

DOH-NASSAU COMMEMORATES NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVOR MONTH



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Nassau, Fla. – June is National Cancer Survivor Month, and the Florida Department of Health in Nassau (DOH-Nassau) celebrates cancer survivors throughout their survivorship. An individual is considered a cancer survivor from diagnosis through their life balance. There are millions of people in the U.S. today who are cancer survivors. Three in every four American families will have at least one family member diagnosed with cancer.

Every survivorship experience is unique, as there are challenges during and after treatments. Although they were relieved when it ended, many cancer survivors say it was hard to transition to a new way of life. They had to adjust to new feelings, problems, support changes, and different ways of looking at the world. As hard as treatment is, many cancer survivors say that the experience led them to make important changes in their lives. It helped them learn the value of being grateful for each day and the people in their lives.

“Cancer continues to adversely affect many Floridians throughout our state, but we will never cease our efforts to find effective therapies for these devastating diseases,” **said State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo.** “Thanks to the Governor and First Lady, and especially because of the First Lady’s heart and courage, Florida’s Cancer Connect Collaborative is taking major steps to helping Florida achieve its mission of being the healthiest state in the nation.”

In February 2023, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the [Cancer Connect Collaborative](#), which assembles a team of medical professionals to analyze and rethink Florida’s approach to combatting cancer. On May 24, 2023, the Cancer Connect Collaborative released the [Florida Cancer Report](#) which illustrates Florida’s cancer data from a state-wide perspective. The report highlights that most of the common cancers are detected in the early stages, increasing a person’s chance of survival.

The Cancer Connect Collaborative is an expansion of [Florida Cancer Connect](#), a centralized resource hub for cancer patients, caregivers, and loved ones of those

involved. [Florida Cancer Connect](#) offers tools and resources that can help support [survivors and their families](#).

Early detection and early treatment can save lives. Contact your health care provider if you have health concerns. DOH-Nassau offers breast and cervical cancer screenings. For more information, please call 904-875-6100.

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