Goals and Objectives

2022-2026 Florida State Health Improvement Plan

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and eventually the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. It is the most common cause of dementia among adults aged 65 years and older. Previous studies have shown that African Americans are about twice as likely and Hispanics are about one and a half times as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease or other dementias compared to older White Americans. Women are also at a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's than men. Currently, two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women. There is no known cure for Alzheimer's disease; however, innovative research may provide hope for prevention and effective treatment for the disease.

⊘ GOAL AD 1   Strengthen the capacity to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Objective AD1.1

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of identified partners that have distributed an approved and current Early Detection, Early Diagnosis concern and awareness campaign from 134 (2021) to 2,000.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Cognitive Module 2019)

Objective AD1.2

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of new identified partners that can distribute an approved and current Early Detection, Early Diagnosis concern and awareness campaign or related dementias resources, information and toolkits from 714 (2021) to 6,000.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Cognitive Module 2019)

Objective AD1.3

By December 31, 2026, increase the outreach and education opportunities throughout the state that share accurate, reliable and cohesive information regarding Early Detection/Early Diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias from 184 (2021) to 500.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Cognitive Module 2019)

Objective AD1.4

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of people reached at outreach and educational events from 33,000 (2021) to 60,000.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Cognitive Module 2019)

GOAL AD 2   Ensure a competent Alzheimer's disease and related dementias workforce.

Objective AD2.1

By June 30, 2026, increase the percentage of long-term care providers and direct care staff who have taken the new 1-hour training requirement for Alzheimer's and related dementias training, from 0% (2023) 100%.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration and University of South Florida)

Objective AD2.2

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of counties in Florida having at least 100 businesses per county that have received the Department of Elder Affairs Age and/or Dementia Friendly Business/ Employer training from their local Dementia Care and Cure Initiative task force from 1 (2022) to 67.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs and American Association of Retired Persons)

Objective AD2.3

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of providers and partners who are receiving education and/or training and clinical support resources on the essentials of a clear and concise care plan from 0 (2021) to 3,000.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs and American Association of Retired Persons)

GOAL AD 3   Enhance support for those living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers.

Objective AD3.1

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of public health campaigns discussing caregiver's physical and mental health from 134 (2021) to 2,000.

(Date Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Caregiver Module 2015 data, Alzheimer's Association Facts and Figures 2021)

Objective AD3.2   By December 31, 2026, increase the number of people participating in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias support groups, counseling programs and education platforms available across Florida from 32,000 (2021) to 100,000.

(Data Source: Alzheimer's Association)

Objective AD3.3   By December 31, 2026, increase the number of caregivers who utilize respite programs, including emergency respite, from 1,569 (2021) to 3,000.

(Date Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Caregiver Module 2015 data, Alzheimer's Association Facts and Figures 2021)

Chronic Diseases and Conditions

Heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer and illnesses related to tobacco use are among the most common health problems affecting people of all ages, socioeconomic statuses and ethnicities. Risk factors – lack of physical activity, poor nutrition, tobacco use, excessive alcohol use, the environment and social and economic factors – cause much of the illness, suffering and early death related to chronic diseases and conditions.

GOAL CD 1 — Reduce new cases of cancer and cancer-related illness, disability and death.

Objective CD1.1

By December 31, 2026, reduce the percentage of advanced stage lung cancer diagnoses from 63.7% (2018) to 57.4%.

(Data Source: Florida Cancer Data System Annual Data Report via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective CD1.2

By December 31, 2026, reduce the percentage of late-stage breast cancer diagnoses among Black women from 43% (2018) to 30%.

(Data Source: Florida Cancer Data System Annual Data Report)

Objective CD1.3

By December 31, 2026, reduce the prostate cancer age-adjusted death rate among Black men from 31.4 per 100,000 population (2020) to 24.5 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective CD1.4

By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of Floridians aged 45 to 75 years who have fully met the United States Preventive Services Task Force recommendation for colorectal cancer screening from 70.4% (2018)* to 80%.
*2018 baseline is based on recommended screening age of 50-75

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

GOAL CD 2 — Improve cardiovascular health by reducing new cases, disability and death from heart disease, stroke and other related illnesses.

