Overview of Volusia County Health Department

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Department of Health

Section 20.43, Florida Statutes, creates the Department of Health and states:
“The purpose of the Department of Health is to promote and protect the health of all residents and visitors in the state through organized state and community efforts, including cooperative agreements with counties.”

Staff

The personnel of the county health department shall be employed by the Department of Health … Such employees shall engage in the prevention of disease and the promotion of health under the supervision of the Department of Health.

Health Care Close to Home

Our Locations
Programs and Services

Infectious Disease Control

• Childhood and Adult Immunizations
• Epidemiology
• Hepatitis
• HIV/AIDS
• Sexually Transmitted Diseases
• Tuberculosis

Communicable Disease Surveillance & Response

Environmental health and nursing staff work with various community partners to protect our citizens from disease outbreaks.

Mosquito-borne illness:
SLE, WEE, WNV, Malaria

Rabies

Programs and Services

• Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness
• Tobacco Prevention
• Dental Clinic

Programs and Services

• School Health
• School Physicals
• Healthy Start Screenings
Programs and Services

- WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program For Women, Infants And Children): Participation 13,456 (Volusia/Flagler)
- New WIC foods package October 1, 2009
- WIC vouchers redeemed in Volusia grocery stores by WIC participants, generated $8,372 million of revenue to the community

Women’s Health Services

Dedicated to improving the health and well-being of women

- Family Planning:
  - Physical Exams, Pap Smears, Breast Exams, Birth Control counseling and Issuance (for Women of Child Bearing Age)
- Emergency Contraception
- Prenatal Care
- Pregnancy Tests
- Confidential Teen Counseling
- Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (age 50 and Older)

Vital Statistics

- Provides certified copies of Florida Birth and Death Certificates
  - Birth Certificates are available for people born in Florida (any county) from 1930 to present
  - Death Certificates issued for Volusia County deaths only, available records from 2003 to present
  - Bilingual service available

Environmental Health

Field Offices

Daytona Beach
1945 Holsonback Drive
274-0994

EH Laboratory
1256 Indian Lake Road
248-1781

New Smyrna Beach
717 W. Canal St.
424-2061

DeLand
121 W. Rich Ave.
822-6250

Engineering
121 W. Rich Ave.
736-5436
Environmental Health

Public Health Engineering Services

- Pools, Spa Pools, Permitted Bathing Areas
- Public and Private Drinking Water
- Water Wise Irrigation Program

Environmental Health

Onsite Sewage Treatment Disposal System Program

Environmental Health

Food Hygiene Program

- School Cafeterias, Health Care Facilities, Lounges, Child Care Centers, Fraternal Organizations, & Theaters
- Foodborne Illness Investigations

Environmental Health

- Healthy Beaches
- Weekly Ocean Sampling
- Indoor Air Quality
Environmental Health

Group Care Program Inspections

Public and Private Schools, Adult Congregate Living Facilities, Child Care Centers, Medical Quality Assurance Facilities, Residential Facilities and Group Homes

Environmental Health

Mobile Home Parks

RV Parks Campgrounds

Environmental Health

Doctors, Dentists, Hospitals & Clinics
Permitted and Inspected for compliance with State rules for handling, labeling, storage & disposal of Biomedical Waste

Needle Disposal Program

Environmental Health

Body Piercing Salons

Tanning Salons
Environmental Health

NELAP Certified
Clean Water Act & Safe Drinking Water Act Certifications

Drinking Water Wastewater Surface Water

Disaster Preparedness and Response
ESF 8 – Health and Medical

• Assess health/medical needs
• Conduct disease control/epidemiology activities
• Organize health/medical care personnel
• Identify and coordinate health/medical equipment and supplies
• Maintain status of in-hospital capabilities

Disaster Preparedness and Response
ESF 8 – Health and Medical
(cont)

• Assure food and drug safety
• Conduct vector control and monitoring
• Assess other environmental conditions, including potable water supplies, wastewater and solid waste disposal
• Provide victim identification/mortuary services

Disaster Preparedness and Response
ESF 8 – Health and Medical
(cont)

• Coordinate emergency transportation and services
• Obtain/provide mental health and victim counseling services
• Provide emergency health advisories and related data for public information
• Provide medical and public health expertise to other ESF’s
Special Needs Shelters (ESF-20)

- Atlantic High School – Port Orange
- Creekside Middle School – Port Orange
- Freedom Elementary School – DeLand
- Galaxy Middle School – Deltona
- Heritage Middle School – Deltona
- Palm Terrace Elementary School – Daytona Beach

H1N1 SWINE INFLUENZA

- Novel (New Virus)
- If you were born after 1957, you are more susceptible
- Vaccine expected to be available in October/November
- Mass Immunization Campaign

PREVENTION MESSAGE

- Cover your cough
- Wash your hands
- Stay home
- If you think you have an influenza-like illness defined as fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough, or sore throat, please call your health care provider.

For more information about VCHD programs and services, please visit

www.volusiahealth.com
Questions and Answers