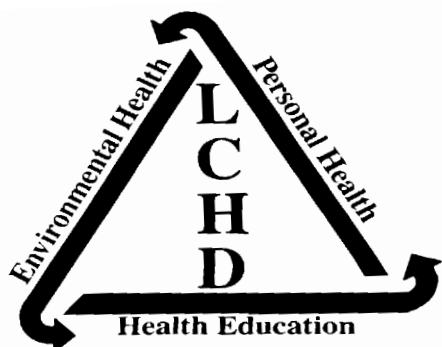


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“Free Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine available to the public”

Ottawa, IL - - The LaSalle County Health Department will be holding a free MMR (Measles Mumps and Rubella) vaccination mobile clinic this Friday, July 12th. This clinic made possible by grant funds will be held at the Southside Ottawa Save A Lot parking lot, 1002 1st Avenue, from 10:00am -2:00pm.

With measles continuing to rise across the United States, the Health Department is taking action to prevent cases of measles and increase vaccination rates. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends people get the MMR vaccine to protect against measles, mumps and rubella. LaSalle County Health Department is administering this vaccine at no charge. Our goal is to have residents be fully immunized against vaccine preventable diseases.

The CDC recommends all children get two doses of MMR. Adults who do not have evidence of immunity should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine. People 6 months of age and older who will be traveling internationally should be protected against measles. Healthcare personnel without evidence of immunity should get two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days. Women of childbearing age should check with their doctor to make sure they are vaccinated before they get pregnant. Please bring your shot record (if available) on the day of the clinic. Additional mobile clinics will be offered in LaSalle County in the coming weeks with locations and times to be announced.

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