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“Got Shots? Protect Tots!” Immunization Clinics to be Held August 6 to 20
Providers to Hold Special Office Hours without Needing an Appointment

(Santa Fe) – The New Mexico Department of Health and healthcare providers from across the state are partnering to hold special immunization clinics from August 6 through 20 for children through 18 years old. The special clinics are part of the “Got Shots? Protect Tots!” immunization campaign.

Participating providers will offer immunizations to any child, regardless of whether he or she is a patient or has insurance as part of “Got Shots? Protect Tots!” clinics. Many providers will hold clinics on weekends to accommodate more families. To find a clinic in your area call 1-866-681-5872 or go online to <http://www.immunizenm.org>.

“The special clinics are the perfect chance to have your child immunized before they start back to school this fall and for parents to get children of all ages up-to-date on their immunizations, so I encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity,” Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Catherine Torres said. “Immunizations are one of the best tools we have to protect our children from serious and preventable diseases.”

The “Got Shots? Protect Tots!” immunization campaign is organized by the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, which includes the New Mexico Primary Care Association and the Department of Health. Approximately 70 private practices, community health centers and public health offices are participating in the “Got Shots? Protect Tots!” immunization clinics.

This is the seventh year that members of the New Mexico Immunization Coalition have partnered for summer back to school immunization events. During all the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Got Shots? Protect Tots! events, providers gave more than 21,600 immunizations to more than 8,800 children across the state.

The Department of Health provides free immunizations year round at public health clinics in every county for uninsured children. Immunizations are the best way to protect children from serious, preventable diseases.



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