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National Health Center Week to be celebrated next week

MOBILE, Alabama — The Mobile County Health Department and Family Health, its primary care division, are marking National Health Center Week (NHCW) with patient appreciation activities at many of its health centers. The weeklong campaign is set for August 12 to 18.

The theme this year is “Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America’s Health Care Heroes.” Some of the staff will dress as their favorite super heroes to commemorate this occasion.

Health centers serve more than 26 million Americans at more than 11,000 sites across the nation. One in every 12 people living in the United States depends on health center services. In 2017, Family Health provided services to 45,992 unduplicated patients.

NHCW has been celebrated for more than 30 years to recognize the services and contributions of Community, Migrant, Homeless and Public Housing Health Centers. While there are countless reasons to celebrate Health Centers, among the most important and unique is their long success in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people.

Special events are planned at many of the Family Health sites. Nutritional snacks and health literature will be provided at these times:

- On Monday, dental screenings will be provided on our Mobile Medical Unit that will be parked at our Children’s Health Center (248 Cox Street) from 8 a.m. to noon.
- On Tuesday, vision screenings will be provided at our Semmes Health Center (3810 Wulff Road East) from 8 to 10 a.m., and at our Eight Mile Health Center (4009 Saint Stephens Road) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- On Wednesday, Behavioral Health Services will be showcased at our Citronelle Health Center (19250 North Mobile Street) from 8 to 10 a.m., and at our North Mobile Health Center (950 East Coy Smith Highway in Mount Vernon) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- On Thursday, vision screenings will be provided at our Dauphin Island Parkway Health Center (2601 Dauphin Island Parkway) from 8 to 10 a.m., and at our Southwest Mobile Health Center (5580 Inn Road in Tillman’s Corner) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- On Thursday, our Mobile Medical Unit will be present to provide basic screenings, such as blood pressure readings and breast exams, at Gulf Village Public Housing (2002 Ball Avenue in Prichard) from noon to 4 p.m. With Public Housing regarded as a Special Population for Family Health, the unit rotates each week between Gulf Village and R.V. Taylor Public Housing.
- On Thursday, a booth will be set up at the Women’s Health Center (248 Cox Street) for Behavioral Health Services to showcase the benefits of modifying unhealthy behaviors, showcasing beneficial techniques and services, and sharing handouts and other information on services offered from 8 a.m. to noon.
- On Friday, the same Behavioral Health Services will be showcased at Urgent Care in the Keeler Memorial Building (251 North Bayou Street) from 8 a.m. to noon.