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## News Release

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### SLVHD Launches Public Reporting Line *Health officials ask citizens to alert them to problems*

(Salt Lake County)—The Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) announced today a new public reporting telephone line, **385-468-8888**, for health regulation violations and complaints. The new line joins an online reporting system at **SLVHealth.org** as one more way citizens can easily, efficiently alert the department to public health problems and concerns.

Callers to the new line can report a variety of public health concerns, including:

- food poisoning
- restaurant cleanliness and food handler violations
- dumping into storm drains and waterways
- excessively polluting/smoking motor vehicles
- dust and odor complaints
- public swimming pool violations
- hazardous waste issues
- noise complaints
- public lodging (hotel/motel) violations
- chemically contaminated (meth lab) properties
- transient encampments and waste issues
- cosmetology, body art, tanning, or massage violations
- Utah Indoor Clean Air Act violations
- secondhand smoke issues in multiunit dwellings (apartment buildings)

"In addition to scheduled surprise inspections of the businesses we regulate, we also rely on the public to let us know about violations or problems they observe in their neighborhoods and in the businesses they frequent," said Gary Edwards, SLVHD executive director. "We can't do anything about a problem we don't know about."

The new reporting line also has an option to report infectious diseases. The Utah Communicable Disease Rule (Utah Administrative Code R386-702) requires reporting of certain, specific diseases to the appropriate local health department. While this responsibility lies with doctors and hospitals, SLVHD always appreciates help from the public in identifying certain illnesses or situations, such as **meningitis**, **pertussis** (whooping cough), or any foodborne illness like **salmonellosis** or **norovirus**. A complete list of reportable diseases is available at **SLVHealth.org** (*also attached*).

"We're asking the public to be vigilant and let us know if they're aware, for example, of a severe cough circulating in their child's classroom—which may be pertussis—or if several people are sick after attending an event or gathering that included food," said Dr. Dagmar Vitek, SLVHD medical director.

During business hours (Monday–Friday, 8am to 5pm), the phone line will route callers to the SLVHD bureau appropriate for their concern; after hours, callers will be given the option to reach either the department's environmental emergency line (for hazardous material spills and emergencies) or infectious disease emergency line (for diseases considered "immediately reportable" according to the Utah Communicable Disease Rule).

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# REPORTABLE DISEASES

Utah law requires the following diseases be reported to the  
**Salt Lake Valley Health Department**

Phone: **385-468-8888**; Fax: **385-468-4234**; Online: **SLVHealth.org** (click "*File a Report*")

## Report Immediately via PHONE:

- Anthrax (cases and suspect cases)
- Botulism
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- *Haemophilus influenzae* (invasive disease)
- Hepatitis A
- Measles (Rubeola)
- Meningococcal disease
- Plague
- Poliomyelitis (paralytic)
- Rabies (human and animal)
- Rubella
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Smallpox
- *Staphylococcus aureus* with resistance (VRSA) or intermediate resistance (VISA) to vancomycin isolated from any site
- Syphilis (primary or secondary stage)
- Tuberculosis
- Tularemia
- Typhoid (cases and carriers)
- Viral hemorrhagic fever
- Yellow Fever
- Any unusual occurrence of infectious or communicable disease or any unusual or increased occurrence of any illness that may indicate a Bioterrorism event or public health hazard. This includes any single case or multiple cases of a newly recognized, emergent or re-emergent disease or disease-producing agent, including newly identified multi-drug resistant bacteria or a novel influenza strain such as a pandemic influenza strain.

## Report Within 3 Working Days via phone, fax, or online:

- Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Adverse event resulting after smallpox vaccination
- Amebiasis
- Arbovirus infection, including Saint Louis encephalitis and West Nile virus infection
- Brucellosis
- Campylobacteriosis
- Chancroid
- Chickenpox
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection
- Coccidioidomycosis
- Colorado tick fever
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and other transmissible human spongiform encephalopathies
- Cryptosporidiosis
- *Cyclospora* infections
- Dengue fever
- Echinococcosis
- Ehrlichiosis (human granulocytic, human monocytic, or unspecified)
- Encephalitis
- Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) infection
- Giardiasis
- Gonorrhea (sexually transmitted and ophthalmia neonatorum)
- Hansen disease (leprosy)
- Hantavirus infection and pulmonary syndrome
- Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (post-diarrheal)
- Hepatitis B (cases and carriers)
- Hepatitis C (acute and chronic infection)
- Hepatitis (other viral)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection
- Influenza-associated hospitalization
- Influenza-associated death in a person less than 18 years of age
- Legionellosis
- Listeriosis
- Lyme disease
- Malaria
- Meningitis
- Mumps
- Norovirus (formerly called Norwalk-Like Virus) infection
- Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)
- Pertussis
- Poliovirus infection (nonparalytic)
- Psittacosis
- Q Fever
- Relapsing fever (tick-borne or louse-borne)
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever
- Rubella (congenital syndrome)
- Salmonellosis
- Shigellosis
- Streptococcal disease (invasive, organism isolated from a normally sterile site)
- Tetanus
- Toxic-Shock Syndrome (staphylococcal or streptococcal)
- Trichinosis
- Vibriosis

**Also reportable: Unusual diseases or outbreaks of any kind and elevated blood levels greater than or equal to 10 micrograms per deciliter.**