

June 30, 2014



Mobile health services offered at 11 sites in the county in July

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



The services offered through the mobile unit 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 19-26 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 19-26 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.

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

SARASOTA

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 24 and 31; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Monday, July 14, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Walmart Neighborhood Market
3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, July 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

LAUREL

Wednesday, July 16, 1:30-5 p.m.

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

VENICE

Wednesday, July 2, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
Venice Community Center
326 Nokomis Ave. S.

Wednesday, July 9 and 30, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Salvation Army Family Store
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

Wednesday, July 16, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store
1400 Ogden Road

NORTH PORT

Monday, July 7, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Walmart Supercenter
17000 Tamiami Trail

Friday, July 11, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Goodwill Manasota Center North Port
U.S. 41 and Sumter Blvd.

Monday, July 28, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Publix Super Market at Heron Creek Towne Center of North Port
1291 S. Sumter Blvd.

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesday, July 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn St.

The mobile medical unit will not be visiting the following locations during July due to reduced summer staffing: Goodwill Manasota North Trail Center and the Sarasota Housing Authority Property (Janie's Garden) in Sarasota.

For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit www.sarasotahealth.org.

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