



Flowood

Back to school Health Fair set Aug. 7

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FLOWOOD - The start of the 2021-22 school year is just around the corner, and the City of Flowood has scheduled an event designed to get kids off to a healthy start.

The Flowood Back to School Health Fair will be held on Saturday, August 7.

The Health Fair will run from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. with multiple health and wellness participants on hand at the Flowood YMCA, located off of Liberty Road.

"It's a free event," Flowood Administrative Assistant Susan Bolian said.

"We're promoting health and wellness throughout our community, and encouraging healthy life-

styles. 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."

Currently, they include:

- GI Associates Pediatric Gastrology;
- Mississippi Sports Medicine;
- 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 Paul H. Fleming Foundation, a non-profit group that provides services to assist children and seniors with various needs;
- The Flowood Fire Department.

Additional vendors are expected, but haven't confirmed their attendance.

"The COVID vaccination is a two-time thing," Bolian said. "They'll get the first vaccine (at the Health Fair), and make an appointment for the follow-up vaccine at one of their facilities."

Flowood has held the Back to School Health Fair since 2007.

"This started out at the YMCA, where we held it for several years," Bolian said. "Then we moved it to the (Chastaine Flynt Memorial) Library, and it really started growing, so we moved it back to the YMCA."