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Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in June

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in June. 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:

Imperial – Wednesday June 17th, 4:00-6:00 pm Mountain Time at Chase County Clinic.

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: Hepatitis A

The Hepatitis A vaccine helps protect people from a serious liver disease called Hepatitis A. This illness can spread through dirty food or drinks or by close contact with someone who is sick.

Some people can get very sick from hepatitis, especially older adults and people with other health problems. Getting the vaccine is one of the best ways to stay healthy and protect your liver. Washing your hands with soap and water and keeping things clean can also help stop germs from spreading.

Symptoms of Hepatitis A

- fever
- upset stomach
- tiredness
- diarrhea
- dark-colored urine
- yellow skin and eyes (known as jaundice)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 44,900 cases of hepatitis A have been seen in the United States in the past 10 years. Over half of those cases resulted in hospitalization and 424 cases resulted in death.

SWNPHD encourages families to talk to their healthcare provider about the Hepatitis A vaccine. Children should get the vaccine starting at age one, but older children and adults can also get it if they have not been vaccinated for Hepatitis A before. Staying up to date on vaccines helps protect you, your family, and your community.

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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