

May 26, 2010

A case of bacterial meningitis was reported to the Central Michigan District Health Department on Monday May 24. The person with bacterial meningitis is from the Farwell area.

Close personal contacts of the case are urged to discuss their need for preventative treatment with their family doctor.

A close personal contact is someone that has shared eating utensils, drank from the same container or has had close personal contact with a case of meningitis.

People that do not need preventative treatment are casual acquaintances or people that attended outdoor events with a person with meningitis.

The Health Department in cooperation with the Farwell Public Schools will be holding a clinic to provide people with a meningitis vaccine. The vaccine is available for people ages 2 years through 55 years.

The clinic will be held on Thursday May 27, 2010 at the Farwell gymnasium from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Parents of children under 18 years of age must accompany their children.

People should expect possible long waiting times at clinic. Patience and understanding are sincerely requested.

For additional information visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/meningitis.

Thank you