

# **MEDIA RELEASE**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# Mobile health services at 13 locations during February during February including new site



Special Event: Winter Wellness Fair & Expo at Venice Community Center

SARASOTA COUNTY — The staff of 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 13 sites around the county during February.

**Sarasota County** This includes a new location at Janie's Garden, 2350 Central Ave. in Sarasota, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

In addition, the Mobile Medical Unit will be present at the Winter Wellness Fair & Expo at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S. in Venice, on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The services offered include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing,

HIV testing, body mass index (BMI) measurement, adult immunizations and health education; however, not all services, including immunizations, are offered at all sites.

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, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Salvation Army 1400 10th St.

Monday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Walmart Neighborhood Market 3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Suncoast Workforce-Sarasota 3660 N. Washington Blvd.

Friday, Feb. 14, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Goodwill Manasota – Community Room North Trail Center 5150 N. Tamiami Trail

### **New Location:**

Tuesday, Feb 18, 12-4 p.m. Janie's Garden 2350 Central Ave.

#### **LAUREL**

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2-5 p.m. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program Sandra Sims Terry Community Center 509 Collins Road

#### **VENICE**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program Venice Community Center 326 Nokomis Ave. S.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m.-Noon Habitat for Humanity Re-Store 1400 Ogden Road

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Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The Salvation Army Family Store 1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

#### **NORTH PORT**

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

Monday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Publix Super Market Heron Creek Towne Center 1291 S. Sumter Blvd.

Friday, Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Goodwill Manasota Center – Community Room U.S. 41 and Sumter Blvd.

#### **ENGLEWOOD**

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Elsie Quirk Library 100 W. Dearborn St.

Mobile health services will not be available at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church during February.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 (TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771), or visit <a href="www.sarasotahealth.org">www.sarasotahealth.org</a> to view the calendar. Anyone without computer access can visit a health kiosk at any Sarasota County public library or Senior Friendship Center.

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