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FINAL DAY FOR RUBELLA TESTS IS FRIDAY AT UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA --

The final free blood tests for University of Montana women students who don't know if they are immunologically safe against the disease rubella will be from 8-10 a.m. Friday, April 16, at the University Student Health Service.

Rubella, an acute contagious disease of brief duration which is characterized by a red skin eruption and mild symptoms, can cause organic damage to a fetus in early pregnancy.

Women students from the University whose blood tests prove to be negative--indicating they have not had rubella or been immunized against it--will be offered free rubella immunizations later by the UM student health facility.

So far, about 250 UM women students have had the rubella tests during the two-week clinic at the University.