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NEWS RELEASE

State Health Division Announces Women's Health Week Sunday, May 8th – Saturday, May 14th

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division, as part of their continuing commitment to increase public safety and to address the ongoing problem of unsafe injection practices across the United States, announced important healthcare information for women in conjunction with Women's Health Week.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "women make approximately 80 percent of health care decisions for their families and are more likely to be the care givers when a family member falls ill. Therefore, women need adequate knowledge and tools to satisfy their multiple roles as decision makers and consumers of health care." United States Department of Labor - Employee Benefits Security Administration www.dol.gov/ebsa/newsroom/fshlth5.html

Most healthcare providers follow safe injection practices. Though not common, unsafe practices sometimes occur. Healthcare providers can spread diseases like hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV if they reuse injection equipment like needles or syringes on more than one patient or to access vials that are shared between patients. As mothers we need to assure our children's vaccinations are administered correctly and kept up to date.

Safe injection practices are a set of practices that healthcare providers should follow when they give injections. For example, healthcare providers should not use the same syringe on more than one patient, even if the needle is changed. A good rule to remember is One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time. These practices will prevent the spread of diseases like hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV.

Anyone who receives an injection or IV (intravenous) therapy should be aware of these practices. Anyone who gives an injection or IV therapy (like a healthcare provider) should understand and follow safe injection practices.

Does your healthcare provider follow the One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time rule? Talk with your healthcare provider about safe injection practices.

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The One & Only Campaign is a national public health education and awareness initiative and the campaign name refers to the importance of healthcare personnel using “One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time” to protect patients from diseases like those mentioned earlier.

For more information on the materials and to learn more about the Nevada One and Only Safe Injection Campaign visit their web site at www.oneandonlycampaign.org or call the Campaign’s Director at (775) 684-1043.

For more information about the Nevada State Health Division, go to: <http://health.nv.gov>.

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