

News Release

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Flu Shot Clinic in Eustis

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be giving flu shots in Eustis on November 4th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the Eustis-Farnam School Gym. Anyone aged 6 months and older is welcome to attend.

Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that affects about 30 million people annually in the United States and kills on average about 30,000 people. Influenza is a preventable disease; the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick or having serious complications is to get an annual flu shot.

Last year the U.S. saw very little influenza thanks to the interventions used to slow the COVID-19 pandemic, such as masking and social distancing. There were only about 2,000 cases across the country and just under 650 deaths.

“It is difficult to predict what this year’s flu season will be like,” states Melissa Propp, Public Health Nurse at SWNPHD. “We encourage everyone to get an annual flu shot and practice healthy habits like frequent handwashing and staying home when you’re sick, so that these preventable illnesses don’t spread through our communities.”

Children with no insurance, under-insured, Medicaid, Native American or Native Alaskan qualify for state-funded flu vaccines. Adults who are uninsured or under-insured may also qualify for state funded flu vaccine. Vaccines for Children is funded in whole with federal and DHHS funds. Call SWNPHD for qualifications at 308-345-4223. Both state-funded and private vaccines are available at this clinic. Insurance billing and cash or credit card payment options are available to those who do not qualify for the state-funded vaccine.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. You can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or view the website at www.swhealth.ne.gov. Call (308) 345-4223 or stop by the office at 404 West 10th Street in McCook.

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