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**Dr. Jaeger Recognized for
Influenza Surveillance**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) congratulates Shivaun Jaeger, MD and Kay Markut on their recognition from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for their critical participation in the Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) during the 2014-15 flu season.



Kay Markut, LPN, Dr. Shivaun Jaeger, and Melissa Propp, RN, SWNPHD Public Health Nurse.

Dr. Jaeger was selected as a sentinel physician for her volunteer role as the SWNPHD Medical Director. Kay Markut, LPN is Dr. Jaeger's nurse at Tri Valley Health Systems. Over 3,000 ILINet sites were located across the United States during the 2014-15 flu season. ILINet is the most expansive national influenza surveillance system and relies upon many thousands of volunteer medical professionals across the country to be successful according to the Centers for Disease Control and prevention.

Data from weekly surveillance is an essential component of seasonal and pandemic influenza review and are used to detect unusual occurrences of influenza-like illness. The data improves the ability of each state to track flu activity and target prevention efforts.

Dr. Jaeger is originally from Chappell, Nebraska. She received her undergraduate degree from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa in 1994 with majors in biology and bio-chemistry. Dr. Jaeger graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha in 1998 and completed a three-year family practice residency program in Cheyenne, Wyoming in June, 2001.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties. For more information on influenza surveillance results, contact Melissa Propp, RN at 308-345-4223. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, McCook – one block north of Arby's. You can also follow us on Facebook.com/swnphd and Twitter@swpublichealth.

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