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### Protect your health after flooding occurs

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – The Sedgwick County Division of Health recommends taking the following precautions to protect your health after a flooding event in the community.

1. Drink only treated water and wash your hands after contact with flood waters or items that have been in flood waters.
  - Germs and other contaminants in untreated flood water can make you sick with symptoms such as diarrhea and stomach cramps. If you have these symptoms, contact your medical provider.
2. If you have a contaminated water well, boil water until you have decontaminated the well or had it inspected. Visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/waterwell/index.html> for lists of contractors, inspectors and other information, or contact the City of Wichita Environmental Health Department at 316 268-8351.
  - During floods, water can become contaminated by pesticides, animal waste, chemicals, petroleum products, and other materials. Private wells can be affected if flood waters get into the water line or cover or come too close to a well head. Flood events may cause wastewater system failure as well.
3. Disinfect surfaces that have been in flood waters. Wear rubber boots, gloves and eye protection. Do not breathe in fumes. If cleaning inside, open windows and doors to allow fresh air to enter. Never mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaner.
  - To clean most surfaces: Wash with soap and water. Sanitize with bleach using 1 cup bleach per 5 gallons water. Air dry.
  - To clean up mold: See [www.cdc.gov/mold/cleanup.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mold/cleanup.htm)
4. Be alert for animals, insects and reptiles displaced from their home. They could bite or scratch. Report to local police or animal control.

5. Mosquitoes can breed in standing water after floods. Protect yourself from illnesses spread by mosquitoes by following the three D's:
  - DRAIN standing water where mosquitoes breed such as in flower pots, tires, tarps, and wagons. To kill mosquito larvae, use mosquito dunks purchased from hardware stores in standing water you cannot drain.
  - DRESS in long sleeves and long pants when outside.
  - DEET: Use insect repellent that contains DEET. Follow label directions.
6. Do not drive through or walk or swim in flood water. Drowning is a risk for everyone during and after floods.
7. When cleaning up damaged wood, glass, metal and plastic, wear boots and heavy work gloves and use tools such as shovels. Cuts and scrapes can become infected. If you have a wound that becomes red, swells up or drains, see a medical provider.
  - Germs on surfaces that cut the skin can cause tetanus. Check with your medical provider to make sure you are up to date on tetanus shots (called Td or Tdap shots). Tetanus shots are available from your medical provider, walk-in clinics and from your local health department. Sedgwick County Division of Health immunization clinic locations are listed below. For more information, contact the Sedgwick County Division of Health Immunizations Program at 316-660-7430.

### **Division of Health Immunization Clinic Locations**

**Sedgwick County Division of Health**  
 2716 W. Central, Wichita, KS  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Thursday: 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Mobile Clinic Locations in the Southern Part of Sedgwick County**

Tuesdays  
 Haysville Learning Center - 150 Stewart Street, Haysville  
 Third Tuesday of every month, 2 to 4 p.m.  
 (Except in November and March, when it will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month)

Thursdays  
 Mulvane First Baptist Church - 1020 N. 2nd St., Mulvane  
 Second Thursday of every month, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Derby Educational Support Center - 222 E. Madison, Derby  
 Third Thursday of every month, 2 to 4 p.m.

To find all clinic locations, visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept)

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