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Media Note: The July events calendar is at the end of the release.

Need health services? Visit the Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit

Basic health services are available for adults who do not have health insurance at 14 established sites in Sarasota County during July. Health In Motion staff will also be providing services at the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County's "Ready, Set Grow Family Fair" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 at Robard's Arena, 3000 Ringling Boulevard in Sarasota.

The range of services available through **Health In Motion** include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education. People can also get help in finding a permanent health care provider. No appointments are needed. Some services are free, including HIV-Rapid testing. The HIV-Rapid testing results are available in 20 minutes. Other services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income.

Licensed volunteer physicians from Senior Friendship Center provide basic medical care when the mobile medical unit is at the Salvation Army in Sarasota. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

The Sarasota County Health Department's "Health In Motion" bus is a mobile medical clinic that makes it easier for residents to access health/medical services," said the program's coordinator Tim Thompson, MSN, RN. The Health In Motion staff members also provide services inside the facilities they visit to better access clients. In these cases, the mobile medical bus may not be visible at each location – however, there will be signage outside the building.

Health In Motion is partially funded by a two-year grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice. The Gulf Coast Diabetes Foundation also provided funding for enhanced diabetes education.

A schedule of dates, routes and services is available. Call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000. Visit www.sarasotahealth.org to view the calendar or to submit a special event request.

July Schedule of Events (Health In Motion)

Sarasota

Monday, July 6; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
McCown Center – Sarasota Housing Authority
1300 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota 34236

Monday, July 6 and 20; 1 to 3 p.m.
La Canasta Market
2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Monday, July 13 and 27; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, July 13 and 27; 1 to 3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, and 30; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, July 23; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Salvation Army
1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, July 20; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
North Orange Ave. Housing Authority Property
1912 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota 34234

Saturday, July 25; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Robard's Arena
Ready, Set Grow Family Fair (sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County)
3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota 34237

Nokomis

Wednesday, July 15; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County
225 Tamiami Trail South Nokomis 34275

Laurel

Wednesday, July 15; 1 to 5 p.m.
Laurel USDA Food Distribution
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Venice

Tuesday, July 7 and 21; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, July 7 and 21; 1 to 3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Retail Store
1400 Ogden Road, Venice 34285

Englewood

Tuesday, July 14 and 28; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, July 14 and 28; 1 to 3 p.m.
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

North Port

No Services in July
USDA Food Distribution Program
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Wednesday, July 1 and 22; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Wednesday, July 8 and 29; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wal-Mart Super Center
17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Wednesday, July 1 and 22; 1 to 3 p.m.
Riley Chase Apts.
1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289