Tampa, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and today acknowledged the 2019 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.FLHealthCHARTS.com.

“Hillsborough is moving in the right direction. In 2011, the county ranked 30th in the state for health outcomes. We are now ranked 23rd in the state,” said Dr. Douglas Holt, MD, director of the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County. “We continue to work to improve health outcomes in collaboration with many community partners.”

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

In Hillsborough County, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress.

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