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## **Mobile health services offered at 15 county sites and at two special events in September**

In September, the Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide its regular health services at 15 sites around the county and will participate in two special events.

These special events are free HIV testing as part of the National Aging and HIV Awareness Day and National Gay Men's HIV-AIDS Awareness Day public health campaigns.

To encourage testing in adults over 50 years old, free HIV testing will be available from 9:30 a.m.-noon on Friday, Sept. 17, at the Senior Friendship Center, 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice.

Free HIV testing also will be available during the presentation of the play "Return to the Mineshaft" at the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre, 25 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. That event, scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26, is part of the National Gay Men's HIV-AIDS Awareness Day campaign.

Regular services provided at the 15 sites by the mobile medical unit staff include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education. The staff also assists in finding a medical home that provides ongoing health care services for anyone who lacks medical insurance and does not have a health care provider.

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, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Salvation Army  
1400 10th St.

Monday, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center  
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Monday, Sept. 20, 1-3 p.m.  
Newtown Estates Park  
2800 Newtown Blvd.

Sunday, Sept. 26, 6-9 p.m.  
**Special Event:** HIV testing in conjunction with presentation of "Return to the Mineshaft" for  
National Gay Men's HIV-AIDS Awareness Day  
Golden Apple Dinner Theatre  
25 N. Pineapple Ave.

Monday, Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Orange Avenue Housing Authority property  
1912 N. Orange Ave.

Mondays, Sept. 13 and 27, 1-3 p.m.  
Arizona Multi-Services Center  
3900 N. Washington Blvd.

Monday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
McCown Tower  
1300 Blvd. of the Arts

### **LAUREL**

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2-5 p.m.  
U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center  
509 Collins Road

### **NOKOMIS**

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County  
225 Tamiami Trail S.

### **VENICE**

Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Goodwill Center – The Rialto  
650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 21, 1-3 p.m.  
Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
1400 Ogden Road

Friday, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon

**Special event:** HIV testing in conjunction with National Aging and HIV Awareness Day  
Senior Friendship Center  
2350 Scenic Drive

### **ENGLEWOOD**

Tuesdays, Sept. 14 and 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Englewood Goodwill Center  
410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesdays, Sept. 14 and 28, 1-3 p.m.  
Englewood Helping Hands  
700 E. Dearborn St.

### **NORTH PORT**

Friday, Sept. 3, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program  
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church  
4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Walmart Supercenter  
17000 Tamiami Trail

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 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](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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