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(10/17/24) – Southern 7 November WOW Van Clinics Scheduled

Southern 7 Health Department (S7HD) announces its November Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Van Clinics for Southern Illinois. As a reminder, the health department offers STD/HIV testing and free condoms on the WOW Van and at each of their seven public health clinics.

November 6	Shawnee College Cairo Extension Center	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM
November 13	Dollar General Store, Golconda Chocolate Factory, Golconda	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM 1:00 – 3:00 PM
November 20	Whistlers & Whittlers Sr. Center, Vienna Rusty’s Home Center, Goreville	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM 1:30 – 3:30 PM
November 27	No WOW Van	

Free services available on the WOW Van include NARCAN training, blood pressure check, home colorectal cancer tests (FIT), medication disposal packets, COVID test kits, and condoms.

Charged services available include blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis), HIV, pregnancy, and TB skin tests, TD/Tdap shots for adults, Well Water tests, and Hereditary Genetic Cancer Testing. Charged services, excluding a Well Water test, require a health insurance card. All services, both free and charged, will be offered while available on day of service.

Flu shots will be provided to patients based on vaccine availability the day of the clinic and while supplies last. Health insurance cards are required. Those requesting a COVID booster should contact their local Southern 7 public health clinic for details.

Through a grant funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), S7HD provides many healthcare services through IDPH Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Van Clinics. The WOW Van rotates throughout high, health-risk communities each Wednesday in the lower seven counties in Illinois.

The WOW Van, a multi-disciplinary mobile unit, is available to S7HD through a partnership with IDPH to provide health screenings and other services. IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services on the WOW Van at sites where people can come for medical services.

No appointment is needed for services. Walk-ins are welcome. Clinic dates, times, and available services are subject to change without notice. For information on WOW Van services, upcoming dates, and how to become a sponsoring location contact Sharyl Betts at 618-634-2297 ex.970154 or visit Southern 7 on Facebook, Instagram, X, through the Southern 7 app, and at www.southern7.org.

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