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## STD CLINIC ESTABLISHES NEW PRICING POLICY

*Program Offers Education, Testing & Treatment for Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

*St. Charles County, Missouri* – The St. Charles County Division of Public Health’s Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention and Treatment Clinic announced today the unveiling of a new pricing policy for customers. Effective September 1, 2012, visits to the clinic will be \$10, as opposed to the sliding fee scale previously used. Most all testing and counseling services are included in this new fee structure, except for a herpes culture test that carries an additional \$40 charge.

Located at 1650 Boone’s Lick Road in St. Charles, the clinic provides confidential testing, treatment, and educational counseling. Appointments are required for all services and are scheduled Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 to 5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 636-949-7401.

Sexually transmitted diseases are caused by infections passing from one person to another through sexual contact. They are the most commonly reported infectious diseases in the United States, with chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis as the most common STDs. Although education and prevention activities have done a tremendous job in raising the awareness to the dangers of risky behaviors, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that approximately 19 million new infections occur each year in the United States. For more information on the impact that sexually transmitted diseases can have on your life and on the lives of others, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/std/default.htm>.

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. For information on programs offered and to discover ways the Department assists the community, please visit [www.scchealth.org](http://www.scchealth.org) or call 636-949-7400.

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