

News Release

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Vaccines for Children Public Clinics in May

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children at public clinics in May. This is a great time to help your child get the vaccines they need for the upcoming school year. Anyone two months of age and older are invited to get their vaccinations.

Locations include:

Curtis – Monday May 11th, 4:30-5:30 pm at Medicine Valley High School.

Hayes Center - Wednesday May 20th, 08:00-10:00 am at Hayes Center High School gym.

Ogallala – by appointment only, based upon the nurse availability, at 10 N Spruce St, Suite B.

McCook – daily Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 pm based upon the nurse availability, at 404 West 10th Street (one block north of Arby's).

Other locations: check with your local healthcare provider or pharmacy.

We encourage those interested in vaccination to call to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but priority will be given to those with a scheduled appointment.

Infant Immunization Week: Helping Keep Babies Safe and Healthy

Babies can get very sick from diseases like whooping cough, measles, and the flu. Vaccines help protect them when they are most at risk. Doctors and experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend a vaccine schedule to help children stay healthy as they grow.

Healthy People 2030 goal for children 24 months and older for the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine is 90%. In Nebraska in 2023 86 percent of children 24 months and older were full protected from these diseases. This was down from 91 percent in 2022.

“Vaccines are an effective and easy way to protect our children,” said Melissa Propp Clinic Manager “When families keep up with shots, they help protect their child and others in the community.”

SWNPHD encourages parents and caregivers to:

- Take their child to regular check-ups
- Stay up to date on vaccines
- Ask their doctor questions if they are unsure
- Keep a record of their child's shots

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department offers immunizations and helpful information for families in our district. We want to make sure every child has the chance to grow up healthy.

Together, we can help keep our children safe.

Vaccines for Children is funded in whole with federal and DHHS funds. Children with no insurance, under-insured, Medicaid, Native American or Native Alaskan qualify for state-funded vaccine. Adults who are uninsured or under-insured may also qualify for state funded vaccine. Call the office for qualifications at 308-345-4223. Only state-funded vaccines are available at the Imperial location. Both state- funded and private vaccine will be offered at all other clinics. Insurance billing and cash or credit card payment options are available to those who do not qualify for the state-funded vaccine.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. The website swhealth.ne.gov contains many resources and additional information helpful to prevent disease, promote and protect health. You can follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and You Tube.

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