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## **Vaccines for Children Offered April 10th in Cambridge**

**Cambridge** - Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department will be offering the Vaccines for Children program at Tri Valley Health Clinic on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity for you to bring your upcoming Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for their required school immunizations. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223.

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.

“We are looking forward to getting students ready for school next year and April 10<sup>th</sup> is a great time to get your shots done,” states Melissa Propp, Public Health Nurse and VFC Clinic Coordinator for SWNPHD. “We enjoy working with Tri Valley Health Services and appreciate their assistance.”

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

7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will need: TDap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis), Optional: HPV (Human Papillomavirus) and MCV4 (Meningococcal).

“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 10<sup>th</sup> Street, one block north of Arby’s.

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. SWNPHD also provides adult immunizations and flu shots. We can bill Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance.

More information on immunizations is available at [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov) and you can follow us on Facebook or Twitter. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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