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During January

Mobile health services offered at 11 sites and one special event in January

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 11 sites around the county during January. The mobile medical unit will also be present at the Spanish Point Winter and Wellness Fair and Expo, 337 N. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, on Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 pneumonia vaccine, 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 available 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.



Image of Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit

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

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

SARASOTA

Thursdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29; 9:30-3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 10th St.

Monday, Jan. 12, 9:30-3 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market
3500 N. Tamiami Trail

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Career Source Suncoast
3660 N. Washington Boulevard

Tuesday, Jan. 20, Noon-4 p.m.
Janie's Garden Apartments
2350 Central Ave.

LAUREL

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1:30-5 p.m.
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road

OSPREY (Special Event)

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Spanish Point Winter and Wellness Fair and Expo
Historic Spanish Point
337 N. Tamiami Trail

VENICE

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Habitat for Humanity Re-Store
1400 Ogden Road

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Salvation Army Family Store
1160 U.S. 41 Bypass South

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NORTH PORT

Monday, Jan. 5, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Walmart Supercenter
17000 Tamiami Trail

Friday, Jan. 23, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Goodwill Manasota Center in North Port
14809 Tamiami Trail
(U.S. 41 and Sumter Boulevard)

Monday, Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Publix Super Market at Heron Creek Towne Center
1291 S. Sumter Boulevard

ENGLEWOOD

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn Street

The mobile medical unit will not be visiting the following locations due to staff limitations and holiday observances during January: Goodwill Manasota North Trail Center, Harvest House Transitional Center in Sarasota and Nokomis Park Community Center in Nokomis.

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

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