

New Immunizations

Beginning in April 2008, 13 and 18 year olds will eligible to receive a “Combined Measles and Rubella Vaccination”. It will only be offered for 5 years.

Last year many young people in their teens and 20s were infected with measles. At that time not only those who weren't vaccinated and those who hadn't had measles before, but those who were vaccinated also contracted the disease.

As infants this age group only received 1 shot. As a result it has been decided to give this age group an extra booster shot to increase their immunity.

This immunization is offered as a “Combined Measles and Rubella Vaccination”. So not only will the target age have a stronger immunity to measles but also rubella.

We will notify all individuals who qualify through the mail. Please be immunized as soon as possible once you receive the notice.

* Measles

Measles is an infectious disease contracted due to the measles virus. Within about 10 days of contraction, a person might experience symptoms such as a fever of 38 , a runny nose and coughing like a cold. After running a fever for 2-3 days, the fever will increase to over 39 and a rash will appear. With the contraction of measles a person's immune system weakens and they are at risk to contract other diseases which in severe cases can lead to death.

As well, expectant mothers who contract the disease can miscarry or deliver prematurely.

* Preventing Measles

The most important thing is to be vaccinated.

Even if immunized, it is not 100% prevention but it will lighten the symptoms.

Measles are most easily contractible from spring to summer. Immunizations are offered from April to June so please be vaccinated as soon as possible!

