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Health department offers free mumps vaccine TODAY for select Heartland Community College students

In response to the mumps outbreak at Heartland Community College, the McLean County Health Department is offering free immunizations with the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine to students, faculty and staff who have been identified as a close contact to a person diagnosed with a confirmed case of mumps. Close contacts have been exposed to the mumps virus and may have become infected with it.

These individuals had been notified by the college of their exposure last week and told that in order to remain on campus they needed to submit either proof of immunity to the mumps virus or receive their first or second measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccination. Students not complying with the requirements face exclusion from the school, campus, and all campus-related activities until the 25th day after the last case of mumps at the college.

The health department is offering the state-provided vaccine, which was made available due to the outbreak.

What: Free MMR vaccination clinic for Heartland Community College students, faculty and staff that were identified as close contacts and still need their first or second dose of MMR vaccine in order to remain on campus

Who: Hosted by the McLean County Health Department and Heartland Community College

When: TODAY - 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Where: Heartland Community College, Instructional Commons Building (ICB), Room 1806

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