



Southwest District Health

Immunization Clinic Hours

Caldwell Office • 920 Main Street
Monday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tel: 455-5345 (Appointments are required)

Emmett Office • 1008 E. Locust
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tel: 365-6371 (Appointments are required)

Nampa Office • 824 S. Diamond
Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tel: 465-8410 (Appointments are required)

Payette Office • 1155 3rd Ave. North
Monday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tel: 642-9321 (Appointments are required)

Weiser Office • 46 W. Court Street
2nd and 4th Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tel: 549-2370 (Appointments are required)

Cambridge and Council Office
1st Thursday of every month in Cambridge
3rd Wednesday of every month in Council
Call Weiser for an Appointment

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920 Main Street
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH RECEIVES IMMUNIZATION AWARDS

Four Southwest District Health nurses attended the Idaho Immunization Program sponsored conference "Shot Smarts" on May 21, 2003 in Boise.

The conference encompassed a wide variety of topics including communicating with parents about immunizations, immunization techniques, vaccine storage and handling, efficient office practices, quality assurance review processes, and recommended immunization schedules.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Jay M. Lieberman, Chief of Infectious Diseases at the Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, California.

Debora Dobbs of Southwest District Health's Emmett office was acknowledged by Shot Smarts for her knowledge and assistance to the Shot Smarts Clinic.



Jill Eversull, RN, and Debora Dobbs, RN, receive immunization awards on behalf of Southwest District Health

Debora also received a certificate of recognition from Governor Kempthorne for her contribution to the improvement of immunization services throughout Southwest District Health's region.

Southwest District Health also received recognition from the State of Idaho for excellence in immunization program operations and was awarded the 5 Star Provider Award. ■

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Promoting and protecting the health of people and their environment

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For more information regarding immunizations or any of the services offered at Southwest District Health, call 455-5300.



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MISSION IMMUNIZATIONS

Is a quarterly newsletter for health-care professionals who work to increase immunization rates in the state and for educators and others concerned about healthier children in Idaho.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH REQUIRES DAYCARES TO COMPLY WITH IMMUNIZATION LAWS

Southwest District Health will be adhering to the immunization and daycare laws for inspections and licensures.

The Health District launched a year-long campaign to educate daycare providers about immunization schedules, the law, the importance of vaccine preventable diseases, and offered assistance to bring facilities into compliance.

All daycare providers must be familiar with these laws, as it affects the level of compliance when reviewed annually.

Current immunization requirements for children attending licensed daycare facilities in Idaho state:

In accordance with medical standards recognized by the Board of Medicine and the immunization recommendations available from the de-

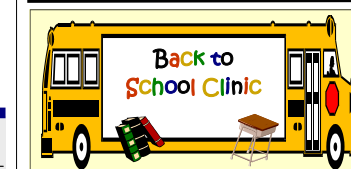


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partment's Bureau of Clinical and Preventive Services, within fourteen (14) days of a child's initial attendance to any licensed daycare facility in Idaho, the following immunizations are required and must be administered,

- 1. DTP or DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- 2. Polio

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FREE IMMUNIZATIONS OFFERED AT BACK TO SCHOOL CLINIC AUGUST 9

Southwest District Health is excited to announce the upcoming 5th annual Back-to-School Clinic that provides free immunizations and free developmental screenings for children ages 0-18 years.

This year's event will be

held Saturday, August 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at SWDH's Nampa office, 824 S. Diamond.

Donated prizes including backpacks, school supplies, etc. will be given away. Fire and ambulance trucks will be on-site as well as the drug

dog, clowns, and the dare car. Bike helmets, available in various sizes, will also be available for \$5 each.

Appointments are not required; however, to prevent missed or repeated vaccines, clients must have their immunization records with them. ■

PROVIDERS SHARE IMMUNIZATION HISTORIES VIA WEB IRIS

Since IRIS began in August of 2000, the State of Idaho has given 2,027,167 individual shots to children and adults in Idaho's Reminder Information System (IRIS).

The ability to share immunization histories over the web will make retrieving immunization histories much easier as more and more providers join IRIS.

Local providers in the counties served by Southwest District Health include:

- Emmett Medical Center
• Family Medical Clinic, Nampa
• Family Medical Clinic, Caldwell
• Garrity Medical Clinic, Nampa
• Saltzer medical Group, Nampa
• Terry Reilly Health Services in Nampa, Marsing, and Homedale

Providers that are interested in joining or want more information on IRIS may call Debbie Dobbs, RN, in Emmett at 365-6371.

Questions or Comments?

We'd appreciate receiving your comments! Please e-mail your opinions/suggestions to: azirschky@phd3.state.id.us

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CHILD FIND MONITORS CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

Child Find is a free program designed to track the development of children from birth to age three. For more information, please contact your Child Find Coordinator, Elsa Makizuru, at 455-5366 or Joyce Scott at the Idaho Infant Toddler Program, 465-8408 ext. 316.

