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## **SWNPHD Clinic in Hayes Center on August 4th**

**Hayes Center** – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering the Vaccines for Children program on Tuesday, August 4th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Hayes Center Elementary School. SWNPHD holds clinics the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month in Hayes Center.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to bring your upcoming Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and college students for their required school immunizations or to get students caught up on their shots. We also encourage those going on mission trips or travelling abroad for their recommended shots. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223. Walk-ins are welcome.

We look forward to working with Mary Gigax, Hayes Center school nurse to make sure students have their required shots for school,” 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.

“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.

“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 10<sup>th</sup> Street, one block north of Arby’s.

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](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov).

SWNPHD was recently included in the Nebraska Immunization Program Title 317 funding that expands the available adult vaccines given for free. We can provide vaccines for adults (19 years & older) who are un-insured, underinsured (health insurance does not provide coverage for preventive shots) or do not have supplemental insurance with Medicare A or B. Shots covered include: Zoster (shingles), Pneumonia, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough), MMR (mumps, measles, rubella), Hepatitis A & B, Varicella (chicken pox), HPV, Meningococcal and flu (influenza).

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.