From: Paul Hunter MD, Associate Medical Director, City of Milwaukee Health Department

To: Clinicians (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants) and Medical Directors who manage patients residing in the City of Milwaukee

Date: 11/23/11

Re: Return to standard recommendations for vaccinating patients exposed to measles

On 9/22/2011, I issued temporary recommendations for vaccinating patients exposed to measles, because this was a period of time when there were active cases of measles in Milwaukee County. Because there are no longer any known active cases of measles in the area, the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) recommends returning to standard measles vaccination schedules.

Specifically, at this time MHD recommends that:

1. Clinicians return to starting MMR vaccination at 12 months. Do not vaccinate infants aged 6 to 11 months old with MMR.

2. Clinicians return to routine administration of the second dose of MMR at age 4 to 6 years. Children aged 1 to 4 years may still receive a second dose of MMR as early as 28 days after their first dose (if needed based on clinical judgment), but routine scheduled second vaccinations should be at age 4 to 6 years old.

3. If an infant age 6 to 11 months old received a dose of MMR according to the temporary recommendations issued on 9/22/11, the next dose of MMR should be at 12 months of age and at least 28 days after the first dose.

4. Doses of MMR given before age 12 months are not “valid” for purposes of school entry and do not count toward completion of the two-dose MMR schedule.

Please contact me at 414-286-3521 with any questions you may have in this regard, and thanks for all of your work to keep Milwaukeeans healthy.