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Health District Begins Extended Hours for Back-to-School Immunizations

Main district immunization clinic will be open late for three weeks to accommodate working parents

(Las Vegas, Nev., - August 22, 2005) – The Clark County Health District today began extended back-to-school immunization hours at the main district campus, located at 625 Shadow Lane. The extended hours, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, will be in effect until Friday, September 9, and should make it more convenient for working parents to keep their children’s vaccinations up-to-date.

“Vaccination is one of the best tools we have for preventing disease in children,” said Bonnie Sorenson, director of nursing for the district. “Nevada’s childhood immunization requirements include chickenpox and hepatitis A, so new residents should review immunization records now to make sure children are up-to-date,” said Sorenson.

The following vaccinations are required for students enrolling in public or private school: chickenpox (varicella); hepatitis A; hepatitis B; polio; diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP); and measles, mumps, rubella (MMR).

Most immunizations are free of charge; however, an administrative fee of \$16 per patient for one immunization or \$20 per patient for two or more immunizations will be collected. Parents are asked to bring a copy of their child’s immunization record to the clinic.

Special note: through September 9, the district will offer travel immunizations only at its McCarran airport clinic. No childhood immunizations will be distributed at the airport clinic, and travel immunizations will not be given at any other district location during this time. People unable to visit the airport clinic may call the district immunization project at (702) 383-1351 for a list of community providers of travel vaccinations.

For further information, including immunization locations, hours and dates, the public may contact the health district immunization project at (702) 383-1351.

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