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Get School Vaccinations Checked Before the First Bell

Health Clinic offers Walk-in vaccines available Tuesdays and Thursdays

PECOS, Texas (July 27, 2026) —As families begin shopping for school supplies, reviewing schedules and preparing for another academic year, Reeves Regional Health is reminding parents to add one more important item to their back-to-school list: checking their children's vaccination records.

Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic is offering walk-in school vaccination clinics every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. for students entering kindergarten through 12th grade. The clinic is located at 2335 S. Medical Drive in Pecos.

No appointment is needed, and students will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Back-to-school preparations can become hectic very quickly, especially as the first day of classes approaches," said Brenda McKinney, CEO of Reeves Regional Health. "Offering these walk-in clinics gives families a convenient opportunity to review their children's records and take care of needed school vaccinations before schedules become even busier."

Texas schools require students to have certain vaccinations before entering school. Requirements may vary based on the student's age, grade level and vaccination history, making it important for parents to review each child's records rather than assume everything is current.

Families should bring the child's shot card so clinic staff members can review the vaccination record and determine which vaccines may be needed. A parent or legal guardian must be present for the student to receive vaccinations.

Parents and guardians also should bring copies of the child's insurance cards. However, insurance status does not determine whether a child is eligible to receive vaccinations through the clinic.

"A missing vaccination or incomplete record can create unnecessary stress for parents and students as school registration approaches," McKinney, said. "We encourage families to locate their children's shot cards now and visit the clinic sooner rather than waiting until the final days before school begins."

Vaccinations are an important part of preparing children for the classroom. Schools bring students together in close settings where illnesses can spread quickly, and required vaccinations help protect individual students as well as their classmates, teachers and other members of the community.

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Reviewing records before the start of school also gives families time to address questions, locate missing documentation and complete any vaccinations that may be required. Parents with children entering kindergarten, seventh grade or a new school district may be especially likely to encounter updated documentation requirements.

Families who have recently moved, changed medical providers or received vaccinations at several locations should gather as much information as possible before visiting the clinic. Bringing available records can help clinic staff members develop a more complete picture of the child's vaccination history.

The walk-in format is intended to make the process easier for working parents and families balancing summer activities, childcare and school preparations. Because students are served in the order they arrive, families should allow enough time for registration, record review and vaccination.

"We know parents have a lot to manage as the school year approaches," McKinney, said. "Our goal is to provide a simple, accessible way for local families to complete this important part of their back-to-school preparations close to home."

The school vaccination clinics are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic, 2335 S. Medical Drive. No appointment is required. A parent or guardian must accompany the student, and families should bring the child's shot card and copies of all insurance cards.

For questions about the clinics or the documents families should bring, call Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic at **432-447-0565**.

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