

## ***News Release***

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### **Adult Vaccination Services Added**

**McCook-** Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department is offering adult vaccinations at their office located at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> (1 block north of Arby's) in McCook.

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.

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](http://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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