

CHICKEN POX

Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, Nebraska law states that **every student enrolled in a Nebraska school will be required to have had 2 (two) Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccines.** This becomes effective July 1, 2011.

There are three exemptions. One is if your child has had the disease, Chicken Pox, and the date is on file with the school and the other two are medical and religious exemptions. If there is a Medical Exemption, this form must be signed by your medical provider to the fact that obtaining the immunization would be detrimental to the health of your child. There are no religious tenets in Nebraska that forbid immunizations. This form must be notarized and placed on file with your child's school record.

There is an immunization clinic held in Holdrege, at Phelps Memorial Health Center the fourth Thursday of every month (excluding November), from 2-4 p.m. Call, toll free, 1-877-209-3723, to make an appointment. There is a fee; however, no one is refused immunizations because of the inability to pay.

Thank you,

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