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**South Central Public Health District announces no-cost adult immunization clinics**

**TWIN FALLS, ID** - South Central Public Health District will be providing 300 adult immunizations at no cost to *uninsured adults* in the eight-county region of southern Idaho. Project funding comes through a \$6,000 grant from the Seagraves Family Foundation and vaccine purchased by the Idaho Immunization Program.

According to Cheryle Becker, author of the Seagraves grant, “The Seagraves Family Foundation grant will cover the administration fee. The administration fee includes the time and materials required to provide the vaccine. Vaccines were purchased by the Idaho Immunization Program with funds from the Centers for Disease Control.”

The vaccines purchased by the IIP include:

- 70 doses of Prevnar, a vaccine for Pneumonia,
- 70 doses of Zostavax, a vaccine for Shingles,
- 200 doses of Tdap, a vaccine for Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis.

Rene LeBlanc, District Health Director said, “The plan, ratified by the Board of Health, provides each county with a portion of the vaccine based on population.” The distribution plan states;

- Blaine County will receive 35 vaccines,
- Camas County 2 vaccines,
- Cassia County 35 vaccines,
- Gooding County 23 vaccines,
- Jerome County 35 vaccines,
- Lincoln County 8 vaccines,
- Minidoka County 32 vaccines, and
- Twin Falls County will receive 129 vaccines.

LeBlanc noted, “For an uninsured adult, the cost of vaccines can be significant.” According to the health district’s fee schedule, the cost for the Zostavax vaccine is \$188.00 per dose, the Prevnar vaccine is \$151.00, and the Tdap vaccine costs \$34.00 per dose. The administrative fees range between \$14.00 and \$20.00. LeBlanc indicated that, “these are pass-through costs; the health district does not make any money on immunizations.”

“We saw this need and realized we had an opportunity to combine local, state, and federal resources to provide immunizations at no-cost to those most in need,” Becker said. “By working with community partners, we are also able to move the clinics closer to the clients.”

Once all of the clinics are scheduled, the health district will post the schedules at [phd5.idaho.gov](http://phd5.idaho.gov). Nursing staff will provide immunizations on a first come, first served basis.

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## RESOURCE PAGE

### Links

- CDC Immunization Recommendations for Adults  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-schedule-easy-read.pdf>
- 2016 County Health Rankings  
[https://www.phd5.idaho.gov/Docs/County%20Health%20Rankings/CHR2016\\_ID.pdf](https://www.phd5.idaho.gov/Docs/County%20Health%20Rankings/CHR2016_ID.pdf)

### Infographics

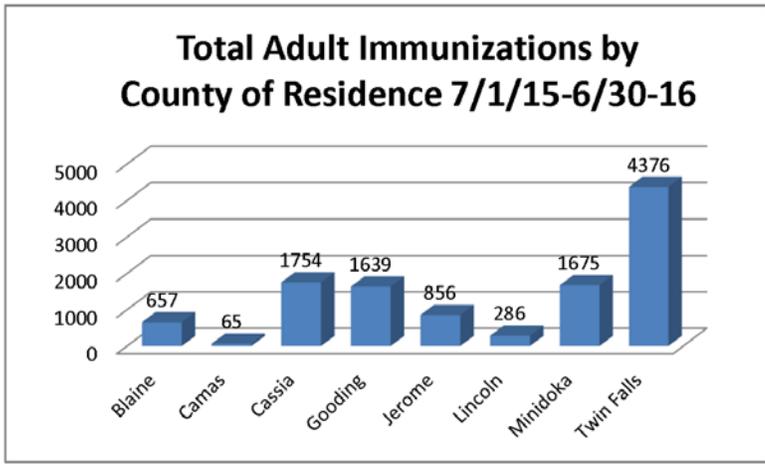


Figure 1: Total immunizations given to individuals over 19 in SCPHD clinics from 07/1/2015 to 06/30/2015

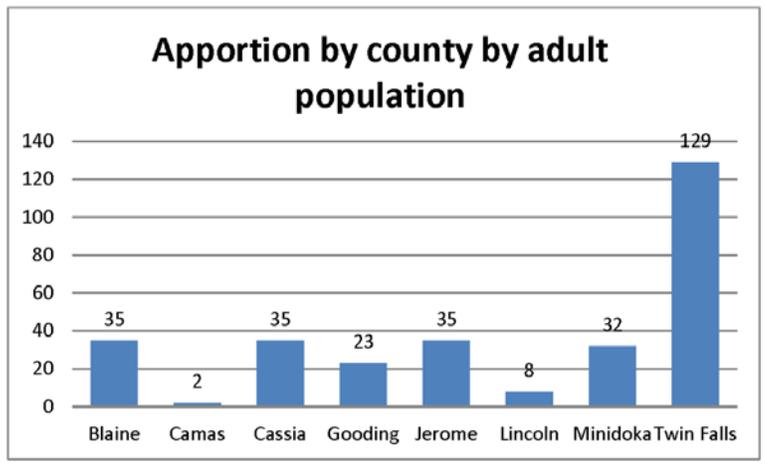
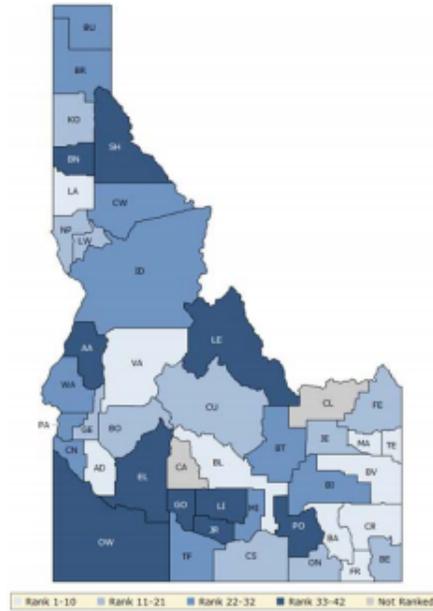


Figure 2: Distribution plan for IIP Vaccine

### HOW DO COUNTIES RANK FOR HEALTH FACTORS?

The blue map displays Idaho's summary ranks for **health factors**, based on weighted scores for health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment.

Lighter shades indicate better performance in the respective summary rankings. Detailed information on the underlying measures is available at [countyhealthrankings.org](http://countyhealthrankings.org)



County	Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank
Ada	1	Butte	23	Gem	21	Minidoka	25
Adams	39	Camas	NR	Gooding	36	Nez Perce	13
Bannock	9	Canyon	31	Idaho	32	Oneida	12
Bear Lake	16	Caribou	7	Jefferson	11	Owyhee	41
Benewah	38	Cassia	19	Jerome	40	Payette	24
Bingham	26	Clark	NR	Kootenai	15	Power	37
Blaine	2	Clearwater	27	Latah	4	Shoshone	42
Boise	18	Custer	17	Lemhi	35	Teton	10
Bonner	28	Elmore	33	Lewis	20	Twin Falls	22
Bonneville	6	Franklin	8	Lincoln	34	Valley	3
Boundary	30	Fremont	14	Madison	5	Washington	29

Figure 3: 2016 County Health Rankings