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SLVHD Schedules Mass Vaccination Clinics

Health officials hope to vaccinate up to 8,000 county residents in one day

(Salt Lake County) – Seasonal flu vaccinations have been available at five Salt Lake Valley health centers for over a week now, but in an effort to vaccinate more people over a shorter period of time Salt Lake Valley Health Department has scheduled two mass vaccination clinics for Saturday, September 19th. Health officials want to make sure the maximum number of people get vaccinated before the H1N1 vaccine arrives. The cost of a seasonal flu shot is \$20.

Previous SLVHD mass vaccination clinics have shown that a team of nurses can vaccinate up to 1,000 people an hour with a maximum wait time of 25 minutes per person. Health officials hope they will vaccinate as many as 8,000 people over a four hour period between the two clinic locations.

Mass flu vaccination clinics will be held from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at two health department facilities:

Salt Lake County Government Center
2001 South State Street, South Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84190

Southeast Health Clinic
9340 South 700 East
Sandy, UT 84111

Health officials are urging residents to get their seasonal flu shot now, and not to wait until the H1N1 vaccine becomes available later this fall. Pregnant women, young children, the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions are encouraged to get the vaccination as soon as possible.

For more information on influenza activity or flu vaccination call (801) 468-2086 or visit the SLVHD website at www.slvhealth.org. Residents can also call the Utah Immunization Hotline at 1 (800) 275-0659, to find other locations where the vaccine is available.

Preliminary information on the H1N1 vaccine is available at www.slvhealth.org/h1n1.

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