News Release

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Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in October

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in October. Anyone two months of age and older are invited to get their vaccinations. A face covering will be required for anyone 2 years of age and older.

Locations include:

Hayes Center -Tuesday, October 5th, 4:00-5:00 pm at Hayes Center Grade School Cafeteria.
Curtis - Monday, October 11th, 4:30-5:30 pm at Medicine Valley High School.
Trenton - Tuesday, October 19th, 3:30-4:30 pm at Hitchcock County High School Library.
Ogallala – Thursday, October 21st, 12:30-1:30 pm Mountain Time at Prairie View School.
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.

Flu shots will be available at all clinics. Flu shots are recommended for all individuals aged 6 months and older.

October clinics are usually very busy. SWNPHD encourages 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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following precautions will be in place: social distancing of 6 feet between households; masks are required; limit the number of extra family members at the clinics where possible.

Children with no insurance, under-insured, Medicaid, Native American or Native Alaskan qualify for the state-funded vaccine. Adults who are uninsured or under-insured may also qualify for state funded vaccine. Vaccines for Children is funded in whole with federal and DHHS funds. Call the office for qualifications at 308-345-4223. Both state-funded and private vaccines are available at these 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. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or visit <u>www.swhealth.ne.gov</u>, call (308) 345-4223 or stop by the office at 404 West 10th Street in McCook.