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Reduced rate chicken pox vaccine program expires June 30

(Lawrence, KS) – Time is running out to take advantage of a special, grant-funded program to provide the chicken pox (varicella) vaccination at a reduced cost from the Health Department. The program expires June 30.

Adolescents, ages 10 to 18, in need of either the first or second dose of the immunization, can take advantage of the reduced rate of \$14 (the vaccine alone currently costs \$85) by visiting the Health Department at 200 Maine St. in Lawrence. No appointment is necessary. For clinic hours, see the department's website at www.ldchealth.org/contactus.htm.

For the 2011-2012 school year, two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine will be required for all incoming seventh graders in the state of Kansas.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children receive a chicken pox immunization now before the reduced rate for the vaccine expires June 30.

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