2019 Health Observances & Recognition Days

Association Events
Mar. 18-19  FHA Hospital Day in the Legislature | Tallahassee, FL
Apr. 7-10  American Hospital Association Annual Meeting | Washington, DC
Oct. 23-25  FHA Annual Meeting | Orlando, FL

January

Month-long Observances
National Birth Defects Prevention Month
Cervical Health Awareness Month
Radon Awareness Month

Week-long Observance
22–27  National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week
February

Month-long Observances
National Children’s Dental Health Month
American Heart Month
Wise Health Care Consumer Month

Week-long Observances
4–10 Perianesthesia Nurse Awareness Week
10–16 National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week
10–16 Cardiovascular Professionals Week
14–21 Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week

Recognition Days / Events
1 National Wear Red Day
11 World Day of the Sick
March

Month-long Observances
National Athletic Training Month
Child Life Month
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
National MS Education and Awareness Month
National Nutrition Month
Save Your Vision Month

Week-long Observances
3–9 Dental Assistants Recognition Week
10–16 Health Care HR Week
10–16 National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week
18-19 FHA Hospital Days in the Legislature

Recognition Days / Events
3 World Birth Defects Day
13 Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
24 World Tuberculosis Day
26 American Diabetes Association Alert Day
30 National Doctors’ Day
April

Month-long Observances
Alcohol Awareness Month
Autism Awareness Month (National)
Facial Protection Month (National)
March for Babies
Minority Health Month (National)
Rosacea Awareness Month
Testicular Cancer Awareness Month

Week-long Observance
1–7  National Public Health Week
6-9  American Hospital Association Annual Meeting
7–13 National Volunteer Week
9–13 National Cancer Registrars Week
21–27 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
22–26 Patient Experience Week

Recognition Days / Events
7  World Health Day
16  National Healthcare Decisions Day
17  World Hemophilia Day
17  Transplant Nurses Day
27  DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
May

Month-long Observances
National Arthritis Awareness Month
Asthma Awareness Month
Better Sleep Month
Global Clap4Health Employee Health and Fitness Month
National High Blood Pressure Education Month
National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Month
Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
National Mental Health Month
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
National Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month Osteoporosis Month
Physical Fitness and Sports Month
American National Psoriasis Arthritis Action Month Stroke Month

Week-long Observances
1-7 National Physical Education and Sport Week
5–11 Root Canal Awareness Week
6–12 National Nurses Week
12–18 National Hospital Week
12–18 Neuroscience Nurses Week
12–18 National Women’s Lung Health Week
13–19 Food Allergy Awareness Week
13–19 National Nursing Home Week
13–19 National Stuttering Awareness Week
19–21 World Autoimmune Arthritis Day
19–25 National Medical Transcriptionist Week

Recognition Days / Events
1 World Asthma Day
6 Melanoma Monday
8 National Bike to School Day
8 National School Nurse Day
10 World Lupus Day
16 National Trauma Survivors Day
19 National Hepatitis Testing Day
22 National Gout Awareness Day
22 National Missing Children’s Day
29 National Senior Health & Fitness Day
June

Month-long Observances
Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month
Hernia Awareness Month
Men’s Health Month
National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month
PTSD Awareness Month

Week-long Observance
10–16 National Men’s Health Week
13–20 National Nursing Assistants Week
17–21 Healthcare Risk Management Week

Recognition Days / Events
8 Family Health & Fitness Day USA
14 World Blood Donor Day
July

Month-long Observances
Cord Blood Awareness Month
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Week-long Observance
8–21 Donate Life ECHO (Every Community Has Opportunity)

August

Month-long Observances
National Influenza Awareness Month
Neurosurgery Awareness Month
Psoriasis Action Month

Week-long Observance
11–17 National Health Center Week
23–29 Health Unit Coordinator Week
September

Month-long Observances
Baby Safety Month
National Cholesterol Education Month
National Food Safety Education Month
Healthy Aging Month
Newborn Screening Awareness Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Prostate Health Month
Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month
National Recovery Month
Sepsis Awareness Month
Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

Week-long Observances
8–14 Environmental Services Week
8–14 Vascular Nurses Week
9–15 National Youth Suicide Prevention Week
15–21 Balance Awareness Week
15–21 International Clean Hands Week
15–21 National Farm Safety and Health Week
16–22 Surgical Technologist Week

Recognition Days / Events
10 National Youth Suicide Prevention Day
15 National Neonatal Nurses Day
19 National School Backpack Awareness Day
26 National Women’s Health & Fitness Day
October

Month-long Observances
Contact Lens Safety Month
National Dental Hygiene Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Health Literacy Month
National Medical Librarians Month
Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month
Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month
American Pharmacists Month
National Physical Therapy Month
“Talk About Your Medicines” Month

Week-long Observances
2–8 Mental Illness Awareness Week
6–12 National Physician Assistants Week
6–12 Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week
6–12 Healthcare Security and Safety Week
6–12 Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Week
7–13 National Healthcare Supply Chain Week
13–19 National Nephrology Technicians/Technologists Recognition Week
15–21 National Radon Action Week
20–26 National Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week
21–25 Medical Assistants Recognition Week
20–26 National Respiratory Care Week
20–26 National Healthcare Quality Week
3-5 FHA Annual Meeting

Recognition Days / Events
12 World Arthritis Day
17 Healthcare Security and Safety Officer Appreciation Day
22 International Stuttering Awareness Day
29 World Psoriasis Day
November

**Month-long Observances**
National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
National Caregiver Month
COPD Awareness Month
American Diabetes Month
Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month
National Family Caregivers Month
National Healthy Skin Month
National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
Prematurity Awareness Month
Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis (through December)

**Week-long Observances**
1–7 Medical-Surgical Nurses Week
3–9 Allied Health Professions Week
3–9 National Diabetes Education Week
3–9 National Radiologic Technology Week

**Recognition Days / Events**
12 World Pneumonia Day
14 World COPD Day
21 Great American Smokeout
17 World Prematurity Day
December

Month-long Observances
Safe Toys and Celebrations Month
Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Week-long Observances
1–7 National Handwashing Awareness Week
1–7 National Influenza Vaccination Week

Recognition Days / Events
1 World AIDS Day
31 New Year’s Eve – Quit Smoking Resolutions