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City of Milwaukee Health Department offering 4th consecutive weekend of free Saturday immunization clinics

New report from the CDC details nationwide outbreak and underscores need for immunization

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will open one of its health center locations on Saturday, May 3, 2008 for a special measles immunization clinic. Southside Health Center, located at 1639 S. 23rd Street, will be open from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. In addition, the MHD mobile immunization van will be stationed Lena's Food Market, 2322 W. Oak Street (intersection of 23rd Street and Fond du Lac Avenue) to offer immunizations. Immunizations are free of charge and available for both children and adults. Individuals and families that are uninsured or under-insured are eligible to receive shots. If possible, individuals should bring their immunization records with them.

The opening of MHD clinics for the fourth consecutive Saturday comes just two days after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a report on the high case count of measles nationwide so far this year. Measles vaccine, which is given in combination with mumps and rubella vaccine, known as MMR, is highly effective against measles infection and is the single-most effective way of preventing the spread of disease and protecting infants that are too young to be immunized.

WHAT:	Special Saturday Immunization Clinics: Press Briefing
WHERE:	Southside Health Center 1639 S. 23 rd Street Milwaukee, WI
TIME:	10:30-11:00am
SPEAKERS:	Lisa M. Acheson <i>Manager of Nursing Practice and Director of Nursing</i>

*Media are invited to Southside Health Center at 10:30am for an investigation update and interview opportunities with families. **Please note:** This will be the only media update; media inquiries at other health department locations or at other times will be turned away to ensure clinic operations are not disrupted.*