

## **News Release**

### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in February**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in February. If your child is behind on their vaccinations, now is the perfect opportunity to get them caught up. Anyone two months of age and older are invited to get their vaccinations. Due to the large increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the health district, a face covering is recommended for anyone 2 years of age and older.

Locations include:

**Curtis** - Monday, February 14th, 4:30-5:30 pm at Medicine Valley High School.

**McCook** – daily Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 pm based upon the nurse availability, at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street (one block north of Arby's).

**Other locations:** check with your local healthcare provider.

**Influenza is circulating in the health district. If you have not had the opportunity to get your flu shot there is still time to get it. Anyone 6 months of age and older should get an annual flu shot according to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).**

SWNPHD encourages those interested in vaccination to call to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but priority will be given to those with a scheduled appointment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following precautions will be in place: social distancing of 6 feet between households; masking recommended; limiting the number of extra family members at the clinics where possible.

Children with no insurance, under-insured, Medicaid, Native American or Native Alaskan qualify for the state-funded vaccine. Adults who are uninsured or under-insured may also qualify for state funded vaccine. Vaccines for Children is funded in whole with federal and DHHS funds. Call the office for qualifications at 308-345-4223. Both state-funded and private vaccines are available at these clinics. 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, Twitter and Instagram or visit [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov), call (308) 345-4223 or stop by the office at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in McCook.

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