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NEWS RELEASE

Department of Public Health Prepares for Back-to-School Vaccination Rush

Immunizations Program extends hours of operation ahead of new school year

EL PASO, Texas – As the new school year quickly approaches, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health wants to make sure area school children who require vaccines receive their services in a timely manner. In an effort to reduce long lines and extended wait times, all three of the City's Immunization Health Clinics have begun operating concurrently with extended hours.

"In order to maintain operations we had previously used a staggered schedule," said Crystal Bedore, Immunizations Program Manager. "We usually see our client numbers nearly triple in the month of August and so we want to make sure parents realize they can have their children vaccinated earlier so they are not adding to or experiencing the congestion."

All three Immunization Clinics will begin operating Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will remain open during the lunch hour. Clinic locations are: Central El Paso (5115 El Paso Drive), Henderson (721 South Mesa Street), Ysleta (110 Candelaria Road). Appointments can be made by calling 915-212-6555 or online at www.EPHealth.com.

Parents and legal guardians are required to bring a photo ID and the child's immunization record. The administration fee for vaccines is \$10.00 per child for one vaccine and \$15.00 per child for two or more vaccines. The Immunization Program accepts all Medicaid plans, CHIP (El Paso First only), credit and debit cards (Visa and Mastercard).

Children are usually required to receive vaccines upon entering daycare or elementary school, middle school, during high school, and before registering for college. For more information visit www.EPHealth.com

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