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New vendors added to Health Fair

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FLOWOOD - Several new vendors have been added to the upcoming Back to School Health Fair in Flowood.

The event will run from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 7 at the Flowood YMCA, located at 690 Liberty Road. The purpose is to get kids off to the safest and healthiest school year possible.

"We're promoting health and wellness throughout our community, and encouraging healthy lifestyles," Flowood Administrative Assistant Susan Bolian said.

"The challenges of getting important information out through resources and screenings to individuals and families are great, but by partnering together, we can make a greater difference in our community. We'll have a vast array of vendors."

The free event will offer health screenings for kids and health and

wellness information for adults.

Currently the list of vendors who will attend includes:

- Pinelake Church;
- TrustCare;
- United Healthcare;
- Happy Tummies Pediatric GI;
- A Better Tomorrow, formerly the Paul H. Fleming Foundation;
- Health Help;
- The Mississippi Department of Mental Health Suicide Prevention;
- GI Associates Pediatric Gastrology;
- The Baptist Medical Group, which will be offering COVID-19 vaccines for those ages 12 or older;
- Rushing Dental;
- Merit Health/River Oaks;
- The American Cancer Society;
- The Wal-Mart Vision Center;
- Enrich Mississippi, a non-profit organization for youth enrichment;
- The Keesler Federal Credit Union;
- Soccer Shots;
- The Flowood Fire Department.

Initial COVID vaccinations will be offered at the Health Fair, but the follow-up injection will have to be scheduled at a Baptist Medical

Group facility.

2021 will mark the 14th year that the city has hosted the Health Fair.

Bolian said that protective face-masks are encouraged but are not required for entry.

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