

## Pre-teens, college freshmen need immunizations

Babies and toddlers aren't the only ones who need immunizations. Parents should be aware that their pre-teens and college freshmen also need to be vaccinated, says a state health official.

"College freshmen who live in dorms and unvaccinated kids entering high school are at high risk for meningococcal disease and should be vaccinated," said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health. "And 11 and 12-year-olds need a booster shot for pertussis."

Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection resulting in inflammation of the tissues covering the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, vomiting and a rash.

Ten to 14 percent of people with the disease die and up to 19 percent of survivors may suffer permanent disabilities such as hearing loss, limb amputations or brain disease.

South Dakota typically reports three cases of meningococcal disease a year. To date in 2013, four cases have been reported.

Meningococcal vaccine is available from family health care providers and campus student health centers.

The department provides the vaccine for 11 to 18-year-olds who are eligible for the federal Vaccines for Children

Program (Medicaid eligible, Native American or Alaskan Native, uninsured or underinsured). The vaccine is free for these children but providers may charge an administration fee.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a serious illness that causes uncontrollable coughing, rib fractures, pneumonia, loss of consciousness and even death. Infants are at highest risk, with two-thirds of those under age 1 infected needing hospitalization.

There have been 11 pertussis cases reported in South Dakota to date in 2013; three of those cases have been younger than 1.

A pertussis vaccine booster dose is recommended at 11-12 years when immunity begins to wane. The initial pertussis series is given to children at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years.

The department provides the childhood series of whooping cough vaccine and the booster dose free for 11-14 year olds. Providers may charge an administration fee.

Find a vaccine provider at [doh.sd.gov/local-offices/vaccine-providers/](http://doh.sd.gov/local-offices/vaccine-providers/). Learn more about meningitis or whooping cough at [doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/diseasefacts/](http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/diseasefacts/).



The 31,000 square foot expansion of the Muenster University Center (MUC) began late last fall, with exterior work. Through the spring and summer the project has included placement of additional steel beams, pouring the floors, and work on the exterior enclosure of the new addition. (Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

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"link" students use to pass back and forth.

Carter said that beyond "little inconveniences here and there," students will be largely unaffected by the work.

"We're hoping that we can have some of the options open by the start of the 2014 spring semester," he said.

The original MUC building opened in

February 2009, and expansions of it have been discussed since USD President James Abbot's state of the university address in 2011.

"Even though the facility is relatively new, our student enrollment was growing at such a good pace it made sense just to add on and provide more dining options, more seating options, more areas for students to use the Muenster University Center to relax," Carter said. "It is their place, and since their base is growing, I guess it all kind of

factored in with that. ...

"Whenever you have one a facility like the MUC on campus and you start growing, it just makes sense for that facility to expand, sooner rather than later," he said.

Last spring, Jeff Baylor, vice president of marketing, enrollment and student services at USD, was quoted as saying the campus community and future students are "very excited" for the completion of the project.

"Since opening in 2009, the Muenster University

Center has certainly impacted the quality of student life at USD whether students are hanging out with friends, watching the big game or one of their favorite shows on one of the facility's high definition TVs, or simply grabbing a bite to eat. It's the focal point of campus. It's USD's 'living room,' so to speak."

Construction updates can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/UniversityofSouthDakota](http://www.facebook.com/UniversityofSouthDakota).

## Adams Homestead festival is Aug. 10

On Aug. 14, 1997, Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve officially opened as a state park. The preserve marks this very special occasion by having an annual festival on or around this day.

This year, Saturday, Aug. 10, has been selected as the festival date.

Many new and exciting activities are scheduled throughout the day, including threshing machine demo, corn shelling, candle-making, tin punching, homestead tours, rope making, musicians, watermelon seed spitting contest, buffalo chip throwing contest, face painting, rope

making, Dutch oven cooking demo, kids games, homemade pie contest and more.

Those interested in participating in the homemade pie-judging contest need to bring their pies to Adams Homestead by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. The pie judging will start at 11:30 p.m. Pies will be judged by their appearance, texture and taste.

Plan to spend the entire day at Adams. There will be food and refreshments that visitors may purchase while enjoying the day of free entertainment. There will be

activities, presentations, music, and crafts for the entire family to enjoy and take part in. Get a sense of history, learn about your heritage and explore the outdoors. Bring your walking shoes, bikes, strollers and your love for the great outdoors.

Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve is located off Interstate 29 Exit 4, one mile west, and one-half mile south. Follow the brown nature area signs from the interstate.

If you have any questions, call (605) 232-0873.

## SD Highway Patrol graduates nine new troopers

After more than eight months of training, nine recruits officially joined the ranks of the South Dakota Highway Patrol during a graduation ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda on Friday, July 26.

The nine new troopers, formally members of Class 53, completed basic law enforcement training, followed by the South Dakota Highway Patrol Recruit Academy. From mid-May until graduation day, they were in field training. The period from initial application to graduation is about one year.

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels joined family and friends of the new troopers for the ceremony. He told the new troopers that law enforcement officers are critically important to our free society.

Several of the new troopers were scheduled to be on duty as early as Saturday, July 27.

The troopers and their duty stations are: Bill Berry, Sturgis; Aric Dierkhising, Wall; Ben Filipiak, Kadoka;

Brandon Hansen, Elk Point; Brandon Mathistad, Rapid City; Kyle Mobley, Pierre; Matt Robl, Huron; Steve Tow, Redfield; Adam Woxland, Winner.



## Community Celebration

## Ice Cream Social is Aug. 7

An Ice Cream Social will be sponsored by the Gayville Women of the ELCA at the Gayville Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

In conjunction with the Ice Cream Social, there will also be a bazaar with baked goods, craft items and garden produce.

Taverns, hot dogs, Coney dogs, chips, pie, bars, ice cream and drinks will be served.

Serving will be from 5-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

A free will offering will be taken.

Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion invite you to an Open House and Community Celebration.

Please join us on August 7 as we celebrate together and welcome Dr. Chan Park to the Vermillion community.

Bring the entire family for a picnic meal, ice cream and more:

- Great Plains Zoo Express
- *fit* Friends on site and *fit* Kids program booth
- Sanford Arts Vermillion—Activity table
- Inflatables

Wednesday, August 7, 5 – 7 p.m.  
Vermillion High School  
1001 E. Main Street

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