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**Vaccines for Children Offered October 21st at
New Location in Trenton**

Trenton – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department will be offering the Vaccines for Children program at a new location: Hitchcock County High School Library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21st. Clients will need to enter the building on the south side where busses pick up students on West E Street. We ask that you park on the south side of West E Street across from the school, in the main school parking lot, or on the north side of West E Street only after all busses have departed the building after 3:45 p.m. Clinics are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

“We look forward to working with LeeAnn Kollmorgen, Hitchcock County 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.

Flu shots are available for youth and adults at this clinic. “We added a new vaccine this year that is egg free, preservative free and antibiotic free”, explains Propp. “If you are allergic to eggs or had a reaction to a previous flu shot, this may be an option for you. We also have the high dose flu shot for those 65 and older”. SWNPHD can bill Medicare and numerous insurance companies. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223. Insurance will be billed or you can pay a cash discount price of \$25.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to bring your preschool, Kindergarten, 7th grade and college students for their required school immunizations or to get students caught up on their shots. We 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.

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 that we accept go to www.swhealth.ne.gov.

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

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.

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