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Free and low-cost health services will be provided in May at 17 Sarasota County sites

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide free and low-cost health services at 17 sites around the county during May.

They will also be present at the North Port Charity Walk on Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m.-noon at Dallas White Park, 5900 Greenwood Avenue in North Port. Free blood pressure and blood sugar checks and rapid HIV testing will be provided.

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, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Mondays, May 2 and 16, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Mondays, May 2 and 16, 1-3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd.

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

Mondays, May 9 and 23, 1-3 p.m.
Arizona Multi-Services Center
3900 N. Washington Blvd.

Monday, May 23, 9:30 a.m.-noon
McCown Tower
1300 Blvd. of the Arts

LAUREL

Wednesday, May 18, 2-5 p.m.
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road

NOKOMIS

Wednesday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.-noon
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County
225 Tamiami Trail S.

VENICE

Wednesday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
Venice Community Center
326 Nokomis Ave. south

Wednesday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25, 9:30 a.m.-noon
The Salvation Army Family Store
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass south

Tuesdays, May 3 and 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesdays, May 3 and 17, 1-3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
1400 Ogden Road

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesdays, May 10, 24 and 31, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave.

Tuesdays, May 10, 24 and 31, 1-3 p.m.
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St.

NORTH PORT

Friday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive

Special Event

Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon
United Way North Port Charity Walk
Dallas White Park, 5900 Greenwood Avenue

Wednesday, May 25, 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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