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NEWS RELEASE

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

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 avoidable illnesses like tetanus, HPV, polio, measles, meningitis, whooping cough, and more.

"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 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:

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

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
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Uninsured and Underinsured
- Enrolled in CHIP

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)

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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