

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Vaccinating Teenagers and COVID Vaccine Map for Southwest Nebraska**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) received 100 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine this week and is quickly using the supply by vaccinating teenagers. Pfizer is the only vaccine available at this time for persons aged 16 and 17 years and there are many families that have been waiting for an opportunity for their teens to get protection from COVID-19, because they are at higher risk due to their occupation, sports activities, a health condition, or other reasons. SWNPHD and the following partners are administering the Pfizer vaccine in southwest Nebraska:

- Chase County Clinic – Imperial
- Dundy County Hospital and Quality Care Clinic – Benkelman
- Mark’s Pharmacy – Cambridge
- U-Save Pharmacy – Ogallala
- Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department – McCook

Nebraska residents can register to receive COVID-19 vaccine at [vaccinate.ne.gov](https://vaccinate.ne.gov). Currently, persons are being vaccinated in one week or less. If you do not have computer access, please call 308-345-4223 or one of the local vaccination partners to register. You can also call to schedule an appointment or to see if that location is accepting walk-ins.

During Nurse’s Appreciation Week SWNPHD recognizes their dedicated nurses that have worked to protect the public health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic: Melissa Propp, RN; Amanda Ebert, RN; Crystal Lakey, LPN; and Beverly Powers, RN. Special thanks are also due to all the nurses at SWNPHD’s healthcare partners who have aided the health department through the COVID-19 response by conducting patient investigations and/or vaccination efforts. Nurses are an exceptional profession in any circumstance, and they rose to the challenges presented by the pandemic with strength and determination.

There is also has a new map showing COVID-19 vaccinations on the SWNPHD website at [swhealth.ne.gov/featured/1](https://swhealth.ne.gov/featured/1). The map features the total number of people vaccinated in the nine-county health district as well as a breakout by county. Other data includes how much of each of the three approved COVID vaccines are being given, vaccination by age group, and the number of fully vaccinated versus partially vaccinated. The COVID vaccine map will be updated weekly.

COVID-19 information can be found at [swhealth.ne.gov](https://swhealth.ne.gov). You can also follow SWNPHD on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th St (1 block north of Arby’s) in McCook and can be reached by calling 308-345-4223.

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