Objective CD2.1

By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of Floridians enrolled in hypertension self-management programs from 24% (2021) to 84%.

(Data Source: Florida Heart Health Plus Program)

Objective CD2.2   By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of stroke patients receiving thrombolytic treatment within 45 minutes of arrival to a Florida stroke hospital from 75% (2020) to 85%.

(Data Source: Florida Stroke Registry)

Objective CD2.3   By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of stroke patients arriving to a stroke center by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) from 49% in (2021) to 65%.

(Data Source: Florida Stroke Registry)

Objective CD2.4   By December 31, 2026, reduce the heart disease age-adjusted death rate from 145.7 per 100,000 population (2020) to 137.7 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

⊘ GOAL CD 3   Increase palliative care access and use.

Objective CD3.1   By December 31, 2026, increase the number of palliative care board certified physicians, advanced practice registered nurses and registered nurses from 1,110 (2019) to 1,665.

(Data Source: National Hospital Survey)

⊘ GOAL CD 4   Reduce the burden of diabetes and improve quality of life for all who have or are at risk for diabetes.

Objective CD4.1   By December 31, 2026, increase number of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognized National Diabetes Prevention Programs from 88 (2022) to 100.

(Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program State Level Evaluation Report)

Objective CD4.2   By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of hospitalizations from diabetes and its complications from 2,160 per 100,000 population (2020) to less than 2,000 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

⊙ GOAL CD 5 — Improve respiratory health.

Objective CD5.1
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of smokers with quit attempts in the last 12 months from 54.7% (2020) to 63%.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System)

Objective CD5.2
By December 31, 2026, reduce the number of childhood asthma-related emergency room visits from 38,808 (2019) to 25,704.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration)

Objective CD5.3
By December 31, 2026, increase the annual number of homes measured for radon from 17,621 (2021) to 22,026 homes.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health Radon Program)

⊙ GOAL CD 6 — Promote the attainment and maintenance of health through nutrition, physical activity and supportive lifestyle behaviors.

Objective CD6.1
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who consume at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day from 14% (2019) to 20%.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System)

Objective CD6.2
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who do voluntary physical activity in the past month from 73% (2020) to 78%.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System)

GOAL CD 7

Increase access to, and utilization of, oral health care to reduce the burden and disparities of oral diseases and its impact on overall health among all Floridians.

Objective CD7.1

By December 31, 2026, reduce untreated tooth decay among children aged one to 17 years from 12.5% (2020) to 10.63%.

(Data Source: National Survey of Children's Health

Objective CD7.2

This Objective is currently under review.

Objective CD7.3

By December 31, 2026, increase dental visits among adults aged 18 years and older from 61.2% (2020) to 67.3%.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective CD7.4

By December 31, 2026, decrease preventable emergency room visits due to dental conditions among people under age 65 years from 678.7* per 100,000 (2020) to 644.8 per 100,000.
*This is a three-year rolling rate.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Injury, Safety and Violence

For people ages one to 44 years, injuries are a major cause of death in Florida. Every year, people suffer preventable unintentional injuries from falls, motor vehicle crashes and intentional injuries such as intimate partner violence, child abuse and other types of violence. Injuries and violence contribute to lost productivity, poor mental health, years of potential life loss and premature death. Injuries happen every day, but most are preventable. Injuries occur in predictable patterns and therefore, intervention strategies such as sharing effective solutions and implementing prevention programs are keys to keeping Floridians safe. State level prevention strategies with community involvement are critical in addressing preventable death and disability caused by injuries.

⊙ GOAL ISV 1   Prevent or reduce childhood injuries.

