

## **News Release**

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## **Vaccines for Children Offered January 18th in Ogallala**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering Vaccines for Children on Thursday, January 18th from 12:30 to 1:30 pm at Prairie View Elementary School, Superintendent's office. Anyone six months and older are invited to get their vaccinations. Walk-ins are welcome.

One of the many vaccinations available at the clinic is Varicella, better known as chickenpox vaccine. The first dose is given around 12 to 15 months of age and a second dose between ages 4 to 6 years.

According to CDC: Chickenpox is a disease that causes an itchy rash of blisters and a fever. A person with chickenpox may have as many as 500 blisters. The rash can spread over the whole body. Chickenpox can be serious, even life-threatening, especially in babies, adolescents, adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems.

No insurance or under-insured may qualify you for the state funded vaccine. Call the office for qualifications. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties. You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter or view our website at [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov). Call (308) 345-4223 or stop by the office at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in McCook.

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