



News Release

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FULTON CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Fulton County Residents Encouraged to Learn "Why Public Health Matters"

Healthcare in the United States is changing. Today we are faced with increased medical costs, limited access to healthcare and an overwhelming increase in chronic illnesses. In Fulton County, the role of public health has expanded to provide affordable health care to address health disparities that affect many residents. National Public Health Week is April 6-12 and residents are encouraged to learn why public health matters and how their local health department can help with their medical needs.

"This year's theme is quite appropriate considering the current economic climate," states Dr. Kim Turner, Deputy Director for Health and Human Services. "Now more than ever, public health matters."

The Department of Health and Wellness has opened a new clinic, Primary Care Lite, to provide affordable, limited primary care services to residents. "We understand that the economy is drastically affecting many residents with no or little health insurance and the Primary Care Lite program is another opportunity to increase the access to needed care to Fulton County residents," states Dr. Turner. "The Primary Care Lite clinic has been opened in the Aldredge Health Center to provide our residents with access to quality, affordable healthcare."

Residents can see a doctor for minor illnesses and chronic disease screenings such as hypertension, cholesterol and diabetes. Services will include a general examination including physician assessment, vital signs, finger stick glucose and cholesterol, appropriate prescriptions and/or referrals. Cost for initial/ follow-up visits and lab services are \$20.00 per visit. Clients are required to purchase their own medication.

In addition to the Primary Care Lite clinic, primary medical care is available at the following health centers:

Neighborhood Union Health Center
186 Sunset Avenue, NW
(404) 612-4665

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College Park Regional Health Center
1920 John e. Wesley Avenue
(404) 765-4155

Center for Health and Rehabilitation
265 Boulevard NE
(404) 730-5835

Residents are encouraged to use Fulton County's primary care services during National Public Health Week.

For more information about Primary Care Lite, please call 404-730-5456 or 404-730-1211.

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