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HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS WELL TESTS AND TETANUS SHOTS FOR FLOOD RELIEF

EVANSVILLE, April 27, 2011 - The Vanderburgh County Health Department offers free well testing for bacterial suitability to Vanderburgh County residents whose water wells have been covered by recent flood waters. Residents must wait until flood waters recede from the top of the well before having the well tested. This ensures no contamination occurs between the time testing occurs and the flood recedes. City water is NOT tested by the Vanderburgh County Health Department.

Well water testing is offered to non-Vanderburgh county residents and non-flooded wells for a \$20 fee (cash or check). To test your well, please come to the Vanderburgh County Health Department Laboratory at 420 Mulberry St. to receive the proper sample collection bottle and instructions. These can be obtained from 8-12 p.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. See our website www.vanderburghgov.org/health or call 435-5568 for details.

The Vanderburgh County Health Department offers tetanus-containing vaccines free-of-charge to residents and flood relief workers. As tetanus is found in soil and can cause life-threatening infection leading to death, everyone involved in flood relief efforts and clean up should be up to date on their tetanus vaccine. If it has been more than 10 years since receipt of last vaccine, check with your healthcare provider or come to the health department, located at 420 Mulberry St. Tetanus vaccines are offered on a walk-in basis, no appointment needed, as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. See our website www.vanderburghgov.org/health or call 435-5997 for details.

Please note that the Vanderburgh County Health Department will be closed Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in observance of primary election day.

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