

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Adds Keith County**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces the addition of Keith County to their health district. “We are excited to bring our public health programs to Keith County,” states Myra Stoney, Director. “We currently serve the counties of Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow.”

“We have the pleasure of working with dedicated board members,” explains Stoney. “SWNPHD has a County Commissioner and Community-Minded Individual representing each county in our health district. We welcome Commissioner Lonnie Peters to the board and will begin our search for a community representative.”

The mission of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, in partnership with other entities, is to promote a healthy and secure quality of life for our communities. “As a board, we welcome Keith County and its residents to our health district,” states Board Chairman, Chuck Vette of Wauneta. “We have excellent established programs and skilled staff that will be an asset to Keith County.”

SWNPHD is a lead agency for Emergency Response, Disease Surveillance, Immunizations, Data Resources, Tobacco Education, Wellness, Radon Testing and Education, Clean Indoor Air Inspections, and Environmental Complaints.

The first immunization clinic will be held Tuesday, June 23rd from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Ogallala Senior Center. Appointments are encouraged; walk-ins are welcomed.

For more information on our full list of board members and programs at SWNPHD view our website at [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov), contact Myra Stoney at email: [info@swhealth.ne.gov](mailto:info@swhealth.ne.gov) or call 308-345-4223. SWNPHD office is located at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, McCook – one block north of Arby’s.

You can also follow us on Facebook.com/swnphd and Twitter@swpublichealth. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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