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Mobile health services offered at 14 county sites and one new North Port location beginning in April

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide free and low-cost health services at 14 sites around the county. Beginning in April, Health In Motion services will be provided at the Goodwill Manasota Center North Port, 14809 Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41 near Sumter Boulevard).

"The Goodwill Industries-Bargain Barn site in Englewood recently closed with the opening of their new North Port location. Community support for the new North Port site has been great; this was a big factor in our decision to add the new Goodwill Manasota Center in North Port to our schedule of regularly established sites," said Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit Coordinator Tim Thompson." Also, beginning in April, we will no longer visit the Englewood Helping Hands site due to low turnout."

The services offered at the 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 to find 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. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

The following is a schedule of dates and locations for the mobile unit:

SARASOTA

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

Monday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.-noon McCown Tower 1300 Boulevard of the Arts Mondays, April 9 and 23, 1-3 p.m. Arizona Multi-Services Center 3900 N. Washington Blvd.

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

Mondays, April 2, 16 and 30, 1-3 p.m. Newtown Estates Park 2800 Newtown Blvd.

Monday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.-noon Sarasota Housing Authority 1912 N. Orange Ave.

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Wednesday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.-noon The Community Pharmacy 225 Tamiami Trail S.

LAUREL

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

VENICE

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

Wednesdays, April 11 and 25, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The Salvation Army Family Store 1160 U.S. 41 Bypass south

Tuesdays, April 10 and 24, 9:30 a.m.-noon Goodwill Center – The Rialto 650 S. Tamiami Trail

Tuesdays, April 10 and 24, 1-3 p.m. Habitat for Humanity ReStore 1400 Ogden Road

NORTH PORT

Tuesday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon Goodwill Manasota Center 14809 Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41 near Sumter Boulevard)

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

Wednesday, April 17, 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 eight Sarasota County libraries or at any Senior Friendship Center.

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