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NEWS RELEASE

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City's Department of Public Heath Provides Low Cost Routine Vaccines for Children

Ready, Set, Vaccinate; Catch Up On Routine Vaccines

El Paso, Texas – As children are getting ready to head back to school, Public Health Officials remind parents of the importance of having their children up to date on their routine vaccines by visiting one of the City's Community Clinics.

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health stresses the importance on vaccination as it helps protects our children and loved ones from preventable diseases like tetanus, HPV, polio, measles, meningitis, whooping cough and other.

"Deadly and disabling diseases such as polio, meningitis, measles and others were present not long ago in the community" said City-County Local Health Authority Dr. Hector Ocaranza. "We must protect our children by vaccinating them against these deadly diseases. Vaccines are one of the most successful means to prevent disease and death."

The **City's Community Clinics are open** Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. *They are closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. and on Sunday and Monday* at the following locations:

- Ysleta, 110 Candelaria Rd.
- Henderson, 721 S. Mesa
- Northeast, 9566 Railroad

No appointment required but can be made by calling (915) 212-6555.

The Department of Public Health is offering free vaccines for children 18 years of age and under who meet one of the following Texas Vaccines for Children guidelines:

- Enrolled in Medicaid
- Uninsured and Underinsured

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Enrolled in CHIP

The following vaccines are available to eligible children 0-18 years old:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)
- Diphtheria Tetanus (DT)
- Haemophilus Influenza (Hib)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Pneumococcal Vaccine for Children (PCV-15)

- Polio (IPV)
- Rotavirus (RV)
- Varicella or Chickenpox (VAR)
- Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV) and Meningitis B (MenB)
- Adolescent Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

For more information on the services and health screenings provided by the Department of Public Health visit <u>EPHealth.com</u>, under the <u>Immunizations</u> tab or call 2-1-1.

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