

Measles inoculations are encouraged

A significant number of children in urban Alaskan areas need to get proper immunization against measles, according to state officials. The Departments of Education and Health and Social Services voiced their concern about proper immunization as over fifteen cases of measles were recently reported in urban areas.

Dr. Robert Fraser, Health and Social Services official, emphasized that the cases are scattered around the state and

do not reflect an epidemic. "But we are concerned that more will occur unless parents make sure children are properly immunized," said Fraser. "Parents should review their children's immunization records now," he added.

By state regulation all children entering school are required to receive immunizations for measles, diphtheria, polio, whooping cough and tetanus. Fraser reported that school children in rural Alaska are "95% immunized" because of the activities of public health nurses.