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Williamson County and Cities Health District Observes National Infant Immunization Week

During the week of April 26 – May 3, 2014 the Williamson County and Cities Health District will observe National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), an annual observance to promote the benefits of immunizations and to improve the health of children two years old or younger. Since 1994, local and state health departments, national immunization partners, health care professionals, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have worked together through NIIW to highlight the positive impact of vaccination on the lives of infants and children, and to call attention to immunization achievements. WCCHD Texas Vaccine for Children Program Coordinator Cindy Crouch, MPA says, “Each year, hundreds of local children become ill from diseases that could have been prevented by basic childhood immunizations. Countless more miss time from day care and school because they are under-immunized or inappropriately immunized”.

Infant and childhood immunizations are provided at all WCCHD clinics year round by appointment and on a walk-in basis. Parents or child guardians should bring their children's immunizations records with them to the clinic. If a child has Medicaid, there is no fee. WCCHD also immunizes children insured by CHIP Superior at no charge. The cost for children that have no insurance or who are underinsured is $10.00 no matter how many immunizations are needed. No child will be denied immunizations if the family is unable to pay the administrative fee. WCCHD also administers the Texas Vaccine for Children Program. This program provides state-purchased vaccine at no cost to private physicians, clinics, and public health agencies to administer vaccine to Medicaid, CHIP, uninsured and underinsured children. These providers agree to charge only a modest administration fee. WCCHD recruits providers for the TVFC program, provides education and technical assistance to the Williamson County community on immunizations.

To learn more about child immunizations and the services WCCHD provides, visit your public health district website at www.wcchd.org or call 512-248-3261.