IMMUNIZATION & TRAVEL CLINIC
SF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MERCK VACCINE PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

INFORMATION FOR AITC CLIENTS

Cost: **$35 per shot** (vaccine administration fee)

Vaccines: **Zostavax® (Shingles vaccine)** – regular price $211

Gardasil® (HPV vaccine) – regular price $169

Varivax® (Chickenpox vaccine) – regular price $121

This program is run by Merck, the vaccine manufacturer. Merck determines who is eligible. The vaccine offer is subject to availability of the vaccines.

According to Merck, you must meet all these criteria to qualify for the $35 price:

- Reside in the USA (you don't have to be a citizen)
- Annual household income below these limits. Merck does not require proof of income.
  - $44,680 for individuals
  - $60,520 for couples
  - $92,200 for a family of four
- No health insurance. No Medicare, no MediCal, no private insurance, and not covered under another individual's health insurance plan. (Note: Healthy SF is not defined as insurance.)
- For Gardasil (HPV vaccine), you must be age 19-26 (male or female)
- For Zostavax (shingles vaccine), you must be age 50+
- For Varivax (chickenpox vaccine) you must be age 19+

How it works:

You should plan to spend about an hour at AITC from start to finish.

1. Complete an application for each vaccine you'd like to receive, as well as the AITC registration forms
2. See the nurse to determine if you're medically OK to get the vaccine.
3. We will fax your application; it takes up to 30 minutes for us to get a response from Merck *
4. If Merck confirms that you are eligible, then you will pay just the $35 vaccine administration fee
5. The nurse will then administer your vaccine

*Or, you can leave and call us later at (415) 554-2625. If Merck said you're eligible for their program, you have up to 30 days to return to get the vaccine.