Southwest Nebraska
Public Health Department

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Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in November

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in November. Anyone two months of age and older are invited to get their vaccinations. Flu shots will be available at all clinics. Everyone 6 months of age and older is encouraged to get a flu shot every year.

Locations include:

Curtis- Monday November 9th, 4:30-5:30 pm at Medicine Valley High School
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.

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: Pneumonia Vaccines

Did you know that adults age 50 and older are now recommended to receive vaccine to protect against pneumonia? Many people think pneumonia vaccines are only for older adults, but pneumococcal disease can affect people of all ages. This disease is caused by bacteria that can lead to serious infections, including pneumonia, bloodstream infections, and meningitis (an infection around the brain and spinal cord).

Young children, older adults, and people with certain health conditions are at greater risk of serious illness from pneumococcal disease. The good news is that vaccines are available to help protect you and your family. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends pneumococcal vaccines for all children younger than 5, adults age 50 and older, and people with certain health conditions or other risk factors.

SWNPHD encourages everyone to take a few minutes to check their vaccination records. In the nine-county health district 66% of children aged 2 to 3 are up to date on the four recommended doses of pneumococcal vaccine. Children typically begin receiving pneumococcal vaccines at 2 months of age as part of their routine childhood immunizations. For adults the type and number of vaccines needed depend on age, health history, and previous vaccinations.

Not sure if you or your family members are protected? Talk with your healthcare provider or contact SWNPHD to review your vaccination history. A simple vaccination can help prevent serious illness and keep our southwest Nebraska communities healthy.

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. Both state- funded and private vaccine will be offered at all 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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