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Mobile health services offered at 10 sites in the county in March

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 10 sites around the county during March. The mobile medical unit staff will also be present at three special events. These include the Sarasota Springfest event that will take place on Saturday, March 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Palmer Ranch, located at 5849 Sawyer Loop (near Clark Road), the 'Lifestyles After 50' Fun Fest on Wednesday, March 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S. in Venice. Mobile health services will also be provided at the Veterans' Appreciation Fair on Friday, March 29 from 9:30 a.m.-Noon at Sarasota Military Academy, 801 N. Orange Ave. in Sarasota.



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

Saturday, March 1; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Special Event: Sarasota Springfest
5849 Sawyer Loop (near Clark Road)

Thursdays, March 6, 13 and 20; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Monday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Walmart Neighborhood Market
3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, March 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Friday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Goodwill Manasota Sarasota North Trail Center – Community Room
5150 N. Tamiami Trail

Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Special Event: Veterans' Appreciation Fair
Sarasota Military Academy
801 N. Orange Ave.

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Wednesday, March 19, 2-5 p.m.

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

VENICE

Wednesday, March 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Special Event: 'Lifestyles After 50' Fun Fest

(This event is in lieu of the regularly scheduled U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program at this location)

Venice Community Center
326 Nokomis Ave. S.

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

NORTH PORT

Friday, March 7, 9 a.m.-noon
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Monday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Walmart Supercenter
17000 Tamiami Trail

Monday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Publix Super Market
Heron Creek Towne Center
1291 S. Sumter Blvd.

ENGLEWOOD

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

The mobile medical unit will not be present at the following locations during March due to staffing limitations: Salvation Army Family Store in Venice, and Goodwill Manasota Center in North Port.

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

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