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Health District To Offer Extended Hours for Back-To-School Immunizations

(Las Vegas, Nev., - August 7, 2003) – The Clark County Health District will offer extended hours at its main campus for back-to-school immunizations. The extended hours, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., should make it more convenient for working parents to keep vaccinations up-to-date.

This year, new immunization requirements have been introduced by the Nevada State Board of Health. Students enrolling in public or private school for the first time are now required to receive the chickenpox (varicella) vaccination. The new requirement is in addition to the following vaccinations, which were previously required: hepatitis A; hepatitis B; polio; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP); and measles, mumps, rubella (MMR).

“Immunization is one of the strongest tools we have in preventing disease,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer. “We strongly encourage all parents to take an active role in protecting their children. Getting all the required immunizations not only protects a child’s individual health, but also the health of the entire community,” said Kwalick.

Extended hours will be in effect Monday – Friday from August 11 to September 12 at the Ravenholt Public Health Center, located at 625 Shadow Lane. Immunizations are also available at each of the Clark County Health District’s satellite public health centers. For locations, hours and dates, call 383-1351.

Most immunizations are free of charge; however, an administrative fee of \$15 per patient will be collected.

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