Public Health Update

What's New in Public Health?

RSV Immunizations

RSV, or the **respiratory syncytial virus**, is fast-spreading illness that typically manifests with cold-like symptoms. However, RSV is far from harmless. In fact, for many atrisk populations, like newborns and seniors, RSV can result in potentially fatal lower respiratory infections! Thankfully, there are two new immunizations available, **Beyfortus** and **Arexvy**, that will grant much needed protection to these vulnerable populations. To learn more about these immunizations and eligibility visit the websites below:

- Beyfortus.com
- Arexvy.com

If you're interested in receiving an RSV immunization, then give the Health Department a call today!

Ark City: (620) 442 3260 **Winfield**: (620) 221 1430

Ark City Drive-Thru Flu Clinic

Next Wednesday, October 11, we will be hosting a Drive-Thru Flu Clinic in Ark City at the Agri-Business Building. There's no appointment necessary, just bring your photo ID and insurance card and stop by anytime between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. If you can't make it, then don't worry! There's still time for you to get the protection you need this flu season. Just give us a call to schedule your appointment!





Fall Community Baby Shower

On **November 4th**, the Health Department is partnering with USD 470 and William Newton Hospital to host a **Community Baby Shower at the Physicians Pavilion**.

Featuring educational sessions, door prize opportunities, and some nice freebies, this event is perfect for any new or expecting families. Plus, all attendees will receive 1 FREE professional baby/maternity picture!

Save the date and don't miss out on this fun and educational event!



October Awareness

October is a month focused on raising awareness about important public health issues, including:

SIDS Awareness

SIDS, or **sudden infant death syndrome**, is a tragedy that can strike any family. But, there are certain choices and precautions that all parents can take to keep their newborns safe from SIDS.

The Health Department's Safe Sleep program works to lower the incidence of SIDS by connecting families with educational resources and support.

To learn more, visit **safesleepkansas.org** and give the Health Department a call today!

Breast Cancer Awareness

In the battle against breast cancer, there are several tools available that can help women stay safe. Routine care and regular screenings are some of the most effective ways to help ensure that problems are caught early and treated early.

Your Health Department's **Early Detection Works (EDW) Program** connects uninsured and underinsured women with these tools and other necessary resources to stay safe from cancer. If you are interested in participating, then give us a call today!