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Gardasil and Zostavax vaccines now available at SLVHD

(Salt Lake County) – The Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) now has two new vaccines available to the public. Gardasil, to prevent the cancer-causing Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in young women ages 9 to 26, and Zostavax, which protects adults 60 years and older against herpes zoster (shingles), a frequently painful disease marked by a blistering rash. These two vaccines are currently available for private purchase only at the SLVHD Travel Clinic located at 2001 South State Street Suite S-2400 in Salt Lake City.

Previously, SLVHD was only able to offer the Gardasil vaccine through the national VFC (Vaccines For Children) program for uninsured children. This new supply of vaccine at the Travel Clinic is available for private purchase at a cost of \$145 per dose (vaccine requires three doses) and a one-time office fee of \$20. Many insurance companies now reimburse clients for the out-of-pocket cost of receiving the Gardasil vaccine.

The Zostavax vaccine is also available for private purchase through the SLVHD Travel Clinic. This vaccine costs \$176 and there is also an office fee of \$20. Health officials recommend you check with your health insurance provider for vaccine coverage information.

An appointment is required to receive either vaccine and can be made through the SLVHD Travel Clinic at (801) 468-2813.

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The Gardasil vaccine is still available at all SLVHD health clinics to uninsured children and adolescents (age 0 – 18 years), for \$5.00 through the national immunization program, Vaccines For Children (VFC). The VFC program also includes children on Medicaid, and those with health insurance that doesn't cover immunizations. American Indian and Alaskan native children are also covered.