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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 March.

Health services and free H1N1 flu vaccines available

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit will travel to 15 sites in Sarasota County during March 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 the 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, March 4, 11, 18 and 25; 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

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

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

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

Monday, March 22; 1 - 3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd.

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

Saturday, March 20; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Springfest 2010 Event
Sawyer Loop/Clark Road

NOKOMIS

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

LAUREL

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

VENICE

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

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

ENGLEWOOD

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

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

NORTH PORT

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

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

Wednesday, March 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 www.sarasotahealth.org 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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