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MEDIA NOTE: Only the first two weeks of October are reflected in the schedule provided. The Sarasota County Health Department is preparing to potentially use the mobile medical unit to reach high-risk children (with parental consent) with the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccinations, if available by mid-October.

Health In Motion will visit sites throughout county in October

The Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit will visit 13 established sites in Sarasota County during early October. The services are geared to those who lack medical insurance and do not have a healthcare provider. The mobile clinic allows people who do not have transportation to get basic health services at convenient locations around the county.

A range of services are offered through the Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit. These include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure tests, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education. People also can get help in finding a permanent health care provider. No appointments are needed. Some services are free, including HIV-Rapid testing. The HIV-Rapid testing results are available in 20 minutes. Other services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income.

Licensed volunteer physicians from Senior Friendship Center provide basic medical care when the mobile medical unit is at the Salvation Army in Sarasota. A registered nurse is available at all sites.

Sarasota County Health Department's Health In Motion Mobile Medical Unit has been on the road since early 2007.

"Because Health In Motion is adaptable in its use, it will be used as part of the county's H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination campaign," said Chuck Henry, the incident commander for the county's H1N1 vaccination response. "The H1N1 vaccine is expected to arrive in small quantities starting in mid-October. The Health In Motion staff will initially focus on immunizing young children (with parental consent) in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) vaccine priority groups."

There may be changes to the October Health in Motion schedule. Updates will be provided as quickly as possible.

A schedule of dates, routes and services for the early part of October is below. Residents also can contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000, or visit www.sarasotahealth.org to view the calendar, get more information on the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination campaign or to submit a special event request. Anyone without computer access can visit health kiosks at local libraries and at the Senior Friendship Centers.

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Sarasota

Thursday, Oct. 1 and 15; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salvation Army

1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, Oct. 5; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

McCown Center – Sarasota Housing Authority

1300 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota 34236

Monday, Oct. 5; 1 to 3 p.m.

La Canasta Market

2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Monday, Oct. 12; 9:30 a.m. to noon

Selby Goodwill Jobs Center

1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, Oct. 12; 1 to 3 p.m.

Newtown Estates Park

2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

No services in October

Orange Ave. Housing Authority Property

1912 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota 34234

Nokomis

Wednesday, Oct. 14; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County

225 Tamiami Trail South Nokomis 34275

Laurel

Wednesday, Oct. 14; 1 to 5 p.m.

Laurel USDA Food Distribution

Sandra Sims Terry Community Center

509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

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Venice

Tuesday, Oct. 6; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, Oct. 6; 1 to 3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Retail Store
1400 Ogden Road, Venice 34285

Thursday, Oct. 8; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 13; 5 to 8 p.m.
State College of Florida – Venice Campus
8000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34293

Englewood

Tuesday, Oct. 13; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

No services in October
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

North Port

Friday, Oct. 2; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
USDA Food Distribution Program
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Oct. 7; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wal-Mart Super Center
17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Oct. 7; 1 to 3 p.m.
Riley Chase Apts.
1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289

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