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Health Department Promotes National Condom Month Free Condoms Available

February is National Condom Month and the St. Clair County Health Department is reminding all sexually active individuals to practice safe sex. Free condoms are available at the Health Department main office, located at 3415 28th Street in Port Huron. Hours are Mondays from 10:00am – 6:30pm and Tuesday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm.

Proper condom use is highly effective in reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) including HIV. In St. Clair County, chlamydia infection increased from 447 cases in 2016 to 478 cases in 2017. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), STDs are at a record high with more than two million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis reported in the United States in 2016. About half of those with a STD will have no symptoms. If left untreated, these STDs can cause problems, like increased risk of giving or getting HIV, long-term pelvic/abdominal pain, and/or inability to get pregnant.

Get tested. It's the only way to know if you have an STD. Confidential STD/HIV testing is available at the St. Clair County Health Department and Teen Health Center. Call the Health Department at (810) 987-5300. Those aged 10 – 21 can schedule an appointment at Teen Health Center (810) 987-1311. For more information, visit www.scchealth.co. Follow us on social media @scchdmi.

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