Objective ISV1.1

By December 31, 2026, reduce sudden unexpected infant* death (SUID) rates from 1 per 1,000 births (2020) to .8 per 1,000 births.
*Infants are aged 12 months or younger

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective ISV1.2

By December 31, 2026, reduce drowning in children aged 17 years or younger from 1.9 per 100,000 population (2020) to 1.7 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective ISV1.3

By December 31, 2026, reduce emergency room visit rates for youth aged 19 years and younger injured from motor vehicle crashes from 581.1 per 100,000 population (2020) to 523.0 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration)

Objective ISV1.4

By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of hospitalizations for injuries related to traumatic brain injury for youth aged 19 years and younger from 38.1 per 100,000 population (2020) to 34.3 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration)

⊙ GOAL ISV 2   Prevent or reduce adult injuries.

Objective ISV2.1

By December 31, 2026, reduce injury-related fatalities from unintentional drug poisonings in adults ages 20-64 from 53.3 per 100,000 population (2020) to 50.0 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners 2020 Annual Report, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Medical Examiners Commission; Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics)

Objective ISV2.2

By December 31, 2026, reduce injury-related fatalities from falls in adults aged 60 years or older from 59 per 100,000 population (2020) to 53.1 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective ISV2.3

By December 31, 2026, reduce injury-related fatalities from motor vehicle crashes in adults aged 19 years or older from 19 per 100,000 population (2020) to 17.1 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective ISV2.4

By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of hospitalizations related to traumatic brain injuries in adults aged 20 years or older from 116.8 per 100,000 population (2020) to 105.1 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration)

⊙ GOAL ISV 3   Prevent or reduce injuries in vulnerable populations.

Objective ISV3.1

By December 31, 2026, increase the ratio of total human trafficking reports to verified human trafficking cases for those aged 18 years and younger that are reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline from 4.1 (2021) to 4.5.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Children and Families Annual Report)

Objective ISV3.2

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) partnerships that have human trafficking strategic objectives in their respective CHIPs from 5 (2022) to 67.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Community Health Assessment)

Objective ISV3.3   By December 31, 2026, increase the number of victim referrals to the statewide domestic violence hotline from 70,321 (2021) to 80,869.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Children and Families Office of Domestic Violence)

Objective ISV3.4   By December 31, 2026, increase the number of certified adult/adolescent sexual assault nurse examiners statewide from 43 (2020) to 63.

(Data Source: International Association of Forensic Nurses, Florida Chapter)

⊙ GOAL ISV 4   Increase mitigation of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as a statewide prevention strategy.

Objective ISV4.1   By December 31, 2026, decrease the percentage of high school students who have experienced four or more ACEs from 21.9% (2021) to 19.6%.

(Data Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS))

Maternal and Child Health

PRIORITY AREA 4

The well-being of women, infants, children and families determines the health of the next generation. Events over the life course influence maternal and child health risks and outcomes. Difference in health outcomes such as infant mortality, by race and ethnicity, can predict future public health challenges for families, communities and the health care system.

⊘ GOAL MCH 1 — Increase access to quality primary, preventative and sub-specialty care for infants, children and adolescents.

Objective MCH1.1
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of children aged 17 years and younger with special health care needs who have a medical home from 32.7% (2020) to 36%.

(Data Source: National Survey of Children's Health)

Objective MCH1.2
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of Black, non-Hispanic children aged 17 years or younger with special health care needs who have a medical home from 24.7% (2021) to 29.6%.

(Data Source: National Survey of Children's Health)

Objective MCH1.3
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of children and adolescents aged three through 17 years with a mental/behavioral health condition who received treatment or counseling from 45.4% (2020) to 50%.

(Data Source: National Survey of Children's Health)

Objective MCH1.4
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of low-income children aged 17 years and younger who received preventive dental care from 67% (2020) to 70.4%.

(Data Source: National Survey of Children's Health)

Objective MCH1.5
By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of children aged 9 through 35 months who received a developmental screening using a parent-completed screening tool in the past year from 27.8% (2021) to 30.6%.

(Data Source: National Survey of Children's Health)

⊘ GOAL MCH 2   Reduce infant morbidity and mortality.

