

## **News Release**

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### **Ogallala Vaccines for Children Clinics Begin in June**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at their new office in Ogallala starting June 2, 2022.

Vaccinations will be provided at no cost for children aged 0-18 without insurance, whose insurance does not cover vaccines, or who have Nebraska Medicaid. Native American and Native Alaskan children also qualify for the state-funded vaccines. Insurance other than Medicaid is not accepted at this time. Adults who are uninsured or under-insured may also qualify for state-funded vaccine.

“We are excited to be able to offer VFC vaccines on a regular basis to Keith County and the surrounding areas,” explained Lori Rowley RN, Public Health Nurse at SWNPHD. “Having clinics weekly and staying open till 6 will give parents and caregivers flexibility in scheduling appointments. This will ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. Vaccines help prevent disease and save lives.”

Shots available will include all recommended childhood immunizations, school shots, seasonal flu shots, and COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5 and older.

**Clinic Times:** Thursdays from 8:00-6:00 pm Mountain Time at 314 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street (west door), in Ogallala.

SWNPHD encourages those interested in vaccination to call 308-345-4223 to schedule an appointment. Please ask for the Ogallala office. Walk-ins are welcome, but priority will be given to those with a scheduled appointment.

Other services available at the Ogallala office are drive-up COVID testing, health fair lab draws, health education presentations and wellness events for organizations and groups.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. You can follow us on Facebook 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 or 314 West 1st Street in Ogallala.

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