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Free and low-cost health services will be provided in March at 16 Sarasota County sites and two special events

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide free and low-cost health services at 16 sites around the county during March.

The Health In Motion staff also will participate in two special events during March. The "Get Ready for Spring" Medical Screening Day will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, March 11, at the Siesta Key Beach Pavilion, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. The event will feature free skin cancer screenings, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, as well as HIV rapid testing. All services at this event are free.

The second special event, the Sarasota Springfest 2011, is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Palmer Ranch at the corner of Sawyer Loop and Northridge roads off Clark Road in Sarasota. A range of health screenings will be offered at no cost at this event.

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The services offered at all regularly established sites 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 in finding 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 are provided 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, March 3, 10, 24 and 31, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

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

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

Special event

Friday, March 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Get Ready for Spring" Medical Screening Day (to include skin cancer screenings)
Siesta Key Beach Pavilion
948 Beach Road

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

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

Special event

Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sarasota Springfest 2011
Corner of Sawyer Loop and Northridge roads off Clark Road in Palmer Ranch

Monday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon
McCown Tower
1300 Blvd. of the Arts

LAUREL

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

NOKOMIS

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

VENICE

Wednesday, March 2; 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program

326 Nokomis Ave. south

Wednesdays, March 9, 23 and 30, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Salvation Army Family Store
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass south

Tuesdays, March 8 and 22, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesdays, March 8 and 22, 1-3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
1400 Ogden Road

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, 1-3 p.m.
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St.

NORTH PORT

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

Services will no longer be available at the Walmart Supercenter
17000 Tamiami Trail

Wednesday, March 23, 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 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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