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Free and low-cost health services available across the county

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit will travel to 15 sites in Sarasota County during April to offer free H1N1 (swine) flu vaccines along with its other regular services.

In addition to its regularly scheduled visits, the Health In Motion staff will provide a variety of health screenings at New College of Florida, 5800 Bay Shore Road (campus area on east side of Tamiami Trail), on Monday, April 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and at the Health Care Exposition at North Port Social Services, 6919 Outreach Way (off Pan American Drive) in North Port, on Wednesday, April 21, from 3-5 p.m.

Services include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education to those who lack medical insurance and do not have a health care provider. Assistance with finding a permanent health care provider is also available.

No appointments are needed. Some services are free, including HIV rapid testing with results 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 following is a schedule of dates for the mobile unit:

SARASOTA

Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Monday, April 5, 9:30 a.m.-noon
McCown Towers for Seniors
1300 Boulevard of the Arts

Monday, April 5, 1-3 p.m.
La Canasta Market
2268 Fruitville Road

Mondays, April 12 and 26, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Mondays, April 12 and 26, 1-3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd.

Monday, April 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Health Screening Fair
New College of Florida
5800 Bay Shore Road

NOKOMIS

Wednesday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County
225 Tamiami Trail S.

VENICE

Tuesdays, April 6 and 20, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesdays, April 6 and 20, 1-3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Retail Store
1400 Ogden Road

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesdays, April 13 and 27, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesdays, April 13 and 27, 1-3 p.m.
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St.

NORTH PORT

Friday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.-noon
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Wednesday, April 14 and 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, April 7; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Walmart Super Center

17000 Tamiami Trail

Wednesdays, April 14 and 28, 1-3 p.m.
Riley Chase Apartments
1015 Panacea Blvd.

Wednesday, April 21, 3-5 p.m.
Health Care Exposition
North Port Social Services Parking Area
6919 Outreach Way

There will be no service in April at the following locations: Orange Avenue Housing Authority property, 1912 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota; and USDA food distribution program at Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, 509 Collins Road, in the Laurel area.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000, or visit www.sarasotahealth.org to view the calendar, get more information on the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination campaign or to submit a special event request. Anyone without computer access can visit a health kiosk at any of the eight Sarasota County libraries and at any Senior Friendship Center.

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