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**Vaccines for Children Offered in Curtis
& Flu Shot Clinic in Maywood on October 12th**

Curtis/Maywood- Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering the Vaccines for Children program at Medicine Valley High School from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12th. Clinics are held the 2nd Monday of every month.

“We hope to see everyone that needs their shots for this school year: Kindergarten, 7th grade and college students,” states Melissa Propp, Public Health Nurse and VFC Clinic coordinator for SWNPHD. A parent or guardian is required to attend the clinic with their child. If a parent is unable to attend, please contact SWNPHD for a proxy permission form. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223. Walk-ins are welcome.

“We will also be giving flu shots at D-E Feeds in Maywood from 1:00-3:00 pm on the 12th,” shares Propp. SWNPHD will bill Medicare and insurances. Nebraska Immunization Program Title 317 funds allows us to provide free flu shots for adults (19 years & older) who are un-insured, underinsured (health insurance does not provide coverage for preventive shots). To reserve your flu shot call 308-345-4223.

“If parents are planning to be in McCook, they can schedule their student shots during office hours of Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:00 p.m. by calling 308-345-4223,” explains Propp. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, one block north of Arby’s.

“Vaccines for Children” is a program that provides immunizations to eligible children, 18 years old and younger. Eligibility is defined as those who are Medicaid eligible, uninsured, underinsured (health insurance does not provide coverage for childhood immunizations), and/or American Indian or Alaska Natives.

SWNPHD was included in the Nebraska Immunization Program Title 317 funding that expands the available adult vaccines given for free. Shots covered include: flu (influenza), Zoster (shingles), Pneumonia, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough), MMR (mumps, measles, rubella), Hepatitis A & B, Varicella (chicken pox), HPV, Meningococcal and Prevnar 13 (new pneumonia).

SWNPHD also conducts blood draws and lab services the last Tuesday of every month, if you have missed your community health fair. For a listing of available tests and insurances accepted by SWNPHD, go to our website: www.swhealth.ne.gov. We also offer travel shots.

Immunizations are one of the most effective and cost efficient ways to prevent disease. For every dollar spent on immunizations, it saves as much as \$29.00 in direct and indirect health costs.

More information on immunizations is available on the website. 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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