

Alaska Immunization Program Funded for the Fiscal Year

The Alaska Immunization Program has been funded in the amount of \$67,775 for the current fiscal year, reported Frederick McGinnis, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare.

The purpose of the Federal grant is—with added State funds—to reduce and eliminate the incidence of diseases of national importance, such as polio, smallpox and diphtheria.

An intensified program of immunization against rubeola (measles) and rubella (German measles) has been carried out in recent years under the Immuni-

zation Program; as a result, 85% of Alaska's children (ages 1-12) have already been immunized against these diseases.

This year's grant, Commissioner McGinnis noted, will enable the Department of Health and Welfare to administer the

dual vaccine to all children not yet reached, and will pro-

vide funding for other important immunization programs.