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St. Clair County Health Department Update Results from June 26 Blood Lead Screening

On June 26 the Health Department held a blood lead level screening clinic at Harrison Center.

- Approximately 700 residents received blood lead screenings (no one was turned away based on residency).
- Of those preliminary screens, 5% (or 34) came back elevated.
- Elevated blood lead levels ranged from 5 – 50 mcg/dl.
- Over 80% were above the age of 16.
- Some elevated screens were from residents who lived outside the area of interest.

The Health Department has contacted those with elevated levels. If you attended the screening and were not contacted, your levels were not elevated.

The next step for those with an elevated result is to get a confirmatory venous blood draw test. Those with an elevated blood lead level have been given an order to the laboratory of their choice for confirmatory blood testing. The finger stick is a screening tool; a blood draw is the best way to confirm actual blood lead levels. It is very important that people follow up in order to get these results. Please note the Health Department cannot do this type of testing, therefore these confirmatory tests will be done at a lab that will bill the individual's health insurance and may include out of pocket costs.

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