Florida Department of Health
in Miami-Dade County

# *For a Healthier Tomorrow*

*Our Mission is to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, & community efforts.*

Florida HEALTH
Miami-Dade County

## Phone Numbers

Main Number 305-324-2400

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| Disease Control | (305) 470-5660 |
| Community Health and Planning | (305) 278-0442 |
| Healthy Start | (786) 278-1074 |
| HIV/ AIDS Services & Prevention | (305) 643-7420 |
| Sexually Transmitted Diseases | (305) 575-5423 |
| Tuberculosis Prevention | (305) 575-5401 |
| Special Immunization Program | (786) 845-0550 |
| Women's Health | (305) 470-5620 |
| Women, Infant and Children (WIC) | (786) 336-1300 |
| Refugee Health | (305) 643-7300 |
| Vital Records | (305) 575-5030 |
| Environmental Health | (305) 623-3500 |
| School Health | (786) 845-0222 |
| Public Health Preparedness | (305) 470-6928 |
| Volunteer Services | (786) 336-1280 |
| Media Relations | (786) 336-1276 |

**For locations, call 305-324-2400**
**or visit miamidade.floridahealth.gov**

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## A Bit of History

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is the local branch of the Florida Department of Health, created by the Florida Legislature in 1997. The Health Department is charged with protecting and promoting the health of all residents and visitors in the State through organized community efforts, including cooperative agreements with counties. Although the Florida Department of Health is a relatively new agency, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has served the Greater Miami-Dade County community since the 1940s, under various organizational structures.

We serve the largest population of the 67 county health departments operating under the Florida Department of Health, and it's the largest health department in terms of budget and population. The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has an operating budget of over $68 million dollars to deliver public health services to over 2.5 million residents.

## Protecting and Promoting Health

**Our public health work is aimed at:**

- Preventing epidemics and the spread of diseases
- Protecting against environmental hazards
- Preventing injuries
- Promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors
- Responding to disasters and helping communities in recovery efforts
- Assuring the quality and accessibility of health services

### Public Health and Safety

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is responsible for maintaining public health and safety in many areas including drinking water, biomedical waste, public bathing places, and other areas of concern. The Department also responds to reports of communicable diseases such as invasive meningococcal disease, measles, pertussis, salmonellosis, and shigellosis; disease outbreaks such as food poisoning, gastroenteritis, etc. It also participates in disasters planning and facilitates the staffing of shelters for people with special health care needs in the event of hurricanes or other disasters.

The Department has the responsibility of maintaining vital records, recording all births and deaths in the county. It also focuses on prevention through living a healthy lifestyle that includes eating a well-balanced diet, exercise and no tobacco use.

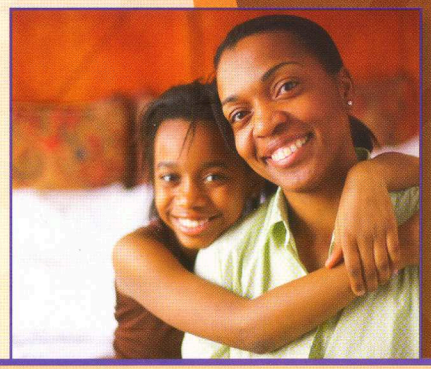
## Prevention of Communicable Diseases

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County works with populations and groups at risk to target specific programs or services based on its public health mission. These include providing testing and treatment for persons with preventable communicable diseases, such as sexually transmitted diseases (STD), tuberculosis (TB), and HIV/AIDS. We also offer a wide range of programs aimed at women, infants and children. They include school-based health clinics, immunizations, family planning clinics, nutritional programs, and other initiatives. With the support of our community partners, the Health Department is able to develop and implement other health initiatives.

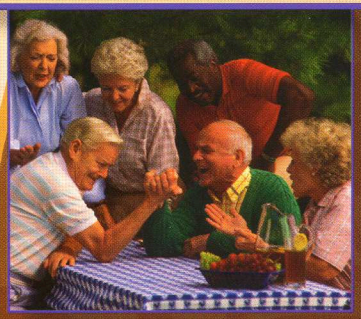
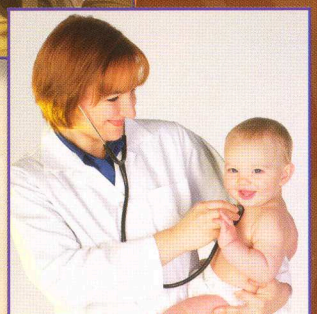
## Programs and Health Services

The Department has various facilities and public health clinics located throughout the county to provide health services to our community. These services include:

- Disease Control
- Community Health and Planning
- HIV/AIDS Services
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control and Prevention
- Immunizations
- Women's Health and Preventive Services
- Nutrition for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Refugee Health
- Laboratory Services
- Vital Records
- Environmental Health
- School Health
- Healthy Start
- Public Health Preparedness
- Injury and Violence Prevention
- Volunteer Services
- Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade



## Mission and Values

*Our mission is to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, & community efforts, and we do it by promoting Innovation, Collaboration, Accountability, Responsiveness and Excellence. Our Vision is to be the* ***Healthiest State*** *in the Nation.*

*The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has been the recipient in 2002, 2006 and 2012 of the prestigious Governor's Sterling Award, that recognizes organizations and businesses in Florida for achieving performance excellence.*