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## City's Department of Public Health Provides FREE Routine Vaccines for Eligible Children

District 4

Ready, Set, Vaccinate; Catch Up On Routine Vaccines

**EL PASO**, **Texas**—As children prepare to head back to school, Public Health officials remind parents on the importance of updating their children's routine vaccines by visiting one of the City's Community Clinics.

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health emphasizes the significance of vaccination in safeguarding children and loved ones against preventable illnesses like tetanus, HPV, polio, measles, meningitis, whooping cough, and more.

"Diseases like polio, measles, and meningitis were once common and had devastating impacts on communities," said City-County Local Health Authority Dr. Hector Ocaranza. "Thanks to vaccines, we've made great progress—but we must remain vigilant. Protecting our children through vaccination is one of the most effective ways to prevent serious illness and save lives."

The City's Community Clinics are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinics are closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. They are located at:

- Westside, 7380 Remcon Circle
- Lower Valley, 9341 Alameda Ave.
- Henderson, 721 S. Mesa
- Northeast, 9566 Railroad

No appointments are 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
- Underinsured (Private insurance, but coverage does not include vaccines, or selected vaccines)
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Enrolled in CHIP (El Paso First only)

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

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)
- COVID-19
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Polio (IPV)
- Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV) and Meningitis B (MenB)
- Adolescent Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

In addition to clinic services, the Department's **Vax to School Tour '25** will host outreach events across El Paso, bringing vaccines to areas where families may have limited access to healthcare. These pop-up events aim to help parents get their children vaccinated without needing to travel to a clinic.

Vax to School Tour '25 dates and clinic locations can be found at <u>EPHealth.com</u>, under the <u>Immunizations</u> tab or call 2-1-1



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