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Sedgwick County Health Department to Hold "Drive-Thru" Event for Teens

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will administer Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) boosters and Hepatitis B (Hep B) immunizations to teens during a special "Drive-thru" event on Saturday, June 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The clinic will be held in the parking lot directly south of the main Health Department at 1900 E. 9th Street (corner of 135 and 9th Street).

Cost for the immunizations are as follows: Tetanus booster (\$14.80) and Hep B (\$24.00). Clients interested in getting Hep B shots must bring their immunization record with them so that the immunization can be recorded. In addition, clients must sign both a Vaccine Consent Form and a HIPAA Acknowledgement Form. These forms are available in advance on the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

Drive-thru service accepts cash payments or a current Medicaid or HealthWave 19 Cards only. Those who wish to pay with MasterCard or Visa may get their shots inside the Health Department. American Express and Discover cards are not accepted.

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The past few years, tetanus boosters have not been required due to a vaccine shortage. Because of this, there is a backlog of high school students, including those who will be freshmen this year, who need to be vaccinated. Recently, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced that the ten-year tetanus booster will be required for the 2003/2004 school year.

"We realize that there are a number of students that will need these vaccines before starting school in the fall," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "We want to make it as easy as possible for teens to get the immunizations they need. This 'Drive-thru' is just another way Sedgwick County is working for you."

For more information about immunizations, please Sharon Ensz at 660-7362.

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