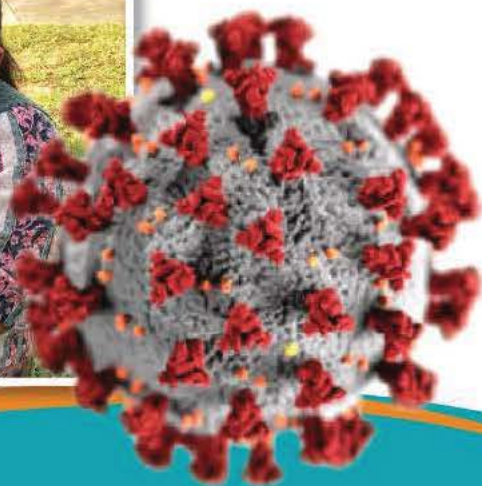




2020 Annual Report

Florida Department of
Health in Volusia County



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

Community Health

New location in southside of Daytona Beach

DOH-Volusia has taken its health services to the heart of Daytona Beach with the opening of a location at 421 S. Keech Street. Named the Southside Health Zone, the location improves access for clients – many of whom live in the community. The location has the same clinical services as other DOH-Volusia locations in Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach and Orange City.



Addressing food insecurity with community gardens

DOH-Volusia continues to work with Derbyshire Place to expand its community garden. Twenty-five hydroponic towers have been added to provide vegetables for a farmers' market on site. The agency also is supporting the Spring Hill Community Garden in DeLand and provides education at each location including a Gardening for a Healthier You program.



Community Health Nursing Initiative in 32114

In the summer of 2020, a DOH-Volusia community health nurse began working with women living in the 32114 zip code of Daytona Beach as part of a Healthy Start initiative. The primary objectives are to reduce infant mortality and morbidity, to improve pregnancy outcomes, and to enhance the health and development of children from birth to age three. DOH-Volusia provides community-based nursing services, education and service coordination and also works to develop and maintain strategic partnerships with an emphasis on promoting health equity. The nurse also coordinates services with other providers including housing, transportation, education, employment and other social services.



COVID-19 response

Contact tracing

On March 7, 2020, Volusia County reported its first COVID-19 case. Immediately the DOH-Volusia epidemiology team began the case investigation. The original team of four evolved to as many as 40 staff assigned to investigating, contact tracing and monitoring COVID-19 cases and their close contacts. The team also worked closely with public and private schools, long-term care facilities, government partners and first responders.



Outreach to agricultural workers

To reach out to agricultural workers in the Pierson area, DOH-Volusia worked with the Farm Worker Association, the San Jose Mission Church and individual employers to provide 4,000 cloth masks and prevention educational materials. Nurses also offered no-cost COVID-19 tests and flu vaccinations. The Northwest Pierson area is home to a few thousand agricultural workers. Essential workers, including agricultural workers, are among the groups at higher risk of COVID-19 infection.



Community testing across Volusia

To improve access to COVID-19 testing in underserved areas, DOH-Volusia partnered with several cities to host temporary pop-up drive-through testing sites. Collectively, DOH-Volusia staff collected nearly 4,000 tests in Daytona Beach, DeLand, Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach, Ormond Beach, Pierson and Port Orange.



COVID-19 response

Long-term care assessments

In April, DOH-Volusia staff began visiting all of the county's 140 long-term care facilities. When onsite, staff conducted assessments of the facility's knowledge and procedures related to infection control and environmental health control measures, and provided education on effective practices. They also inquired about the status of PPE and asked to see the protective equipment. Following the countywide assessments, the agency conducted follow-up assessments with facilities that had COVID-19 outbreaks.



Vaccination planning

Planning for the mass distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine began in the summer of 2020. Staff assembled a group of partner agencies to assess the county's capacities to widely administer vaccinations. When implemented, the multi-agency effort will include Volusia County Emergency Management, hospitals, pharmacies, first responders, educational institutions, and other local agencies.



