

# VICE DISEASE TO BE TREATED FREE

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## Duluth Health Department to Open Clinic—Dr. Shapiro to Be in Charge.

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In accordance with plans made recently by the state board of health for treatment of venereal diseases as a contagious disease, the local health department will open a free clinic at St. Mary's hospital, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Dr. E. Z. Shapiro will be in charge and will be at the hospital to examine and treat patients who are unable to pay such charges from 8 until 9:30 on every Tuesday and Friday nights and on Thursday afternoons from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Physicians to whom patients come for such treatment will make a confidential report to the state board of health, omitting the name of the patient but by a system of numbering, the patients will be kept-recorded in the state health office.

A contagious quarantine hospital will be provided for those who refuse to take such treatment and in these cases, the same regulations will be in effect as if the patient was inflicted with smallpox or other serious contagious disease.

It is proposed by the city and county commissioners to provide one such institution to care for St. Louis county, including Duluth. Arrangements for the quarantine hospital are still pending. To provide for this work, a levy of \$3,000 has been made in the budget of the health department for 1919.