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Increase vaccination of children to prevent disease and keep all of Florida's children protected from health threats.

High immunization levels contribute positively to the state's economy by lowering disease incidence, lowering healthcare costs and protecting travelers from vaccine-preventable diseases. Increasing access to and availability of vaccines will help keep Florida's families and communities protected from emerging health threats and improve overall school attendance.

ACTION By December 2018, increase the percent of 2 year olds who are fully immunized from 86% to 90% through education.

By December 2018, increase the percentage of Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clients referred to immunization clinics.

By December 2018, develop a webinar training for immunization providers that includes a focus on responding to religious and medical exemptions.

By December 2018, increase immunization provider's participation in Florida SHOTS.

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Ensure Floridians in all communities will have opportunities to achieve healthier outcomes.

Florida has experienced lower morbidity and mortality rates across several diseases, however gaps continue to exist. All Floridians regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, geographic location and physical and developmental differences should be able to attain the highest level of health. Eliminating health gaps between different communities in Florida is a strategic priority for the department.

ACTION By December 2016, **establish a reporting structure** for reporting progress and best practices.

By May 2016, establish SharePoint site for the 67 county health departments to report progress on all local and statewide health equity initiatives.

By November 15, 2016, compile and make available identified best practices on SharePoint to share with state and local partners.

ACTION By December 2018, measure the percent of increase in number of **new partners** that collaborate with health departments to address one or more local community health influences.

By December 2018, establish a catalogue of community partners in local communities who are addressing one or more of the identified community factors that impact health.

By December 2018, increase local health department knowledge about community influences that determine health.

By December 2018, develop and provide training and tools to CHDs and state office program staff about a framework for understanding community influences that determine health.

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Develop a trauma system that ensures the highest quality service for all Floridians.

Florida will have an integrated trauma system that drives performance through data reporting and competition with a goal of ensuring quality outcomes for severely injured patients.

ACTION By July 1, 2017, **restructure** Florida's current trauma allocation methodology and standards.

By July 1, 2017, eliminate free market restrictions on the trauma centers in Florida.

By June 1, 2016, identify changes needed to Rule 64J-2 to support a free market approach to the establishment of trauma centers in Florida.

By July 1, 2017, adopt national standards.

By January 1, 2017, conduct rule promulgation activities (e.g. rule language development, workshops, hearings, stakeholder meetings, rule proposal, etc.) to adopt rule changes.

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Reduce the incidence of HIV infections to allow more Floridians to live longer healthier lives.

The Florida Department of Health has developed a comprehensive program for preventing the transmission of HIV and for providing care and treatment to those already infected. By reducing the incidence of HIV, more Floridians will live longer, healthier lives.

ACTION By December 2018, **reduce** the number of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Florida by 2% annually.

By December 2018, develop a plan to identify HIV-infected persons for testing those who are not aware of their status.

By December 2018, implement the “test and treat” model.

By December 2018, incorporate antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP) as a risk reduction strategy.

By December 2018, expand routine screening in health care settings and targeted testing in non-healthcare settings.

By December 2018, conduct community outreach and messaging in targeted communities.

By December 2018, increase the percentage of persons living with HIV with a suppressed viral load.

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Reduce infant mortality to improve health outcomes for all infants.

Infant mortality is a key measure of a population's health. While Florida's overall infant mortality rate has reached historic lows in recent years, these improvements have not been uniform across all groups. Racial and ethnic differences in infant mortality reflect health inequities that are complex. While higher levels of preterm birth among African-American women is the major driver of the black-white infant mortality gap, a public health approach to other disparities observed during the first year of life can begin to close this gap. Reducing the black infant mortality rate will improve health outcomes for Florida's children, families and communities.

ACTION

By December 2018, reduce the three year rolling average black infant mortality rate from 10.9 to 8.3 per 1,000 births.

By December 2016, complete analysis of trends and levels in infant mortality by race, birth weight, and education levels to compare Florida to other states.

By May 2016, 67 county health departments complete a data assessment on infant mortality including.

By July 2017, complete development of strategies to engage hospitals, Healthy Start Coalitions and other community partners to reduce or eliminate risks in both the neonatal and post neonatal as appropriate.

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Decrease inhaled nicotine use to provide a longer and healthier life for more Floridians.

Cigarette smoking remains a major cause of cancer deaths in the United States. E-cigarette use among youth is on the rise with a 539% increase since 2011. The FDA deems all tobacco products are illegal for anyone under the age of 18. Florida has led the nation with innovative strategies to teach young people about the dangers of smoking and to help current smokers have the resources and support they need to quit. By decreasing inhaled nicotine use through outreach and education, Floridians will experience longer, healthier lives.

ACTION By October 2018, **decrease** youth inhaled nicotine use from 14.7% to 12.6% and **decrease** adult inhaled nicotine use from 21.3% to 19.2%.

By October 2018, target youth through social media, TV and radio campaigns focused on thefactsnow.com.

By October 2018, increase cessation referrals to CareerSource Florida Fax Referral project.

By October 2018, promote Quit YOUR Way and Nicotine Replacement Therapy.

By October 2018, increase outreach or education to youth on the concerns and risks associated with the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems.

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Decrease time to issue licenses to health care professionals so they may more quickly serve the medical needs of Floridians.

By decreasing the licensure processing time, health care professionals will be able to get to work in a timelier manner. This will require the repeal or amending of certain Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Rules.

ACTION By January 2018, reduce the average time to issue a license to a health professional by 25% **from 65 days to 49 days.**

By June 30, 2016, launch implementation plan on Florida Statutes amended by HB 941.

By January 1, 2017, repeal or amend Florida Administrative Rules affected by HB 941.

By June 30, 2017, make online application available to all health care practitioners.