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City of Milwaukee Health Department Continuing Measles Immunization Clinics this Saturday, April 26, 2008

MHD Immunization Van to be mobilized in community

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will once again hold special measles immunization clinics this Saturday for all children and adults wishing to get vaccinated. These free clinics will be held from 10:00am-2:00pm at MHD Health Center sites and also available through the department's mobile Immunization Van which will be located at Lena's Food Market, 23rd and W. Fond-du-lac Ave.

"This type of persistent vaccination campaign is important to responding to the outbreak" stated Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. The continuation of the MHD immunization clinics is consistent with the department's strategy to boost immunization rates among susceptible persons in the community. The clinics will be held at the following locations: Southside Health Center, 1639 S. 23rd Street; Northwest Health Center, 7630 W. Mill Road; and Lena's Food Market, 2322 W. Oak Street (at the intersection of 23rd Street and Fond-du-lac Ave).

In addition, the MHD received results from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) on Monday that a former probable case of measles in a child being investigated by the Department has been ruled out as a true measles infection. "This type of specialized testing is important in identifying the strain of measles and possibly even the underlying origin of the outbreak", stated Paul A. Biedrzycki, Director Control and Environmental Health.

While it is too early to determine if the outbreak has been contained, the MHD is encouraged that no new confirmed cases of disease have been reported in over one week. The MHD continues to remind healthcare providers to report all suspect cases of fever and rash illness to local public health authorities.

The MHD website www.milwaukee.gov and public telephone hotline, 414-286-3616 are still in operation and available for additional information and updates.