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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Health officials remind families to get their vaccinations before summer vacations begin.

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – Measles outbreaks continue to frustrate communities on America's east and west coasts. As families prepare to travel this spring and summer, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) urges parents to check their children's immunization records and make sure they are up to date.

"Measles isn't the only concern. The U.S. has eradicated some diseases that other countries still face. When you travel you put yourself and your family at risk of catching those diseases if you aren't immunized," said Logan Hudson, SCPHD Nurse Manager. "We are holding special walk-in clinics this April to help families prepare for their vacations and give parents a chance to take care of back-to-school immunizations before the fall rush."

Children are required to have several immunizations before entering kindergarten and seventh grade. Most colleges and universities also require future students to receive immunizations before enrolling. If you cannot find your immunization records SCPHD can help. Please visit our website for a list of required school vaccines.

"Our goal is to exceed the CDC's minimum requirements for childhood vaccinations," said Christi Dawson-Skuza, SCPHD Public Health Nurse. "We want to decrease vaccine preventable illnesses so we can have a healthier community.

In addition to their weekly Wednesday immunization clinics, the Twin Falls office is holding special walk-in immunization clinics from April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. SCPHD's other offices also offer immunizations on a scheduled basis, please call for more information.

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