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Health District Offers Extended Hours for Back-To-School Immunizations Families new to Nevada urged to review vaccine requirements

(Las Vegas, Nev., - August 12, 2004) – From Monday, August 16, to Friday, September 3, the Clark County Health District will offer extended back-to-school immunization hours at its main campus, located at 625 Shadow Lane. The extended hours, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday) should make it more convenient for working parents to keep vaccinations up-to-date.

“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.

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). Parents that 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 may not be current in Nevada.

Immunizations are also available at each of the Clark County Health District’s satellite public health centers. For locations, hours and dates, call the health district immunization project at 383-1351.

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

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