Objective MCH2.1   By December 31, 2026, reduce the hospital average length of stay for infants* diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) from 14.0 days (2021) to 11.9 days.
*Infants are aged 12 months or younger

(Data Source: Florida Birth Defects Registry)

Objective MCH2.2   By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of congenital syphilis from 73.0 per 100,000 live births (2020) to 62.1 per 100,000 live births.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective MCH2.3   By December 31, 2026, reduce the Black infant* mortality rate from 10.7 per 1,000 live births (2020) to 9.6 per 1,000 live births.
*Infants are aged 12 months or younger

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

⊘ GOAL MCH 3   Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality.

Objective MCH3.1   By December 31, 2026, reduce the pregnancy-related mortality rate from 19.5 per 100,000 live births (2019) to 17.6 per 100,000 live births.

(Data Source: Florida Maternal Mortality Review Committee)

Objective MCH3.2   By December 31, 2026, reduce the Black pregnancy-related mortality rate from 38.9 per 100,000 live births (2019) to 31.1 per 100,000 live births.

(Data Source: Florida Maternal Mortality Review Committee)

Objective MCH3.3   By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of mothers with Medicaid who attend a postpartum care visit with a health care provider from 7 to 84 days after delivery from 70.4% (2021) to 80%.

(Data Source: Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System; Agency for Health Care Administration; Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measure)

GOAL MCH 4   Improve preconception and interconception health.

Objective MCH4.1   By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of women aged 18 years and older who had their teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist in the 12 months before their pregnancy from 34.5% (2020) to 38%.

(Data Source: Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System)

Priority Area 5

Mental Well-being and Substance Abuse Prevention

Mental health and substance use disorders and their associated stigma affect millions of Floridians, with prevalence increasing over the last few decades. As a result, mental health-related issues are a major cause of disability in Florida. Furthermore, the effects of mental health and substance use disorders extend beyond the person directly experiencing the issue to family members, friends and their communities. Mental and emotional well-being empowers individuals to realize their own abilities, cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and contribute to their communities. Prevention and early intervention strategies that work to reduce and treat mental health and substance use disorders are essential for ensuring optimal mental and physical health for all Floridians.

⊘ GOAL MW 1   Reduce the impact of adult mental, emotional and behavioral health disorders.

Objective MW1.1

By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of hospitalizations attributable to mental disorders for adults aged 18 years and older from 1,009.2 per 100,000 population (2020) to 908.3 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Agency for Health Care Administration Hospitalization Data)

Objective MW1.2

By December 31, 2026, reduce the percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who had poor mental health on 14 or more of the past 30 days from 12.3% (2020) to 9.2%.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective MW1.3

By December 31, 2026, decrease the number of adults aged 18 years and older with involuntary examinations (Baker Act) from 173,119 examinations (2019) to 121,183 examinations.

(Data Source: University of South Florida Baker Act Reporting Center)

⊘ GOAL MW 2   Reduce the impact of pediatric mental, emotional and behavioral health disorders.

Objective MW2.1

By December 31, 2026, decrease the number of children aged 17 years and younger with involuntary examinations (Baker Act) 37,873 examinations (2019) to 26,511 examinations.

(Data Source: University of South Florida Baker Act Reporting Center)

Objective MW2.2

By December 31, 2026, reduce the percentage of students who feel sad or hopeless for over two or more weeks and stopped doing usual activities from 34.3% (2021) to 29.6%.

(Data Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey)

Objective MW2.3

By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of children aged 3 to 17 years with a mental/behavioral condition who receive treatment or counseling from 45% (2020) to 55%.

(Data Source: The National Survey of Children's Health; "TITLE V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Measure")

⊘ GOAL MW 3 — Reduce substance use disorders and drug overdose deaths.

Objective MW3.1

By December 31, 2026, reduce current inhaled nicotine* prevalence in youth aged 11 through 17 years from 14.4% (2021) to 11.1%.
*Youth inhaled nicotine includes cigarettes, cigars, flavored cigarettes, flavored cigars, hookah and e-cigarettes.

