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NEWS RELEASE

FluMist Vaccine Now Available at SLVHD Health Centers
Nasal vaccine approved for healthy individuals ages 2-49 years

(Salt Lake County) – The Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) announced it has received 500 doses of FluMist vaccine is now available for purchase at their health centers. FluMist, a vaccine that is inhaled instead of administered through a needle, is available to healthy individuals ages 2-49 for a cost of \$22.

The FDA recently approved FluMist for use in children ages 2-5, making the nasal-spray vaccination available for ages 2-49. “FluMist now offers parents a needle-free option for younger children,” says Sharon Moon, immunizations coordinator for SLVHD, “We hope this will encourage wider flu vaccination in Salt Lake County, which helps everyone.”

While children may prefer a needle-free flu vaccine, a recent study shows FluMist is generally more effective in children than the traditional vaccine. “The effectiveness of the vaccine is much better in younger children,” says Dagmar Vitek, SLVHD medical officer, “It’s roughly 92% effective.”

Flu vaccinations, both traditional and FluMist, are available for \$22 at SLVHD health clinics. Centers are open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

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
3690 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
468-3690

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

For more information concerning influenza or flu vaccination, visit the SLVHD website at www.slvhealth.org or call 468-2086. Residents can also call the Utah Immunization Hotline at 1-800-275-0659 to find other locations where flu vaccine may be available.

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