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**Health District offers first services at new location;
*Back-to-school shots begin Aug. 1***

LAS VEGAS – Beginning Wednesday, August 1, the Southern Nevada Health District will offer its first services at its future home, 330 S. Valley View Blvd at Meadows Lane when it begins its annual back-to-school immunization clinics. The health district's new, main public health center will be open for back to school shots Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. No other health district services will be available at this time. For information, contact the immunization clinic, (702) 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info for details about special clinics.

Currently, school shots will be the only services offered throughout August at the new location. Back-to-school immunizations will be available from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mon., Aug. 13-Fri., Aug. 17 and Mon., Aug. 20-Fri., Aug. 24. Special back-to-school immunization clinics will be available 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24 at the East Las Vegas and Henderson public health centers.

Additional health district services will be offered at the new public health center in the coming months. Health district services were relocated due to the closure of the main building at 625 Shadow Lane in April.

The health district will offer back-to-school immunizations at area malls: Sat., Aug. 11, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Meadows Mall, 4300 Meadows Lane; Sat., Aug. 18, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Boulevard Mall, 3528 S. Maryland Parkway; Sat., Aug. 25, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Galleria at Sunset, 1300 W. Sunset Road.

The Clark County School District requires the following vaccinations for students enrolling in public or private school: chickenpox (varicella); hepatitis A; hepatitis B; polio; tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap); and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Parents who have recently moved to Nevada should note the chickenpox and hepatitis A vaccinations are not required in all states, so immunizations that were up-to-date in other states might not be current in Nevada. The health district also suggests a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine for school-age children as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Children entering the Clark County School District for the first time, no matter which grade they are entering, are now required to have a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine and a fourth dose of polio vaccine. If the fourth dose of polio vaccine is given BEFORE the child's fourth birthday, it is invalid for school admission.

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Health District BTS shot clinics at new location – add one

Children entering seventh grade must be immunized against Bordetella pertussis. The health district provides the Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) vaccine to meet the mandate. College freshmen younger than 24 years old who will live in on-campus housing at a Nevada college or university are required to receive the Neisseria meningitidis (Meningococcus) vaccine.

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