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City's Department of Public Health Encourages Families to Catch Up on Routine Childhood Vaccines

Free and Low-Cost Vaccines Available for Eligible Children at City Community Clinics

EL PASO, Texas—As the school year comes to a close and families prepare for summer activities, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health is encouraging parents and guardians to make sure their children are up to date on routine vaccinations.

Vaccines help protect children, families, and the broader community from serious and preventable illnesses, including 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. “As families travel, attend City-hosted summer events, and gather with friends and loved ones, we encourage parents to make sure their children are up to date on routine vaccinations. Vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to protect children, prevent serious illness, and save lives.”

The City's Community Clinics are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and are closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Clinic locations include:

- Westside: 7380 Remcon
- Mission Valley: 9341 Alameda
- Henderson: 721 S. Mesa
- Northeast: 9566 Railroad
- Medical Center of the Americas: 4240 Alameda

Appointments are not required but strongly recommended. To schedule an appointment, please call (915) 212-0200.

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

- Enrolled in Medicaid
- Uninsured or Underinsured (Private insurance, but coverage does not include vaccines, or selected vaccines)
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Enrolled in CHIP

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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)
- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (HIB)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Polio (IPV)
- Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV) and Meningitis B (MenB)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), and Measles Mumps Rubella Varicella (MMRV)
- Pneumococcal (PCV)
- Rotavirus (Rota)
- Adolescent Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Varicella

In addition to clinic services, the department's **Vax to School Tour '26** will host outreach events across El Paso to help bring vaccines closer to families who may have limited access to healthcare. These pop-up clinics are designed to make it easier for parents to get their children vaccinated without having to travel to a City clinic.

Vax to School Tour '26 dates and locations are available at [EPHealth.com](https://www.ephealth.com), under the [Vax to School tab](#) or call 2-1-1.

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