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## **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN DUVAL COUNTY (DOH-DUVAL) HIGHLIGHTS ITS CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFORMS COMMUNITY ON LOCAL HEALTH CHALLENGES**

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**Jacksonville, FL** - National Public Health Week (April 5-11) is observed annually to celebrate public health and create awareness on important health issues. This year, DOH-Duval aspires to make Jacksonville healthier by sharing important details on the Department's services, accomplishments, and eye-opening data.

**DOH-Duval's Programs and Services** (entire list can be viewed at [duval.floridahealth.gov](http://duval.floridahealth.gov))

- Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Plans and responds to the public health needs of the community during an emergency or disaster.
- Maternal Child Health  
Serves as an advocate to improve the health status of the Jacksonville community through education, prevention, partnerships, and school health. Through its services, the division emphasizes growth, nutrition, development, and mental and physical health of mother and child from prenatal care to postpartum care.
- Children's Health  
Provides full medical care for children from birth to 18 years of age.
- Women's Health  
Offers a variety of services for women, including well woman's care, family planning, and maternity services.
- Environmental Health  
Works to reduce emerging environmental health threats.
- Immunization  
Provides vaccination services and keeps vaccination records.

- Epidemiology  
Works to identify, investigate, manage, and evaluate health hazards in the community. Also provides information about communicable, reportable, and emerging disease and conditions.
- STD/HIV Testing and Treatment  
Offers comprehensive services and education for STDs and HIV.
- Refugee and Immigration  
Provides health services for people that are new to the United States.

## DOH-Duval's Accomplishments

- 618,301 clinical services provided
- 39,728 clients served
- 32,000 environmental health services provided
- 23,756 HIV tests conducted
- 29,530 WIC certifications completed

## Key Data

### Local Health Challenges

- Mental Health
- HIV/AIDS
- Violence
- Child Abuse
- Addiction
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- STDs
- Obesity
- Cancer
- Adequate Health Insurance

### Local Leading Causes of Death

- 1,786 lives lost to heart disease
- 1,782 lives lost to cancer
- 710 lives lost to unintentional injury
- 557 lives lost to cerebrovascular diseases
- 445 lives lost to chronic lower respiratory disease

“Public Health Week is a great opportunity to educate others on why health departments are such a big piece of the public health puzzle,” said Heather Huffman, Interim Health Officer of DOH-Duval. “We hope by sharing information on what we do here and the health challenges that we face in the community that we can become a stronger, healthier Jacksonville.”

The data in this press release was extracted from the Florida Department of Health in Duval County’s recent [annual report](#).

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