Grant supports action against drug overdoses

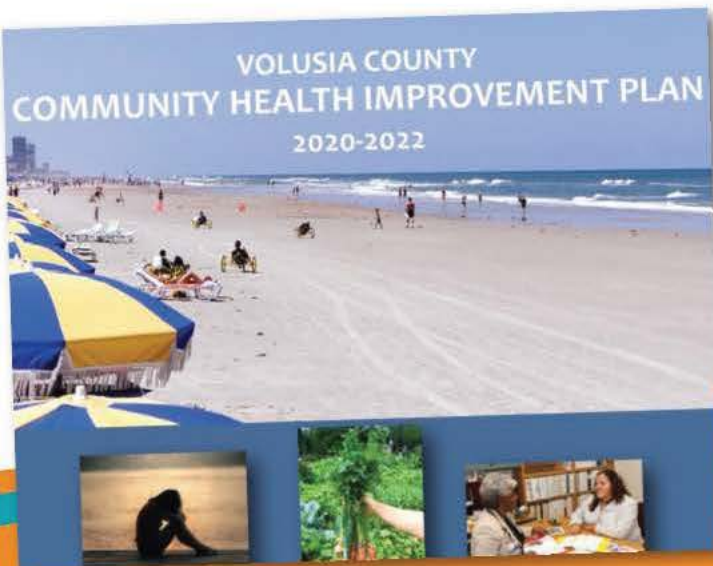
DOH-Volusia is one of 14 high-priority counties in the state to receive an Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant from the Centers for Disease



Control and Prevention (CDC). OD2A is a three-year cooperative agreement focusing on the complex and changing nature of the drug overdose epidemic. Through a contract, SMA Healthcare provides emergency department peer services for patients who have experienced non-fatal overdoses. Additionally an outreach coordinator has established an advisory committee of health and human service professionals and residents whose lives have been impacted by substance abuse.

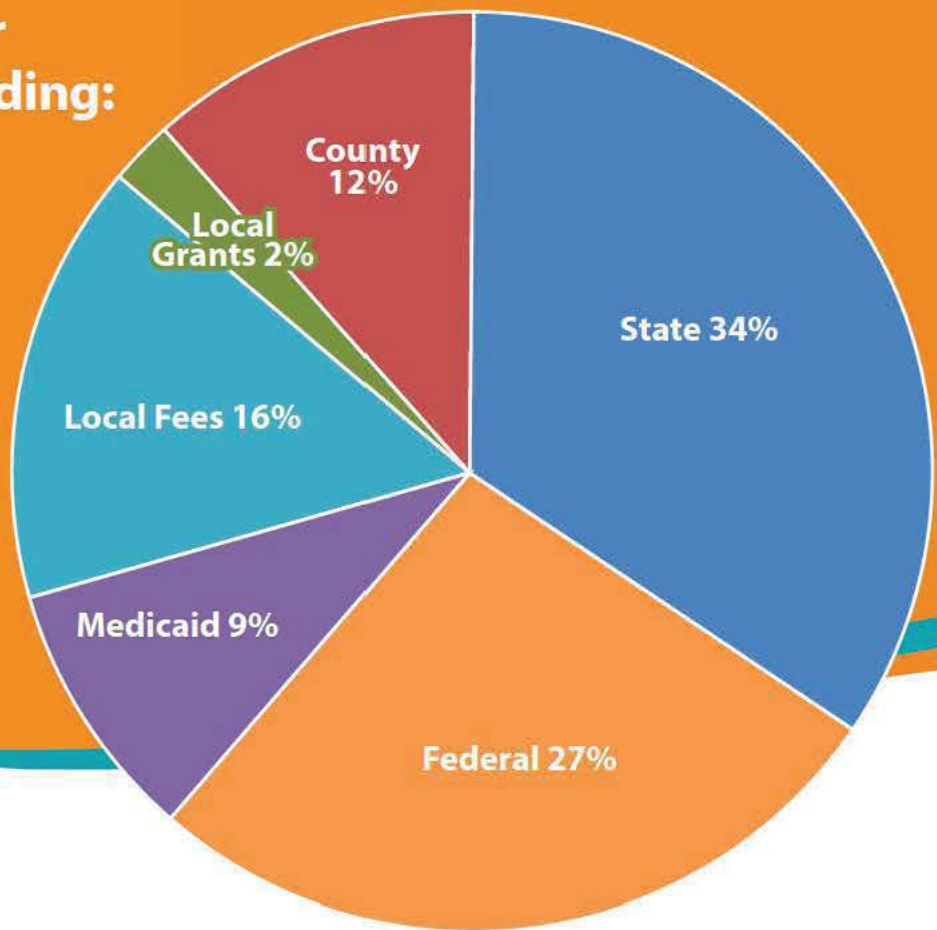
2020-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan

After analyzing data, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) identifies five priority health issues for 2020-2022. The focus areas are adult and youth behavioral health, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, barriers to accessing healthcare services, healthy eating and physical activity, and social and economic issues. The CHIP is a systematic effort to address public health problems in the community. Developed by a countywide collaboration of a variety of partners, the CHIP is a plan that is owned by the community. The CHIP is online at VolusiaHealth.com/data.



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Fiscal Year 19/20 funding:



Services provided in FY 19/20*



524,446
services provided



75,759
clients served

*July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.



**Focus for 2021: Community
health improvement
including COVID-19
mass vaccinations**

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