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One of the most important and effective tools in public health is immunization. Vaccines have a long and well-established record of safety and effectiveness at protecting individuals and communities from serious disease. This includes vaccines that help prevent hospitalization and death from respiratory illnesses like influenza and COVID-19—both of which continue to pose a risk to our community’s safety—and illnesses like measles, which we once considered eradicated domestically due to the success of vaccination programs. Our older adults, young children, pregnant women, and people with underlying health conditions are especially at risk of serious complications due to these preventable illnesses.

We want to emphasize that vaccines are thoroughly tested, monitored, and reviewed by independent scientists and public health experts across the globe. Their safety and effectiveness are supported by extensive clinical data and real-world experience. In addition to preventing illness and hospitalization, vaccines help reduce the burden on our healthcare system and protect those most vulnerable in our community.

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As your Board of Health, we are committed to providing clear, accurate, and nonpartisan information rooted in science and well-researched public health best practices. We recognize that health decisions are personal, and we encourage open dialogue with healthcare providers and public health professionals. Our goal is not only to provide services directly to our community, but to build trust and promote wellness across every neighborhood in Salt Lake County.

We invite residents to learn more about the services and resources offered by the Salt Lake County Health Department, including immunization clinics, and to discuss your and your family’s vaccine needs with our immunization experts or your personal health care provider. Together, we can protect our community and create a healthier future for all.

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