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Vaccines for Children Offered December 8th in Curtis

Curtis- 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, December 8th. Clinics are held the 2nd Monday of every month.

We will also have flu shots available for children and adults at this clinic. For those ages 19 and over that are allergic to eggs or preservatives, SWNPHD is offering a specific flu vaccine. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223. Insurance will be billed or you can use our cash discount for \$25.

“We look forward to working with Shelly Wills, Medicine Valley 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.

We also welcome those going on mission trips or travelling abroad for their recommended shots. Get students caught up on their shots by calling 308-345-4223 to schedule an appointment.

SWNPHD provides adult immunizations, such as shingles, whooping cough, and tetanus shots. Please call SWNPHD to confirm your insurance coverage or see if you are eligible for free shots by meeting certain income criteria.

“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 recently added lead testing, blood draws and child care provider screenings to their clinic services. For a listing of available tests go to 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 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, Perkins and Red Willow counties.