

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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SUMTER COUNTY IMPROVES TO THE 17TH HEALTHIEST COUNTY IN FLORIDA ACCORDING TO COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

Bushnell – The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Sumter County recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and today acknowledged the 2016 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.floridacharts.com.

“I would like to thank all of our community partners and stakeholders who play an integral role in our continued efforts to protect, promote, and improve the health of all Sumter County residents.” – *Dr. Sanford Zelnick D.O., M.S.* Health Officer FDOH Sumter.

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 Sumter County. These rankings use data related to physical environments, social and economic factors, health behaviors and clinical care.

The department has united with its many invaluable stakeholders to implement programs such as Swim Safe Sumter and the Sumter Molar Coaster to help address the specific health concerns of our growing population. With the support of our community partners we believe we can continue our quest to becoming the healthiest Sumter County we can be.

About the Florida Department of Health

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