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Vaccines for Children Services Expanded

McCook- Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department will be offering the Vaccines for Children program in Hayes and Frontier counties beginning in January. The Hayes county clinic will be offered in odd numbered months and the Frontier county clinic will be offered in even numbered months. Both clinics will be offered at the school, after school hours.

Vaccines for Children is a program that provides immunizations to eligible children, 18 years old and younger. Eligibility is defined as those who are Medicaid eligible, uninsured, underinsured (health insurance does not provide coverage for childhood immunizations), and/or American Indian or Alaska Natives.

“We are excited to bring the Vaccines for Children program to Hayes Center and Frontier Counties, states Jamey Keen, Public Health Nurse and VFC Clinic Coordinator for SWNPHD. “It is important to prevent disease through vaccination and filling gaps in both counties will help keep prevention local and affordable. Delores Lawson of Hayes Center and Shelly Wills of Curtis, both whom are nurses, will be assisting SWNPHD staff with the administration of vaccinations.”

Vaccine-preventable disease has declined by over 99% since the introduction of vaccines. Outbreaks can occur when vaccination levels decrease. Immunizations are one of the most effective and cost efficient ways to prevent disease. For every dollar spent on immunizations, it saves as much as \$29.00 in direct and indirect health costs.

2012 Schedule for Hayes County – 4 to 5 pm – Hayes Center Elementary School - January 9th, March 12th, May 14th, July 9th, September 10th and November 12th

2012 Schedule for Frontier County – 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Curtis High School – February 13th, April 9th, June 11th, August 13th, October 8th and December 10th.

Vaccines for Children will also be available at SWNPHD located at 404 West 10th in McCook.

For scheduling, contact Jamey Keen, Public Health Nurse at Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department at 308-345-4223. More information is also available at www.swhealthdept.com or on Facebook. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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