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## **Free and low-cost health services offered at 14 sites in November**

In November, the Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide free and low-cost health services at 14 sites around the county. In addition, the Health In Motion staff will participate in a health fair on Friday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, 509 Collins Road, Laurel. The event will focus on screening individuals for high blood pressure and diabetes. Health education will be provided, along with health care provider referrals when indicated.

The health fair in Laurel will be in lieu of the usual health services offered on the third Wednesday at this location in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program.

The regular services offered by the Health in Motion Mobile Medical Unit include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education. 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 offered at other locations are on a sliding fee scale based on income. Licensed volunteer physicians from the Senior Friendship Centers provide basic medical care when the mobile medical unit is at the Salvation Army in Sarasota. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

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

### **SARASOTA**

Thursdays, Nov. 4 and 18, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Salvation Army  
1400 10th St.

Mondays, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center  
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Mondays, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, 1-3 p.m.  
Newtown Estates Park  
2800 Newtown Blvd.

Monday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Orange Avenue Housing Authority property  
1912 N. Orange Ave.

Mondays, Nov. 8 and 22, 1-3 p.m.  
Arizona Multi-Services Center  
3900 N. Washington Blvd.

Monday, Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
McCown Tower  
1300 Blvd. of the Arts

### **LAUREL**

Friday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
High Blood Pressure and Diabetes Screening Health Fair  
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center  
509 Collins Road

### **VENICE**

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

Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 16 and 30, 1-3 p.m.  
Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
1400 Ogden Road

### **ENGLEWOOD**

Tuesdays, Nov. 9 and 23, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Englewood Goodwill Center  
410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesdays, Nov. 9 and 23, 1-3 p.m.  
Englewood Helping Hands  
700 E. Dearborn St.

### **NORTH PORT**

Friday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church  
4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Wednesdays, Nov. 10 and 24, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Walmart Supercenter  
17000 Tamiami Trail

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1-3 p.m.  
Grande Court Apartments at North Port  
5203 Greenwood Ave.

There will be no services in Nokomis at The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County, 225 S. Tamiami Trail.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000, or visit [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org) to view the calendar or to submit a special event request. Anyone without computer access can visit a health kiosk at any of the eight Sarasota County libraries or at any Senior Friendship Center.

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