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Mobile health screening services during July

SARASOTA, FL — The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County's (DOH-Sarasota) Health In Motion staff will provide free and low-cost public health services during July.

The Health In Motion staff provides health screenings, some adult vaccines, tobacco cessation support and health education for general health and wellness. Individuals who need follow-up medical care are referred to a primary health care provider.

Health In Motion services include:

- Diabetes education and screening
- Blood pressure tests
- No cost HIV & Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) testing
- Body mass index (BMI) measurement
- Tobacco cessation referrals to any of the three no-cost options offered by Tobacco Free Florida's "3 Ways to Quit"
- Health education
- Limited adult immunizations including flu shots

No appointment is needed and a registered nurse is available at all sites. Testing is fast and easy. HIV rapid testing results are available in 20 minutes. STD testing results are sent to the individual using a special coded text message.

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. There is a fee associated with some services; however, several tests and vaccines are available at no-cost to adults who qualify.

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Please note these services will be provided inside the buildings of locations visited. The following is a schedule of dates and locations.

SARASOTA

Monday, July 25, 9:30-2:30 p.m. Goodwill Manasota Mecca 5150 N. Tamiami Trail

LAUREL

Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road

NOKOMIS

Wednesday, July 27, 9-11 a.m. Nokomis Park Community Center 234 E. Nippino Trail

VENICE

Wednesday, July 6, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Salvation Army Family Store 1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

Friday, July 22, 9:30 a.m.-noon Habitat for Humanity Re-Store 1400 Ogden Road

NORTH PORT

Friday, July 1, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Goodwill Manasota Center in North Port 14809 Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41 and Sumter Boulevard)

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

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