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# News Release

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## **EXCLUDE SWDH FROM YOUR TRAVEL PLANS**

Southwest District Health officials announced today that effective July 1, 2009, Southwest District Health (SWDH) will no longer offer immunizations for international travel. SWDH has worked with outside providers to ensure that this service is still available.

“Due to the budget cuts and holdbacks, our local Board of Health carefully evaluated our program areas to streamline efficiency and substantiate need,” said Bruce Krosch, District Director of SWDH. “The Board decided to turn over foreign travel vaccinations to the private sector so that our health district can better serve those with a heightened need for our services,” he said.

Krosch continued to explain that those clients that travel internationally typically have medical insurance, have the means to pay for the immunizations, and can be effectively served by other providers.

At this time, Southwest District Health is still continuing to provide all other adult immunizations and service contracts with businesses and schools. Those seeking routine adult vaccinations will not be affected by this change.

SWDH has identified Saint Alphonsus Medical Group and Saltzer Medical Group as providers of travel vaccinations.

For information on Saint Alphonsus travel immunization services please call (208) 367-6575 or link to <http://www.saintalphonsus.org/travelmedicine>.

For information on Saltzer’s travel immunizations, please call (208) 463-3170 or link to <http://www.saltzermed.com/blog/>.

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