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SWNPHD Clinic in Hayes Center on December 2nd

Hayes Center – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering the Vaccines for Children program on Tuesday, December 2nd from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Hayes Center Elementary School. SWNPHD holds clinics the 1st Tuesday of every month in Hayes Center.

We will have flu shots available for children and adults at this clinic. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223. Walk-ins are welcome.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to get students caught up on their shots. We also welcome those going on mission trips or travelling abroad for their recommended shots. SWNPHD also provides adult immunizations, such as shingles, whooping cough, and tetanus shots. We can bill Medicare and numerous insurance companies. Please call SWNPHD to confirm your insurance coverage or see if you are eligible for free shots by meeting certain income criteria

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 Mary Gigax 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.

Kindergarten students will need: DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis), IPV (Polio) MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and VAR (Chickenpox).

7th Grade students will need: Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis), Optional: HPV (Human Papillomavirus), MCV4 (Meningococcal) and if they have not had their second VAR (chickenpox) that will also be required.

College freshmen requirements vary by institution but typically require: Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis), IPV (Polio), MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), MCV4 (Meningococcal) and VAR (Chickenpox). Please confirm with your college on your required vaccines.

“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.

SWNPHD recently added lead testing, blood draws and child care provider screenings to their clinic services. For a listing of available tests and insurances accepted by SWNPHD, go to our website: 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](https://www.facebook.com/swnphd) and [Twitter@swpublichealth](https://twitter.com/swpublichealth). Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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