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HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC OFFERS TITER SCREENINGS

Convenient Tests Display Immunity Levels for Preventable Diseases

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Many preventable diseases that have been managed by childhood vaccination efforts have resurfaced in recent years as immunity levels decrease. Outbreaks of measles, mumps and chickenpox (varicella) have spread in universities and communities across the nation. To help individuals know if they are immune or need a booster for these vaccine preventable diseases, the Division of Health Services' Health Clinic now offers titer screening services.

“A titer screening measures antibodies in the blood for specific diseases to establish immunity levels,” Division of Health Services Director Sara Evers says. “This will help teenagers, young adults, parents and grandparents determine any additional vaccinations they may need to protect themselves and the ones they love from preventable diseases.”

Titer screenings through the Division of Health Services are payable by cash, check and credit card (includes a service fee) or through individual health insurance plans. Following is the fee schedule for the tests:

Test/Service	Cost
MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) Titer Screen	\$81
Measles IgG	\$37
Mumps IgG	\$25
Rubella IgG	\$21
Varicella (Chickenpox) IgG/IgM	\$60
Varicella IgM	\$45
Varicella IgG	\$15
Blood draw fee (per visit)	\$10

Located at 1650 Boones Lick Road in St. Charles, the Health Services' Clinic offers these tests and other services between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment. For more information on the new titer screening services available, please call 636-949-7319 or visit www.sccmo.org/currentdiseases.

If necessary, individuals may receive vaccinations through the division's [Immunization Clinic](#). To schedule an appointment through the Immunization Clinic, please call 636-949-1857.

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The mission of St. Charles County's Division of Health Services is to promote healthy choices and improve the health of the community. To achieve these goals, program services include an Immunization Clinic for children and adults; nutrition education and supplemental food services for women, infants and children; chronic disease screening and prevention; Communicable Disease reporting and investigation; educational programming; the collection and distribution of birth and death certificates; assistance in applications for U.S. passports; and much more. For information on programs offered and to discover ways the division assists the community, visit <http://www.sccmo.org/HealthServices> or call 636-949-7400.