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MEDIA NOTE: The Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will continue to provide the H1N1 vaccine at no cost in conjunction with other Health In Motion services during February.

Health services and free H1N1 flu vaccines available throughout county

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit will travel to 15 sites in Sarasota County during February to offer free H1N1 vaccines along with their other services. These 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 healthcare 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.

A schedule of dates for the mobile unit follows below:

SARASOTA

Thursday, Feb. 4, 11 and 25, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18; 9:30 a.m. - noon Salvation Army 1400 10th St.

Monday, Feb. 1; 9:30 a.m. - noon McCown Towers for Seniors 1300 Boulevard of the Arts

Monday, Feb. 1 and 15; 1 - 3 p.m. La Canasta Market 2268 Fruitville Road

Monday, Feb. 8 and 22; 9:30 a.m. - noon Selby Goodwill Jobs Center 1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way

SARASOTA

Monday, Feb. 8 and 22; 1 - 3 p.m. Newtown Estates Park 2800 Newtown Blvd.

Monday, Feb. 15; 9:30 a.m. - noon Orange Ave. Housing Authority Property 1912 N. Orange Ave.

NOKOMIS

Wednesday, Feb. 17; 9:30 a.m. - noon The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County 225 Tamiami Trail S.

LAUREL

Wednesday, Feb. 17; 1 - 5 p.m. Laurel USDA Food Distribution Sandra Sims Terry Community Center 509 Collins Road

VENICE

Tuesday, Feb. 2 and 16; 9:30 a.m. - noon Goodwill Center – The Rialto 650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 2 and 16; 1 - 3 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Retail Store 1400 Ogden Road

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesday, Feb. 9 and 23; 9:30 a.m. -noon Englewood Goodwill Center 410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 and 23; 1 - 3 p.m. Englewood Helping Hands 700 E. Dearborn St.

NORTH PORT

Friday, Feb. 5; 9:30 a.m. - noon USDA Food Distribution Program St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church 4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Wednesday, Feb. 3 and 24; 9:30 a.m. - noon Wednesday, Feb. 10; 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wal-Mart Super Center 17000 Tamiami Trail

Wednesday, Feb. 3 and 24; 1 - 3 p.m. Riley Chase Apartments 1015 Panacea Blvd.

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

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