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**CORRECTION: The previous version of this media release only included the sites in Sarasota; please see below for additional locations in Laurel, Venice and North Port.**



## County's mobile health services offered at 11 sites in May

*Special Event: Healthy Families Health Expo in Sarasota*

SARASOTA COUNTY — The Health in Motion Mobile Medical Unit of the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County' (DOH-Sarasota) will provide free and low-cost health services at 11 sites around the county during May.

The mobile medical unit staff will also be present at the Healthy Families Health Expo at the Newtown Estates Recreation Center, 2800 Newtown Blvd. in Sarasota on Thursday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to health officials, regular services will be discontinued at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Program at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church in North Port due to logistical issues. However, Health in Motion staff will maintain an active presence in North Port.

The services offered include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV testing, body mass index (BMI) measurement, health education and adult immunizations.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine that offers safe and effective protection against certain cancers is offered at no cost to those who are 19 to 26 years of age and have no insurance.

One dose of the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is recommended to replace the regular tetanus vaccine for adults, and pregnant women (for each pregnancy). It is especially important in preventing pertussis or whooping cough in adults who care for infants who are too young to be vaccinated. This vaccine is available to individuals 19 to 26 years of age who have no insurance or who are under-insured. Tdap is also available at no-cost with no age limit for the homeless. Hepatitis B vaccine is also available at no cost to those who qualify through the special '09' Hepatitis Prevention Program.



The staff also assists individuals who lack medical insurance and do not have a health care provider to find a medical home for ongoing health care.

No appointment is needed. Some services are free, including HIV rapid testing with results in 20 minutes. Other services are provided on a sliding-fee scale based on income. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

While these services are most often provided in a 40-foot-long bus, there are times when services are provided inside the facilities visited.

The following is a schedule of dates and locations for the mobile unit:

**SARASOTA**

Thursdays, May 1, 15, 22 and 29, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Salvation Army  
400 10th St.

Thursday, May 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Special Event:** Healthy Families Health Expo  
Newtown Estates Recreation Center  
2800 Newtown Blvd.

Monday, May 12, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Walmart Neighborhood Market  
3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, May 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Career Source Suncoast (formerly known as Suncoast Workforce-Sarasota)  
3660 N. Washington Blvd.

Wednesday, May 14, noon-4 p.m.

Sarasota Housing Authority Property  
Janie's Garden  
2446 Central Ave.

Friday, May 30, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Goodwill Manasota North Trail Center  
5150 N. Tamiami Trail

**LAUREL**

Wednesday, May 21, 2-5 p.m.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center  
509 Collins Road

**VENICE**

Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
Venice Community Center  
326 Nokomis Ave. S.

Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Salvation Army Family Store  
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Habitat for Humanity Re-Store  
1400 Ogden Road

**NORTH PORT**

Monday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Walmart Supercenter  
17000 Tamiami Trail

Friday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Goodwill Manasota Center North Port  
U.S. 41 and Sumter Blvd.

Health in Motion staff will not be present at the following regularly scheduled locations during May:  
Publix Super Market at Heron Creek Towne Center in North Port, and the Elsie Quirk Library in  
Englewood.

For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org).

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View the complete policy at <https://www.scgov.net/ADA/Pages/default.aspx>.

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