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Free Pertussis Shots Available For Day Care Providers

Health department hopes “no charge” will encourage vaccination, reduce spread of illness

(Salt Lake County) – The Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) has received 350 doses of the Tdap vaccine and is offering it for free to day care providers, while the supply lasts. The Tdap booster vaccine, known as Adacel, provides protection from tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) for individuals 11 to 64 years of age.

“Often with ‘special projects’ vaccine we need to charge a \$5.00 administration fee,” said Sharon Moon, Immunization Coordinator with SLVHD. “We are hoping that this “no charge” vaccine will be an incentive for day care providers to get vaccinated and help slow the spread of pertussis from unprotected adults, to children.”

The incidence of pertussis (whooping cough) cases has grown dramatically in Salt Lake County and across the U.S. over the past several years. Last year, SLVHD focused a great deal of resources and time on the problem. At the end of 2006, SLVHD finally began seeing a decline in pertussis cases.

“Vaccinating day care providers will definitely help reduce the number of cases even more,” Moon continued. “Most importantly, it will help protect our infants and children from this potentially deadly disease.”

Beginning Tuesday, September 4th, the Adacel vaccine will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the following SLVHD Health Clinics:

South East Public Health Center
9340 South 700 East
Sandy, UT 84070
255-7114

Ellis R. Shipp Public Health Center
4535 South 5600 West
West Valley City, UT 84120
963-7335

South Main Public Health Center
3195 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
483-5451

Salt Lake City Public Health Center
610 south 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
534-4666

For additional information on the availability of Menactra vaccine and vaccination guidelines, call (801) 468-2086.

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