

# 7 Florida Health Performs

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## 1 ▲ childhood vaccines

**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 health care 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.

## 2 ▲ health equity

**Ensure Floridians in all communities 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.

## 3 ▲ trauma services

**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.

## 4 ▼ hiv infections

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

Florida has 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.

## 5 ▼ infant mortality

**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, particularly among black infants. Reducing the black infant mortality rate will improve health outcomes for Florida's children, families and communities.

## 6 ▼ inhaled nicotine

**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.

## 7 ▼ licensure time

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

By decreasing the licensure processing time, health care professionals will be able to get to work in a timelier manner.