(Data Source: Florida Adult Tobacco Survey via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective MW3.2

By December 31, 2026, decrease current inhaled nicotine* prevalence in adults aged 18 years or older from 23.4% (2020) to 19.3%.
*Adult inhaled nicotine includes cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, hookah and e-cigarettes.

(Data Source: Florida Adult Tobacco Survey)

Objective MW3.3

By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of pregnant women who have been screened and/or received a brief intervention for alcohol and/or substance abuse from 0% (2021) to 25%.

(Data Source: Agency for Health Care Administration Medicaid Claims Data)

Objective MW3.4

By December 31, 2026, reduce deaths caused by opioid overdose from 29.9 per 100,000 population (2020) to 15 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement Medical Examiners "Opioid Overdose Annual Age-Adjusted Death Rate")

Objective MW3.5

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of comprehensive substance use data systems that integrate data from multiple stakeholder agencies from 0 (2022) to 1.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Overdose Data to Action Team)

Objective MW3.6   By December 31, 2026, increase the number of formal addiction stabilization centers statewide from 1 (2021) to 25.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Overdose Data to Action Team)

⊘ GOAL MW 4   Reduce suicide behaviors and deaths.

Objective MW4.1   By December 31, 2026, reduce the number of high-school students who indicate they have attempted suicide within the last 12 months from 9.1% (2022) to 6.6%.

(Data Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey)

Objective MW4.2   By December 31, 2026, decrease the rate of suicide deaths for adults aged 65 years and older from 19.1 per 100,000 population (2020) to 15.5 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Vital Statistics via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective MW4.3   By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of veteran suicides from 37.7 per 100,000 veterans (2020) to 27.7 per 100,000 veterans.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Vital Statistics)

Social and Economic Factors Contributing to Health

Social and economic factors contributing to health are the conditions in the environments where people live, work and play that influence health throughout the lifespan. These factors, including but not limited to income, employment, social supports, literacy skills and transportation have a major impact on people's ability to lead long, healthy lives.

⌄ GOAL SEF 1 — Expand access to high-quality educational opportunities for all across the lifespan.

Objective SEF1.1

By December 31, 2026, decrease the percentage of individuals aged 25 years and older with no high school diploma in the state of Florida from 11.8% (2019) to 9%.

(Data Source: United States Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective SEF1.2

By December 31, 2026, reduce the graduation rate gap between students with physical and/or developmental disabilities and students without physical and/or developmental disabilities from 8.9% (2021) to 6.8%.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Education)

⌄ GOAL SEF 2 — Improve access to high-quality health care services for all across the lifespan.

Objective SEF2.1

This Objective is currently under review.

Objective SEF2.2

By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of adults ages 18 years and older who had a medical check-up in the past year from 76.9% (2020) to 80.7%.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

⏷ GOAL SEF 3 — Support communities to promote healthy, interconnected and safe environments.

Objective SEF3.1

By December 31, 2026, increase livable communities* in Florida from 44 (2021) to 75.

*A livable community is one that is safe and secure. It offers choices in where to live and how to get around. And it equitably serves residents of all ages, ability levels, incomes, races, ethnicities, and other backgrounds.

(Data Source: AARP (Age-Friendly Communities, Challenge Grant Implementation), Florida Department of Transportation (Safe Mobility for Life Program, Vision Zero, Complete Streets))

Objective SEF3.2

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of trail towns* in the state from 11 (2021) to 20.

*Trail towns are vibrant, walkable communities that support healthy residents and economic vitality.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection)

Objective SEF3.3

By December 31, 2026, decrease the percentage of Floridians with insecure food access* from 12.0% (2019) to 9.6%.

*Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a household or can last a long time. Food insecurity is one way we can measure how many people cannot afford food.

(Data Source: Feeding America "Map the meal Gap")

Objective SEF3.4

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of new data sources accessible to the public that address Florida environmental public health concerns from 0 (2021) to 20.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection)

Objective SEF3.5

By December 31, 2026, increase the number of annually sampled private wells to reduce exposure to harmful environmental health threats from 2,800 (2021) to 3,500.

