

MEDIA ALERT

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SHEPHERD'S HOPE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEMOURS, TO HOST BACK-TO-SCHOOL PHYSICAL EVENTS FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN

WHAT: FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PHYSICALS FOR ELIGIBLE UNINSURED CHILDREN

***Physicals will be conducted at two [locations](#) and on ~~three~~ [four](#) dates (see below).

WHEN/WHERE:

Longwood Shepherd's Hope Health Center

Located at the Sharing Center Plaza:

600 North US 17-92, Suite 124, Longwood, FL 32750

- Monday, August 10, 2015 | 1 pm – 4 pm
- Thursday, August 13, 2015 | 9 am – 12 pm
- Monday, August 17, 2015 | 1 pm – 4 pm

Patients [can-must](#) book an appointment by calling (407) 876-6699 x 243.

Dr. Diebel, Jr. Memorial Shepherd's Hope Health Center

Located at Centro Internacional de la Familia

2008 North Goldenrod Road, Orlando, FL 32807

- Thursday, August 13, 2015 | 1 pm – 4 pm
- Monday, August 17, 2015 | 9 am – 12 pm
- Thursday, August 20, 2015 | 12 pm – 4 pm

Patients [can-must](#) book an appointment by calling (407) 876-6699 x 247.



MORE: [Shepherd's Hope](#), a faith-based nonprofit serving Central Florida's uninsured and underinsured through five free health clinics, in partnership with [Nemours](#), a family-centered nonprofit system of children's hospitals and clinics, will conduct FREE physicals for uninsured children (under 18 years of age); immunizations will not be included in these visits. As outlined above, parents/guardians should call to schedule an appointment at either location. Patients who are eligible for services through *Shepherd's Hope* typically have an income at or below 200% of the poverty level, are uninsured, and/or not eligible for government assisted health care programs.

WHY: Shepherd's Hope provides free primary & secondary medical services to the **1-in-4 Central Floridians who are uninsured or underinsured**, including children. Currently, an estimated 850,000 Floridians remain in a gray area (i.e. coverage gap) in regards to insurance availability – earning too much to qualify for some programs, but not enough to afford products offered on the Healthcare.gov exchange, even with federal subsidies, because of out-of-reach deductibles and co-payments. The majority of those who are uninsured come from low-wage, working families. These residents may struggle to afford basic housing/food needs and, therefore, because of financial obligations, forgo medical care.

The Florida Department of Health required form (DOH 3040) will be issued following completion of the physical examination. This form meets the Florida state requirement for enrollment in public or private school.

About Shepherd's Hope: Shepherd's Hope is a nonprofit organization that provides medical services to uninsured and underinsured Central Floridians, by encompassing all faiths and serving all faiths at five area health centers. Founded in 1997, more than 200,000 patient visits and medical services have been provided thanks to partnerships with hospitals, schools, faith groups and other facilities. In 2014, Shepherd's Hope provided more than 21,000 patient visits and medical services to the uninsured and underinsured in our community, thanks to the dedication of 1,800 volunteers who donated 38,321 hours. Shepherd's Hope, Inc. is headquartered at 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819. Learn more at [ShepherdsHope.org](#) or (407) 876-6699.