The program provides developmental questionnaires that are simple and easy to fill out. These questionnaires are sent to parents or guardians every four months, and they track a child's development from four months to three-years-of-age.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH REQUIRES DAYCARES TO COMPLY WITH IMMUNIZATION LAWS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

- 3. MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
4. Hib (Haemophilus Influenza Type B)
5. Hepatitis B

Also contained in the current immunization requirements for children attending licensed day care facilities in Idaho is an exemption clause which states:

A child who meets one (1) or both of the following conditions, if supporting documentation from the legal parent, custodian or guardian is in the possession of the licensed day care facility operator(s), shall be exempt from the required immunization(s) for which the condition(s) exist:

- 1. Life or health endangering circumstances. A child who has a signed statement by a licensed physician or physician's representative that the child's life or health would be

endangered if any or all of the required immunizations in Section 100 were administered shall be exempt from the required immunization(s).

2. Religious or other objections. A child who has a signed statement by the parent, custodian, or guardian on a form provided by the department or on one containing substantially similar information and includes the following information shall be exempt from the required immunization(s):

- A. Name of child; and
B. A statement of objection on religious or other grounds

Southwest District Health requires compliance with the current immunization laws. If the day care facility does not have records that are up-to-date on the day of the inspection, a Notice of Violation will

be issued. Funding from the state programs will be affected if the facility does not pass their inspection.

If a parent chooses not to vaccinate their child and the child will be attending the day care facility, an exemption form must be on file. However, an exemption form should NEVER replace an immunization record that has been misplaced or lost.

Appointment for inspections will be made 1-2 months in advance of when licenses are due. There will be no surprise visits.

If you have any questions or need assistance to bring your facility up to compliance, please contact Bev Hochstetter, Day Care Coordinator, at 455-5348 or Guy Manley, Environmental Health Specialist, at 455-5400.

GIFT PROGRAM CONTINUES IN CALDWELL OFFICE

In partnership with St. Luke's, St. Alphonsus, and Success by Six, the GIFT program (Get Immunized Free on Tuesday) provides free immunizations for all children ages newborn to eighteen on the second Tuesday of each month.

Since February 2002,

Southwest District Health (SWDH) is proud to have immunized 77 children free of charge through this valuable program.

SWDH's Caldwell office will continue to provide the free immunizations by appointment only from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each



month.

Other local partners participating in the program include Saltzer Medical Group; Family Medical Clinic in Caldwell, Nampa, and Garrity Blvd.; and Terry Reilly Health Services in Nampa and Homedale.

CHILDREN OVER 6 MONTHS NEED FLU VACCINE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are now recommending that children over 6 months of age receive the flu vaccine to try and reduce the spread of influenza.

The risks for complications, hospitalizations, and deaths from influenza are higher among persons ages 50 and above, very young children, and persons of any age with certain underlying health conditions.

These conditions can include chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, (including asthma), chronic metabolic disease, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression, and long-term aspirin therapy.

Among children 0-4 years-of-age, hospitalization rates have



ranged approximately 500/100,000 population for those with high-risk conditions to 100/100,000 population for those without high-risk conditions. Within the 0-4 age group, hospitalization rates are highest among children 0-1 year-of-age.*

Children may need two doses, 30 days apart, depending on their age and whether they have previously received the influenza vaccine. Children over nine years-of-age and adults will need to receive

only one dose. Southwest District Health (SWDH) hopes to begin its vaccination program in early October.

The influenza vaccine this flu season contains the same trivalent A and B formulation as 2002/2003 vaccine. However, influenza vaccine produced in 2002 expired June 30, 2003.**

*MMWR April 12, 2002
** Influenza Vaccine Bulletin #1 from National Immunization Program

LOCAL DAYCARES RECEIVE INCENTIVE AWARDS

Southwest District Health is continuing to offer its incentive program to promote IRIS (Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System) by awarding child care providers who were the first to have their children's immunization records up-to-date and ready for input into IRIS.

Vouchers earmarked for educational supplies or play equipment are issued to those daycares who have 100% of their children's immunization on file at their facility and have 90% of those children enrolled in the IRIS program. Child care facilities with 15 or fewer children will receive a voucher for \$50. Child care facilities with

Southwest District Health Recognizes the following winners

- Debbie's Daycare, Payette
• A Child's Home, Nampa
• Christina Forsgren, Melba
• Payette Head Start, Payette
• Rachael Hernandez, Nampa



Debbie's Daycare, operated by Debbie Shaver, \$50 winner



A Child's Home, operated by Leslie Creasey, \$50 winner

COALITION HOSTS ANNUAL GIVE ME FIVE EVENT



In concert with multiple vaccine providers, (including Southwest District Health, Mercy Medical Center, Saltzer Medical Group, and Terry Reilly Health Services) the Canyon Area Immunization Coalition provides an event full of activities to celebrate children ages one to four who are up-to-date on their immunizations.

The event will be held at the Nampa Civic Center on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Games, refreshments, and donated prizes will be provided. A grand prize trip to Disneyland will be awarded to one lucky family.

The child's up-to-date immunization record is required for admittance to the festivities.

For more information, call Southwest District Health's information line at 455-5353. Free vaccines sponsored by Saltzer Medical Group will be available at the event.