(Data Source: Bureau of Environmental Health Well Surveillance Program)

GOAL SEF 4

Enhance opportunities to foster economic vitality and resilience for all people.

Objective SEF4.1

By December 31, 2026, decrease the percentage of adults whose poor physical or mental health kept them from doing usual activities on 14 or more of the last 30 days* from 17.8% (2020) to 16%.

*Among adults who have had at least one day of poor mental or physical health.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System)

Objective SEF4.2

By December 31, 2026, decrease the number of individuals who experience sheltered and unsheltered homelessness from 30,809 (2023) to 27,728.

(Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Transmissible and Emerging Diseases

Infectious organisms that are primarily acquired and transmitted through sexual activity cause many harmful, often irreversible and costly clinical complications in reproductive, fetal and perinatal health. Other emerging infectious agents pose the threat of disease outbreaks. Prevention, treatment and diagnostic strategies are essential.

⊘ GOAL TED 1 — Eliminate HIV transmission and reduce HIV-related deaths.

Objective TED1.1
By December 31, 2026, increase the proportion of all Floridians living with diagnosed HIV infection who are virally suppressed from 68% (2019) to 78%.

(Data Source: HIV Surveillance System; FOCUS; Quest/Labcorp)

Objective TED1.2
By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of new HIV diagnoses among all Floridians from 21.4 per 100,000 population (2019) to 18.6 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: HIV Surveillance System; Ryan White Program; FOCUS)

Objective TED1.3
By December 31, 2026, increase the proportion of all Floridians with newly diagnosed HIV linked to HIV medical care within one month from 82% (2019) to 95%.

(Data Source: HIV Surveillance System; Ryan White Program)

⊘ GOAL TED 2 — Reduce sexually transmitted infection rates.

Objective TED2.1
By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of early syphilis from 36.5 per 100,000 population (2020) to 35.4 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective TED2.2
By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of gonorrhea from 187.1 per 100,000 population (2020) to 181.5 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective TED2.3   By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of chlamydia among females aged 15 to 24 years from 3,542.9 per 100,000 population (2020) to 3,440.4 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

⊘ GOAL TED 3   This Goal is currently under review.

Objective TED3.1   This Objective is currently under review.

Objective TED3.2   This Objective is currently under review.

⊘ GOAL TED 4   Improve population health by preventing, detecting and responding to existing and emerging health threats.

Objective TED4.1   By December 31, 2026, reduce Ventilator Associated Events Standardized Infection Ratio rate among National Healthcare Safety Network reporting acute care hospitals from 1.45 per 100,000 population (2021) to 1.31 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: National Healthcare Safety Network)

Objective TED4.2   By December 31, 2026, reduce the rate of acute hepatitis C from 3.8 per 100,000 population (2019) to 3.04 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology via FLHealthCHARTS.gov)

Objective TED4.3   By December 31, 2026, reduce the incidence rate of clinical cases of Candida auris in reporting health care facilities from 1.00 per 100,000 population (2021) to .6 per 100,000 population.

(Data Source: United States Census)

Objective TED4.4 By December 31, 2026, increase the number of urgent care centers reporting to the ESSENCE-FL syndromic surveillance system from 91 (2022) to 200.

(Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology)

Objective TED4.5 By December 31, 2026, increase the number of process maps from county emergency managers demonstrating their strategy for handling medically complex/high acuity patients whose care exceeds the capabilities of general population and/or special needs shelters from 0 (2021) to 67.

(Data Source: Florida Division of Emergency Management)

Objective TED4.6 By December 31, 2026, increase the number of educational events geared toward emergency managers on emerging threats and outbreaks impacting Florida from 0 (2021) to 5.

(Data Source: Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Preparedness)

Objective TED4.7 By December 31, 2026, increase the number of emergency room or acute care hospitals that are conducting opt-out HIV screening, routine Hepatitis C (HCV) screenings and syphilis testing with a smart screen algorithm from 1 (2021) to 15.

(Data Source: FOCUS)

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