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## **Dive Into History, Health, and Fun at Summer Open House**

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is excited to invite residents of all ages and backgrounds to a **Summer Open House** scheduled for Thursday, July 18 from 4-7 p.m. at 311 E. Alcott St. in Kalamazoo. This historic location, previously home to the [Illinois Envelope Company](#) from 1904 to 1998, was refurbished in 2018 by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners for use as a public health hub.

“If these rehabilitated bricks could talk, we know they’d tell quite a story—especially during their first few years serving as an emergency operations center during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Health Officer Jim Rutherford said. “This beautiful, historic property continues to afford us the space to care for Kalamazoo County through difficult times and at every stage of life, housing services available from infancy to older adulthood.”

Mixing educational materials and community resources with a splash of fun, the Summer Open House, accessible through the South Burdick Metro Bus route, will feature the following activities spanning both indoor and outdoor spaces:

- Immunizations and testing
- Educational experiments
- Face-painting
- Balloon-twisting by Scoop the Balloonatic
- Adoptable pets from the SPCA of Southwest Michigan
- Kalamazoo Public Library’s Mobile Library
- Polaroid picture station
- Ibison Concessions food for purchase
- And so much more!

Residents interested in receiving vaccines or testing at the Summer Open House should sign up for an appointment [here](#). While no one will be turned away for an inability to pay, be sure to bring a form of ID, all insurance cards, and completed [registration form](#), if possible.

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