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Mobile health services offered at four sites and three community events in the county in November

SARASOTA COUNTY — The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County's (DOH-Sarasota) Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit staff will provide free and low-cost health services at four sites and three community events around the county during November.

The services offered through the mobile unit include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV testing, body mass index (BMI) measurement, and health education.

A number of adult immunizations including flu shots, the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (TDaP) vaccine, and Hepatitis A & B vaccines are now being offered.

Many of these vaccines are available at no-cost to adults who qualify. There is a fee associated with some services. The staff is now able to accept credit/debit card payment via VISA, MASTERCARD, & DISCOVER.

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 and tobacco cessation referrals to any of the three no-cost options offered by Tobacco Free Florida's 3 Ways to Quit. Other services are provided on a sliding-fee scale based on income. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

While these services are most often provided in a 40-foot-long bus, there are times when services are provided inside the facilities visited.



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

SARASOTA

Thursdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20; 9:30-3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Hispanic Fall Festival (Special Event)
St. Jude Catholic Church
3930 – 17th Street

Monday, Nov. 10, 9:30-3 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market
3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2-4 p.m.
Janie's Garden Apartments
2350 Central Avenue

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Friday, Nov. 21, 1-5 p.m.
Farmers Market and Health Fair (Special Event)
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road
*In lieu of the regularly scheduled U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program

VENICE

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fall Wellness Fair (Special Event)
Venice Community Center
326 Nokomis Ave. S.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9:30-3 p.m.
Salvation Army Family Store
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

The mobile medical unit will not be visiting the following locations due to staff limitations and holiday observances during November: Career Source Suncoast and Harvest House Transitional Center in Sarasota, Nokomis Park Community Center in Nokomis, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Venice, Walmart Supercenter and Goodwill Manasota Center in North Port, and Elsie Quirk Library in Englewood.

For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit www.sarasotahealth.org.

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