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Vaccines for Children Offered January 8th in Curtis

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children on Monday, January 8th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at Medicine Valley High School. Anyone six months and older are invited to get their flu or other vaccinations. Walk-ins are welcome.

One of the many vaccinations available at the clinic is Varicella, better known as chickenpox vaccine. The first dose is given around 12 to 15 months of age and a second dose between ages 4 to 6 years.

According to CDC: Chickenpox is a disease that causes an itchy rash of blisters and a fever. A person with chickenpox may have as many as 500 blisters. The rash can spread over the whole body. Chickenpox can be serious, even life-threatening, especially in babies, adolescents, adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems.

No insurance or under-insured may qualify you for the state funded vaccine. Call the office for qualifications at 345-4223. Both state funded and private vaccines are available at this clinic. Insurance billing and cash payment options are also available to those who do not qualify for the free vaccine.

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 Twitter or view our website at <u>www.swhealth.ne.gov</u>. Call (308) 345-4223 or stop by the office at 404 West 10th Street in McCook.

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