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## **Health Department Recommends Vaccination Before Thanksgiving** *Flu cases expected to increase after holiday weekend*

(Salt Lake County) –With flu cases in Salt Lake County typically increasing after Thanksgiving, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) is urging all residents who have not yet received a flu shot to get one as soon as possible. Vaccination clinics are available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at any of the SLVHD clinics listed below. The cost is \$25.00 per vaccination and **no appointment is needed.**

“We typically see an increase in flu cases after Thanksgiving because with the holidays comes colder weather and family gatherings,” explains Sharon Moon, immunizations coordinator for SLVHD. “Studies have shown that the flu virus thrives in cold weather and is easily transmitted from person to person during the holiday season.”

SLVHD health clinics will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (24-26) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Thursday (Thanksgiving) and Friday. Normal clinic hours will resume on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Salt Lake City Public Health Center  
610 South 200 East, Salt Lake City  
(801) 534-4568 or (801) 534-4575

South Main Public Health Center  
3690 South Main Street, Salt Lake City  
(801) 468-3690

South East Public Health Center  
9340 South 700 East, Sandy  
(801) 255-7114

Ellis R. Shipp Public Health Center  
4535 South 5600 West, West Valley City  
(801) 963-7335

For information on flu vaccination availability call, (801) 534-4693 or visit the SLVHD website at [www.slvhealth.org](http://www.slvhealth.org). Residents can also call the Utah Immunization Hotline number at 1-800-275-0659 to find other locations where flu vaccine may be available.

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