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MEDIA ALERT

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Jerome Middle School Meningitis Scare Serves As A Reminder to Get Vaccinated!

TWIN FALLS- This week parents and students in Jerome got a reminder on why vaccinations are so important when it was rumored that students may have been exposed to meningococcal meningitis.

“On Tuesday, April 7, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) received notice of a possible meningitis case in a student who attended the Jerome School District. Due to the timing of testing, meningitis could not be ruled out. Even with the risk of exposure to individuals being very low we sent out a precautionary letter to Jerome parents,” said Tanis Maxwell, SCPHD Epidemiology Manager. “This morning we received confirmation that meningococcal meningitis was ruled out in this individual. We hope this serves as a reminder to parents to make sure their children are vaccinated to protect them from serious diseases such as meningococcal meningitis.”

If your vaccination records show a need for updates, you can make an appointment by calling the SCPHD clinic in your area. Immunizations are available by appointment at SCPHD offices in:

- Bellevue: 208-788-4335
- Gooding: 208-934-4477
- Jerome: 208-324-8838
- Mini-Cassia: 208-678-8221
- Twin Falls: 208-737-5966

For more information on SCPHD’s immunization fees and clinic schedules, visit phd5.idaho.gov.

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