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SUPPORT LOCAL WORLD HEART DAY EVENTS



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Tallahassee, Fla.—Registration is now open for the Florida Department of Health's World Heart Day events being held statewide. World Heart Day will become an annual event in Florida to remind everyone that heart disease and stroke are the world's leading causes of death.

In recognition of World Heart Day, the department will be celebrating with two major statewide undertakings. The department is hosting 5K walk/runs in each of Florida's 67 counties on Sept. 26 and is partnering with community organizations to host <u>Hands-Only™</u> <u>CPR</u> trainings in every county on Sept. 29.

In order to make these events a success, we encourage all Floridians to not only register, but also invite loved ones to participate. Help the department make Florida a safer, heathier, more heart-healthy environment.

World Heart Day is celebrated in collaboration with Healthiest Weight Florida and Tobacco Free Florida. When posting on social media, please use the hashtag #FLHearts.

What: Register for World Heart Day events online

When:	Sept. 26, 2015	Walk/Run 5K
	Sept. 29, 2015	Hands Only™ CPR Training

Where: Online at <u>http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-</u> conditions/cardiovascular-disease/world-heart-day/index.html

About the Florida Department of Health

The department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on Twitter at <u>@HealthyFla</u> and on <u>Facebook</u>. For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit <u>www.FloridaHealth.gov</u>.

About Healthiest Weight Florida

Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and entire communities to help Florida's children

and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living. To learn more about how to be active and make nutritious food choices, visit <u>www.healthiestweightflorida.com</u>.

About Tobacco Free Florida

Tobacco Free Florida is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund. Tobacco Free Florida is managed by the Florida Department of Health, specifically the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida. Smokers and smokeless tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to use one of the 3 Free & Easy Ways to Quit. To learn about Tobacco Free Florida and the state's free cessation resources, visit <u>www.tobaccofreeflorida.com</u> or follow the campaign on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida</u> or Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla</u>