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**National Infant Immunization Week, April 24-May 1
Health District to host special Saturday shot clinics**

LAS VEGAS – As part of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), the Southern Nevada Health District will host special Saturday immunization clinics between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 24 at its public health centers. Childhood and school immunizations will be available, including the mandatory 7th grade Tdap (pertussis) vaccine. There will be no charge for immunizations at the Saturday clinics. For more information about the Saturday clinic or immunization services, contact the Southern Nevada Health District's immunization office at (702) 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info.

The Southern Nevada Health District offers immunizations year round at its public health centers between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. An administrative fee of \$16 per child for one shot or \$25 per child for two or more shots will be collected. Some vaccines might require an additional fee. The health district's public health centers:

- Ravenholt Public Health Center: 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas
- East Las Vegas Public Health Center: 560 Nellis Blvd., Ste. E-12, Las Vegas
- Henderson Public Health Center, 520 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson

NIIW is an annual observance to promote the benefits of immunizations, especially for children up to 36 months. Nevada continually lags behind the rest of the nation in its immunization rates for this age group. Immunizations are considered one of the most important public health advances of the past century and have reduced infant deaths and disability from preventable diseases in the United States.

Recently, several important milestones have been reached in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants and adults worldwide:

- In 2009, many physicians leaving medical school will never see a case of measles.
- In 2007, CDC announced that childhood immunization rates remain at or near record highs.
- In 2005, the CDC announced that rubella is no longer a major health threat to pregnant women or their unborn children, due to high vaccine coverage rates.

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NIIW/Health District Immunization Clinics – add one

Additional immunization clinics will be held throughout the community during National Infant Immunization Week:

Saturday, April 24 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Vons 1131 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas
Sunday, April 25: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Jimmy’s Market 1370 W. Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas
Monday, April 26 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cardenas Market 4421 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas
Wednesday, April 28 10 .am. – 2 p.m.	Cardenas Market 2400 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas

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