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## **SWNPHD Clinic Scheduled for October 20th in Trenton**

**Trenton** – It's not too late to get your child their school and flu shots! Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department will be offering the Vaccines for Children program at Hitchcock County High School Library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th. Clients will need to enter the building on the south side where busses pick up students on West E Street. Clinics are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Flu shots have to be reserved ahead of time for those qualifying under the VFC or Title 317. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223. Walk-ins are welcome.

"We hope to see everyone that needs their shots for this school year: Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and college students" states Melissa Propp, Public Health Nurse and VFC Clinic coordinator for SWNPHD. "We always enjoy working with LeeAnn Kollmorgen, Hitchcock County school nurse to make sure students have their required shots for school. A parent or guardian is required to attend the clinic with their child. If a parent is unable to attend, please contact LeeAnn 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.," explains Propp. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, one block north of Arby's.

SWNPHD was 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 and Meningococcal.

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 [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov). You can also follow us on [Facebook.com/swnphd](https://www.facebook.com/swnphd) and [@swpublichealth](https://twitter.com/swpublichealth). Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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