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Metro Health Immunization Clinic Moves to Westside Location

San Antonio (July 19, 2013) – The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) immunization clinic located at 345 West Commerce will move to the Frank Garrett Center located at 1226 NW 18th street. The move represents Metro Health's overall goal to be more neighborhood based and allows access to the population the clinic serves most; seniors and children. "Having Metro Health's Immunization Clinic re-locate to the Garret Center is a huge win for the community! It means the clinic will remain centrally located and accessible to everyone, especially those in our community who face barriers to health care" said City Councilman Diego Bernal of District 1.

To accommodate this transition, the Commerce location will remain open through Monday, July 29. Services will be unavailable from July 30 through Aug. 2. The new location, which offers ample free parking, will open doors to the public on Monday, Aug. 5. Individuals needing immunizations during this time when the downtown clinic will be closed are encouraged to schedule an appointment at our Goodwill clinic, located at 727 N.W. Loop 410 or attend one of several back to school health fairs taking place in San Antonio (see attached schedule). Individuals in need of their immunization record can obtain them at the following libraries (through Aug. 30) and city locations:

- Cortez Branch Library, 2803 Hunter Blvd., 78224
- Great Northwest Branch Library, 9050 Wellwood St., 78250
- Thousand Oaks Branch Library, 4618 Thousand Oaks, Dr., 78233
- Mission Branch Library, 3134 Roosevelt Ave., 78214
- Vital Records, 719 S. Santa Rosa St., 78204, 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F (extended hours starting July 15: Mon. & Thurs. until 6 p.m.)
- Valley View Community Link Center, 8523 Blanco Rd., 78216, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F
- Las Palmas Community Link Center, 803 Castroville Rd., Suite 417, 78237, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F
- Immunization administrative offices, 332 W. Commerce, 78205, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., M-F
- Goodwill Clinic, 727 N.W. Loop 410, 78216, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., M-F

Metro Health encourages families of students needing immunizations for back to school to see their primary care physician so they can have an annual well-child checkup when they receive their vaccinations. Below are some tips to follow for an appointment:

- Take the most recent shot record
- Have proof of Medicaid or CHIP enrollment, cash, or insurance information
- Bring a letter from the school nurse, if you received one

- Tell the physician or medical clinic about all medical conditions or illnesses affecting your child
- Inform the physician or medical clinic of any reaction to medications, food, or any vaccine your child has experienced
- Ask about the HPV vaccine for adolescents
- Ask about the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines for college-bound students

Metro Health clinics are available to assist families who are unable to schedule an appointment with a physician. Individuals should call the Immunization Division at 207-8894 to make an appointment as soon as possible. For more information on Metro Health immunization fees, as well as all state requirements and clinical options, visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations.html>

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