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CARSON CITY/DOUGLAS/LYON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP NEWS RELEASE

Get Vaccinated Against Pertussis – Help Build Community Immunity

Carson City/Douglas County/Lyon County, Nev. – Due to the recent increase in pertussis (whooping cough) cases in Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties, Carson City Health & Human Services (CCHHS) would like to remind members of the community to get vaccinated. The Disease Control and Prevention Division at CCHHS oversees disease surveillance and investigations in Carson City, Douglas County, and Lyon County and is currently investigating the increase. Vaccination against pertussis is the best way to protect babies, children, preteens, teens, adults against the illness.

The childhood vaccine is called DTaP, and the pertussis booster vaccine for preteens, teens, and adults is called Tdap. Children should get 5 doses of the DTaP vaccine, one dose at each of the following ages:

- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 15-18 months
- 4-6 years

There is a catch-up immunization schedule available for persons aged 4 months through 18 years who start late or who are more than 1 month behind. Tdap vaccines are available for anyone over the age of 11 years old, including pregnant women. A catch-up schedule as well as vaccine schedules for all ages is available on the CDC’s website at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/.

Families can check their immunization records by visiting the State of Nevada’s immunization registry NV WebIZ at https://izrecord.nv.gov/public or by contacting your immunization provider. Residents can get vaccinated by contacting their healthcare provider or by visiting one of the following locations:

Carson City Health & Human Services
900 East Long Street, Carson City, NV, 89706
Walk-in immunizations are available every Thursday from 8:30-11:30am & 1:00-4:30pm.
Call (775) 887-2195 for more information.
Dayton Community Health Clinic
5 Pine Cone Road, Suite 103, Dayton, NV, 89403
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm, Closed for Lunch from 12:00-1:00pm.
Call (775) 246-6211 for more information.

Douglas County Community Health
1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, NV, 89410
Walk-in immunizations are available every Monday from 1:00-4:00pm.
Call (775) 782-9038 for more information.

Fernley Community Health Clinic
555 E. Main Street, Fernley, NV, 89408
Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00am-5:30pm, Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:00pm.
Call (775) 575-3363 for more information.

Yerington Community Health Clinic
26 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV, 89447
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
Call (775) 463-6539 for more information.

For more information about pertussis, visit the Health Department web page http://gethealthy Carsoncity.org/pertussis-whooping-cough/ or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) web page https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/.

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