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## Beat the rush: Health District offers back-to-school immunizations year-round

LAS VEGAS - Summer is an excellent opportunity to get school children caught up on immunizations at the Southern Nevada Health District. Immunizations are available Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at all of its public health centers. Parents must bring immunization records. Children with no records will have to begin the immunization sequence from the beginning. Non-custodial adults may accompany a child, however, written consent must be provided to the health district from the parent or guardian at the time of service. An administrative fee of \$16 per patient for one immunization or \$25 per patient for two or more immunizations will be collected. Some vaccines might require an additional fee. For more information, contact the Southern Nevada Health District's immunization office at (702) 759-0850 or visit [www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org](http://www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org).

The health district's public health centers are located:

- Ravenholt Public Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas
  - East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 560 N. Nellis Blvd., Suite E12, Las Vegas
  - Henderson Public Health Center, 520 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson
  - North Las Vegas Public Health Center, 1820 E. Lake Mead Blvd., Suite F, North Las Vegas
  - Spring Valley Public Health Center, 6330 W. Spring Mountain Rd., Ste. C, Las Vegas
- (All services at Spring Valley, including immunizations, are available by appointment only. Call 759-0701)

The Nevada State Board of Health enacted new immunization regulations that require children entering seventh grade to be immunized against Bordetella pertussis. The health district provides the Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) vaccine to meet the new mandate. In addition, college freshmen younger than 24 years old who will live in on-campus housing at a Nevada college or university are required to receive the Neisseria meningitidis (Meningococcus) vaccine. Both requirements are in effect for the 2008-09 academic year.

In addition to the new immunization regulations, the Clark County School District requires the following vaccinations for students enrolling in public or private school: chickenpox (varicella); hepatitis A; hepatitis B; polio; tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap); and measles, mumps, rubella (MMR). Parents who have recently moved to Nevada should note the chickenpox and hepatitis A vaccinations are not required in all states, so immunizations that were up-to-date in other states might not be current in Nevada. The health district also suggests a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine for school-age children as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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## Back-to-School Immunizations – add one

The Southern Nevada Health District will offer extended hours for back-to-school immunizations between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at its Shadow Lane location Monday-Friday, Aug. 18-22, and Monday-Friday, Aug. 25-29. The health district's Shadow Lane location will also offer Saturday back-to-school immunizations clinics: Aug. 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Aug. 9, 16, 23, and Sept. 6 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. No other health district services will be offered after 4:30 p.m. or during Saturday clinics.

The health district will hold immunization clinics at several local malls in August between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Meadows Mall, 4300 Meadows Lane Saturday, Aug. 9; The Boulevard Mall, 3528 S. Maryland Parkway, Saturday, Aug. 16; and The Galleria Mall, 1300 W. Sunset Rd in Henderson, Saturday, Aug. 23.