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## **SWNPHD Clinic Scheduled for March 21st in Trenton**

**Trenton** – Did everyone get their flu shot? Have you checked your child's shot records lately? Whooping cough and influenza are making the rounds, make sure your family is current on their shots. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department will be offering the Vaccines for Children program at Hitchcock County High School Library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21st. Clients will need to enter the building on the south side where busses pick up students on West E Street. The next clinic is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

"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 Kollmorgen or SWNPHD for a proxy permission form. Please schedule an appointment by calling 308-345-4223.

SWNPHD was included in the Nebraska Immunization Program Title 317 funding that expands the available adult vaccines given for free. We can provide vaccines for adults (19 years & older) who are un-insured, underinsured (health insurance does not provide coverage for preventive shots) or do not have supplemental insurance with Medicare A or B. Shots covered include: flu (influenza), Pneumonia, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough), Hepatitis A & B, Varicella (chicken pox), HPV, Meningococcal and MenB (for those 16-23).

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.

"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.," explains Propp. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, one block north of Arby's. SWNPHD also performs blood draws at their McCook office. Health screenings are available at both the McCook and Imperial office. Please call to schedule an appointment for health screenings at 308-345-4223 for McCook and 308-882-4269 in Imperial. For a listing of available tests and insurances that we accept go to [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://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.

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