

News Release

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Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in August

The start of school will be here before we know it. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in August. This is a great time to help your child get the vaccines they need for the upcoming school year. Anyone two months of age and older are invited to get their vaccinations.

Locations include:

Curtis – Monday August 10th, 4:30-5:30 pm at Medicine Valley High School.

Hayes Center – Tuesday August 11th, 4:00-5:00 pm at Hayes Center Elementary School Cafeteria.

Trenton – Tuesday August 18th, 3:30-4:30 pm at Trenton High School Library

Imperial – Wednesday August 19th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm MT at Chase County Clinici

Ogallala – by appointment only, based upon the nurse availability, at 10 N Spruce St, Suite B.

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

Other locations: check with your local healthcare provider or pharmacy.

August clinics tend to be very busy; we encourage 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.

Vaccine Highlight: Meningococcal Vaccines

Meningococcal disease is a rare but very serious illness caused by bacteria. It can lead to meningitis, which is an infection around the brain and spinal cord, or a serious blood infection. These illnesses can make people very sick very quickly. Teens and young adults, especially those living in college dorms or other shared housing, have a higher chance of getting this disease. The good news is that vaccines can help protect against meningococcal disease.

There are two vaccines for meningitis, each targeting different strains of the disease. The Meningococcal ACWY vaccine is recommended for all children at 11–12 years of age, with a booster at 16 years of age. Some teens and young adults between 16 and 23 years of age may also need the Meningococcal B vaccine. The best time to get the MenB vaccine is between 16 and 18 years of age. Currently a little less than half of all 13-year-olds in the health district are up to date on 1 dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine, while only 12% of 17-year-olds have gotten the booster. Parents should talk with their child's healthcare provider or SWNPHD to make sure their child is up to date on these important vaccines before school starts or before leaving for college.

Vaccines for Children is funded in whole with federal and DHHS funds. Children with no insurance, under-insured, Medicaid, Native American or Native Alaskan qualify for state-funded vaccine. Adults who are uninsured or under-insured may also qualify for state funded vaccine. Call the office for qualifications at 308-345-4223. Only state-funded vaccines are available at the Imperial location. Both state- funded and private vaccine will be offered at all other 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. The website swhealth.ne.gov contains many resources and additional information helpful to prevent disease, promote and protect health. You can follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and You Tube.

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