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## City of Milwaukee Health Department Saturday Measles Clinics a Success

Nearly 300 clients served and almost 500 immunizations given on April 19th

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) held three measles immunization clinics this past Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in response to the ongoing regional measles outbreak. Immunizations were available at the health department's Southside and Northwest Health Centers and at its mobile immunization van, stationed at North Division High School. Close to 300 individuals were seen by these clinics and almost 500 immunizations were administered. Vaccines were offered free of charge to adults and children.

"I am pleased at the community response to this outbreak," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker, "The MHD will continue to promote the effectiveness and availability of vaccines in our community to curb and contain this outbreak."

To date, MHD has served close to 500 clients and given nearly 1,000 vaccines during its two consecutive special Saturday clinics.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that spreads easily and rapidly through airborne droplets from coughing or sneezing. Measles usually begins with cold-like symptoms such as cough, runny nose, high temperature, and red, watery eyes and then followed by a red, blotchy rash which appears at the head and spreads down the body. Measles can result in severe illness in children, with 1 in 1,000 likely to develop encephalitis. Persons suspected of having measles infection should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

The City of Milwaukee Health Department continues to staff an informational hotline, (414) 286-3616 from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday, and update its website at [www.milwaukee.gov/health](http://www.milwaukee.gov/health).