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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ADDRESSES COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

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Miami, FL —The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and today acknowledged the 2019 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps tool released by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This study highlights the many community factors that influence health and uses established data, much of which is available from the department at www.FLHealthCHARTS.com.

"The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade works every day to bring together community partners around shared goals to improve health," said Dr. Yesenia Villalta, Administrator. "As we track our progress, we are reminded that there is no finish line in our efforts to continue to develop and implement initiatives to protect, promote and improve the health of our community. We are fortunate to have the support of our community partners and to be part of an integrated Florida Department of Health."

These rankings are a snapshot of the health of counties across the country, and they emphasize that health is not a singular effort but a combined work in progress across all community partners. The department works in collaboration with local governments, non-profit organizations, health care facilities, business groups, schools, faith-based organizations and many other stakeholders to improve the health of all people in Miami-Dade County. These rankings use data related to physical environments, social and economic factors, health behaviors and clinical care. Miami-Dade County ranks fifth in the state in health outcomes.

"The information in the report is valuable to further target our resources to make our community a healthier place to live, learn, work and play," Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez said. "We are proud of our partnership with the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and others in the community working to make Miami-Dade County an even healthier place."

In Miami-Dade County, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress.

The CHIP is a five-year collaborative plan to address the public health concerns of the community. The plan examines the activities of the public health network in addressing five health priorities: Access to Care, Chronic Disease Prevention, Community Redevelopment, Health Finance and Infrastructure, and Health Protection.

The Annual Report highlights the activities, accomplishments, and collaborative efforts of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and community partners. The Annual Report can be accessed at: www.healthymiamidade.org/resources/community-health-improvement-plan/.

A shared community effort is the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade established in 2003 by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade-County to address the increasing rate of chronic disease in the community. Today, the Consortium is comprised of over 400 organizations working together to promote prevention through education, and support policy, systems and environmental changes that encourage healthy living.

To explore more health indicators in your county, visit www.FLHealthCHARTS.com.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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