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Daycare Centers - Required Immunizations

New regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Social Services go into effect on March 1, 1978. These regulations require that all children attending daycare centers in Alaska be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, and rubella. The regulations are similar to those which are enforced for children attending public and private schools throughout the state. After March 1, children will not be admitted to daycare centers unless they are in compliance with provisions of the new regulations. More publicity and information soon.

Yellow Fever Vaccine - New Vaccination Centers

As of February 1, people who need to get yellow fever shots for International travel will be able to obtain them at the Juneau Health Center, the Anchorage Municipal Health Department or the Fairbanks Health Center. Until this time, the shots were available only in Anchorage. We hope that this will make International travel slightly easier for those persons who require yellow fever vaccination.

Up-to-date listing of immunization requirements by country can be found in the CDC publication, "Health Information for International Travel, 1977", CDC, Bureau of Epidemiology, Quarantine Division, Atlanta, Georgia, 30333.

Anyone with questions about immunization requirements can call the Medical Epidemiologist, Section of Communicable Disease Control, 272-7534.

Typhoid in Dutch Harbor

On December 22, a Korean seaman was landed at Dutch Harbor because of a severe illness. After remaining overnight in Dutch Harbor, the patient was flown to Anchorage where his illness was diagnosed as typhoid fever. Laboratory examination subsequently confirmed the diagnosis. The patient recovered uneventually and has since rejoined his ship. Epidemiologic investigation established that the seaman had been ashore in Korea from November 23 to 26. Although the ship unloaded cargo at Tacoma, Washington on December 10-16, the patient did not leave the ship during that period of time. No other illness was reported aboard ship and Japanese authorities were notified of the seaman's diagnosis so that arrangements could be made to obtain specimens on all crew members when the ship reached port in Japan. (Reported by Mr. Arnie Christenson, Family Health Center, Unalaska)