



State Health Officers

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| 1889–1917 |Joseph Y. Porter, MD |First Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1917–1919 |W. H. Cox, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1919–1921 |R. N. Greene, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1921–1925 |Raymond C. Turck, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1925–1929 |B. L. Arms, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1929–1935 |Henry Hanson, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1935–1939 |W. A. McPhaul, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1939–1940 |A. B. McCreary, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1941–1942 |W. H. Pickett, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1942–1945 |Henry Hansen, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1945–1961* |Wilson T. Sowder, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1961–1962 |Albert Hardy, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1963–1974 |Wilson T. Sowder, MD |Health Officer, State Board of Health |
| 1974–1976 |E. Charlton Prather, MD, MPH |Director, Division of Health, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1976–1979 |E. Charlton Prather, MD, MPH |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1979–1981 |James T. Howell, MD, MPH |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1982–1985 |Stephen H. King, MD |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1985–1986 |James T. Howell, MD, MPH |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1986–1987 |E. Charlton Prather, MD, MPH |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1988–1995 |Charles S. Mahan, MD |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1995–1996 |Wil J. Blechman, MD |Director, Health Program Office, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services |
| 1997–1998 |James T. Howell, MD, MPH |Secretary, Florida Department of Health |
| 1999–2001 |Robert G. Brooks, MD |Secretary, Florida Department of Health |
| 2001–2005 |John O. Agwunobi, MD, MBA, MPH |Secretary, Florida Department of Health |
| 2005–2007 |M. Rony Francois, MD, MA, MSPH, PhD |Secretary, Florida Department of Health |
| 2007–2010 |Ana M. Viamonte Ros, MD, MPH |State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health |
| 2011–2012 |H. Frank Farmer, Jr., MD, PhD, FAGP |State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health |
| 2012–present |John H. Armstrong, MD, FAGS |State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, Florida Department of Health |

*on leave 10/61–12/62