

News Release

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Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in April

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in April. Anyone two months of age and older are invited to get their vaccinations.

Locations include:

Imperial – Wednesday, April 15th, 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.

Other locations: check with your local healthcare provider.

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: HPV

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine helps protect people from certain cancers caused by this virus. HPV affects both men and women and stays in the body without symptoms for many years. Most people recover from HPV infection on their own; some people will develop cancer caused by HPV. It is the main cause of cervical cancer and a common cause of throat cancer.

Facts about HPV Vaccine:

- Recommended for kids and teens, starting at age 9
- Works best when given early, before exposure to the virus
- Backed by many studies showing strong safety and long-lasting protection

Parents and caregivers can get children the HPV vaccine during their regular checkups or at SWNPHD shot clinics. Families are encouraged to talk with their doctor or healthcare provider with questions. The HPV vaccine is an important step toward staying healthy and preventing cancer in the future. In southwest Nebraska around 30% of teens age 13 to 17 are up to date on HPV vaccine.

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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