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MEDIA NOTE: Since the last news release was issued in mid-April, there has been a schedule change in Sarasota. The Arizona Multi-Services Center will permanently replace the Canasta Market location with services provided on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Free, low-cost health services available at many sites during June

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit will travel to 15 sites in Sarasota County during June and will continue to offer free H1N1 (swine) flu vaccines to anyone age 4 or older, along with its other regular services. In addition, the Health In Motion staff will provide childhood immunizations, as well as the H1N1 flu vaccine, at the Grande Court Apartments at North Port, 5203 Greenwood Ave., North Port, on two Wednesdays, June 9 and 30, from 1-3 p.m.

In addition to its regularly scheduled visits, the Health In Motion staff will provide a variety of health screenings on Friday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the Columbia Restaurant, 411 St. Armand's Circle, in observance of National Caribbean HIV and AIDS Awareness Week. Other special events include Juneteenth Day on Saturday, June 19, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at Fredd Atkins Park, 2581 Washington Court (corner of N. Washington Boulevard and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Sarasota), and the local observance of National HIV Testing Day at the Siesta Key Beach parking lot on Friday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regular services include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education. The staff also assists those who lack medical insurance and do not have a health care provider in finding a medical home for ongoing health care services.

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 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, June 3, 10 and 24, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday, June 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Mondays, June 7 and 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Mondays, June 7 and 21, 1-3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd.

National Caribbean American HIV and AIDS Awareness Event (multiple health screenings available)

Friday, June 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Columbia Restaurant
411 St. Armand's Circle

Monday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Orange Avenue Housing Authority property
1912 N. Orange Ave.

La Canasta Market – Services discontinued at this location due to lack of participation
2268 Fruitville Road

New location to replace La Canasta Market

Mondays, June 14 and 28, 1-3 p.m.
Arizona Multi-Services Center
3900 N. Washington Blvd.

Juneteenth Day

Saturday, June 19, 2:30-6 p.m.
Fredd Atkins Park
2581 Washington Court (corner of N. Washington Boulevard and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way)

Local observance of National HIV Testing Day (multiple health screenings available)

Friday, June 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Siesta Key Beach
5118 Ocean Blvd.

Monday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon
McCown Towers for Seniors
1300 Boulevard of the Arts

LAUREL

Wednesday, June 16, 2-5 p.m.
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road

NOKOMIS

Wednesday, June 16, 9:30 a.m.-noon
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County
225 Tamiami Trail S.

VENICE

Tuesdays, June 1, 15 and 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesdays, June 1, 15 and 29, 1-3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Retail Store
1400 Ogden Road

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesday, June 22, 1-3 p.m.
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St.

NORTH PORT

Friday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Wednesdays, June 2 and 23, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 9 and 30, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Walmart Super Center
17000 Tamiami Trail

Wednesdays, June 9 and 30, 1-3 p.m.
Grande Court Apartments at North Port
5203 Greenwood Ave.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000, or visit www.sarasotahealth.org to view the calendar, get more information on the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination campaign or 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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