

STD Clinic Introduces Trial Period for Walk-In Hours

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St. Charles County, Missouri – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 19 million new sexually transmitted disease infections occur each year. The best way to confirm a diagnosis and to receive treatment is through testing, which is important because complications from these diseases can impact a life forever.

To help St. Charles County residents with testing, treatment and prevention education, the Division of Public Health's STD clinic offers services throughout the week. Clinic staff typically provides these services on an appointment basis, but a trial program will now assist qualifying individuals on a walk-in basis. On selected dates, up to seven patients per session can visit the facility (located at the Department of Community Health and the Environment offices - 1650 Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles) with no appointment necessary. The special walk-in clinic sessions are:

Tuesday, January 7 (1:15 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 21 (1:15 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 4 (1:15 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 18 (1:15 to 4 p.m.)

For those who are unable to attend these walk-in clinics, appointments are the preferred method for scheduling services. These appointments are arranged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:20 to 11:20 a.m., and from 1:20 to 4:20 p.m.

Clinic policy requires that individuals bring a photo ID with them, and that payment is expected at the time of the visit (cash and checks payable to St. Charles County Government are accepted). The visit fee is \$10 for testing for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis and HIV, while testing for genital herpes (open to those with present, viable lesions only) requires an additional \$40 laboratory fee. For additional visit preparation requirements, to schedule an appointment or for more information on the STD Clinic, please call 636.949.7401.

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. Through three divisions — Public Health, Environmental Public Health and Protection, and Humane Services — the department coordinates with federal, state, and local organizations to provide a wide range of services that have a profound impact on the lives of St. Charles County's residents and visitors. To discover ways that the department assists this region or to learn about volunteer opportunities with any of the divisions, please visit <http://health.sccmo.org/health> or call 636.949.7400.