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Sedgwick County Health Department To Offer Sports Physicals

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will be offering Sports Physicals and Immunizations for Sedgwick County middle and high school students. Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) boosters, Hepatitis B (Hep B) immunizations and Sports Physicals will be provided at select Wichita High Schools in August (schedule attached). The clinics will be staffed by medical personnel from the Sedgwick County Health Department and Via Christi.

Tetanus boosters were not required the past few years 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. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has announced that the ten-year Tetanus booster is required for the 2003/2004 school year.

The Tetanus booster is \$14.80, Hepatitis B vaccine is \$24.00 and the Physical is \$25.00. Students who present proof of qualification for free or reduced lunches can receive their Tetanus booster for \$7.40 and their Hep B vaccine for \$12.00. Students who will receive the Sports Physical are asked to wear shorts.

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"It is especially important to make sure kids in our community are properly immunized and are in good physical shape before they begin school," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "The Sedgwick County Health Department is able to provide these services at convenient locations for all Sedgwick County residents."

The clinics will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

Wednesday, August 6	Southeast High School
Thursday, August 7	Southeast High School
Monday, August 11	Northwest High School
Tuesday, August 12	West High School
Wednesday, August 13	East High School

The Sedgwick County Health Department is also offering immunizations for all students throughout the month of August at the main Health Department, 1900 E. Ninth and at the various Health Stations located throughout Sedgwick County. For a list of locations and times, visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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