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COVID Vaccination Rates and Updates

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) and their local partners have vaccinated nearly 16,000 individuals against COVID-19. 37% of southwest Nebraska residents have been vaccinated. Widespread vaccinations can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce hospitalizations and deaths related to COVID-19. The more people get vaccinated, the fewer opportunities the virus has not only to transmit but to further mutate.

Cases of COVID-19 have remained low across the health district since spring. SWNPHD had 60 new cases of COVID-19 reported from April 25th to June 21st, with an average of 6 to 8 cases per week among the nine counties. Six of these cases were identified in an audit of previous case data from the fall peak done by SWNPHD staff working with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services disease surveillance staff. A breakout by county includes Chase County-10, Dundy County-6, Frontier County-3, Furnas County-6, Hayes County-1, Hitchcock County-2, Keith County-14, Perkins County-12, and Red Willow County-9, bringing the total number of cases to 3,867. Additionally, one death has been confirmed by DHHS bringing the total number of COVID-19 deaths to 62.

COVID-19 information can be found at swhealth.ne.gov. You can also follow SWNPHD on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th St (1 block north of Arby's) in McCook and can be reached by calling 308-345-4223.

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