDS Symposium at the college. This year's theme was Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise. This year's spotlight addressed issues that put men at risk. St. Lucie County held the first Man Up! Conference dedicated to encouraging men to take control of their health and know their HIV status. "Everyone has a right to access HIV testing and treatment without fear. HIV does not discriminate, people do! So, let's stop AIDS and promise to support family, friends and neighbors in their decision to get tested or treated!" said Larry Lee, Health Department Administrator.



ST. LUCIE COUNTY

St Lucie County Medical Reserve Corps

The St Lucie County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), a community-based volunteer unit of 140 local health care professionals, provides health professionals an organized means through which they can volunteer their time and skills to support their communities by preparing for and responding to large scale emergencies. Throughout the year MRC volunteers are offered monthly trainings and events, such as behavioral health, medical surge and crisis ethics, helping them fine tune existing skills and develop new skills that they may need if activated. Most recently the MRC assisted the Health Department with H1N1 mass vaccinations and back to school immunization and dental screening clinics. To find out more go to www.slcmmc.com