

Rubeola Grant-

To Aid Investigation of Disease

Frederick McGinnis, Commissioner of Health and Social Services, today announced the recent grant by the Federal Government of an additional \$27,000 to the Alaska Immunization Program.

These monies will enable the Department to intensify epidemiological investigation of all reported cases of both rubeola (hard measles) and rubella (German measles).

A campaign is under way to determine if the measles can be eliminated from Alaska.

Alaska already ranks number one in the nation in the percentage of children immunized against rubella, number seven for rubeola, and number three for polio. The Commissioner gives credit for this fine performance to the Division of Public Health's Section of Public Health Nursing, which has given special attention to rural and bush areas of the state.