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**SWNPHD Clinic in Ogallala on June 23rd**

**Ogallala** – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering the Vaccines for Children program on Tuesday, June 23rd from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Ogallala Senior Center.

“We encourage parents to make sure their children have their required shots for school,” states Melissa Propp, Public Health Nurse and VFC Clinic Coordinator for SWNPHD. “We also welcome 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.

“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 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), and HPV.

For a listing of insurances accepted by SWNPHD, go to our website at [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov).

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 our 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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