

ANNUAL REPORT

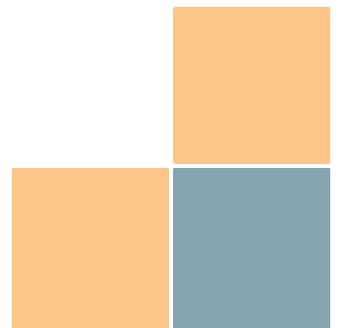


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Health Department Divisions

Environmental Health

Environmental Health provides services designed to assure a safe and healthy environment for all county residents. Programs include wells, septic systems, food and soil erosion inspections, site reviews, and permit issuances. These all focus on the relationship between the environment and human health, and work to minimize the public's exposure to environmental hazards.

Planning, Promotion, & Evaluation (PPEv)

PPEv oversees Community Health Education & Outreach, Data & Informatics, and Emergency Preparedness & Response. These programs lead on communication, community education, outreach services, public health systems, data analysis, emergency coordination, readiness logistics, and much more.

Nursing Division

The Nursing Division offers a variety of programs and services for individuals and families. This includes programs such as WIC, MIHP, Lead & Safe Sleep education, Vision & Hearing Screening, Personal Health, Immunizations, and Communicable Disease Control & Prevention.



St. Clair County Health Department Senior Leadership

From the Health Officer - Director



Administrator
Greg Brown, BS,
RS



Medical Director
Remington Nevin,
MD, MPH, DrPH



**Environmental
Health Director**
Steve Demick, RS



**Nursing &
Community
Health Director**
Amy Bishop, RN,
BSN



**Planning,
Promotion, &
Evaluation
Director**
Brandon Fey,
MSA, EMT-P



**Financial Services
Manager**
Jeff Freeman, BS

I am pleased to present the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) 2025 Annual Report on behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners and Advisory Board of Health.

Across the nation, across Michigan, and here at home, public health is entering a new era—shaped by modernization and the rebuilding of public trust. These priorities are easy to name but challenging to carry out. Yet here in St. Clair County, we're fully engaged—meeting challenges head-on.

In 2025, we continued to strengthen our core services and delivered measurable impact across many public health priorities:

- **Public health system improvements.**

We continued to enhance data systems, customer service approaches, and planning frameworks such as the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), laying groundwork for stronger services and outcomes. From environmental inspections to disease surveillance, educational outreach, and home visits, our work ensured that residents received dependable, science-based public health protection throughout the year.

- **Smooth transition to a new public health facility.**

A successful move was executed as the building construction finalized in spring of 2025. Planning and communication efforts around our new building—including outreach campaigns and phased messaging—kept the public informed and positioned the department for a modernized service building at 220 Fort Street Port Huron that better serves community needs.

- **Advancing strategic policy and regulatory action.**

We demonstrated our commitment to thoughtful environmental health leadership and community input by successfully drafting and helping to enact *Regulation 25-07*, setting facility standards for solar energy and battery storage.

- **Community engagement on fluoridation and public policy.**

We responded to robust community dialogue on fluoride in drinking water, equipping municipalities and residents with factual context to support local decision-making while closely monitoring EPA proceedings.

I look forward to what the new year will bring as we move forward with purpose, as one team committed to adaptability and community driven solutions that protect the health and well-being of every person in St. Clair County.



Liz King, RN, BSN
Health Officer - Director



From the Medical Director

There is a well-known saying, “May you live in interesting times,” that can be taken as both a blessing and a curse.

These are interesting times in public health.

Where public health once enjoyed broad support, opinion polls now show growing distrust. Many now question the future and very purpose of the profession.

When I served as a public health doctor in the U.S. Army, the purpose of public health was clear in our motto: “Preserve the fighting strength.” My mission was to keep our men and women in uniform healthy so that they could fight and win our nation’s wars. Although sometimes at great cost to the individual, the ultimate purpose was to secure our constitution, our values, and our way of life.

In the civilian world, the purpose of public health is less clear. As someone new to the state, I’ve come to learn the Michigan Constitution states that “public health” is a “matter of primary public concern” and that by law, the state is to “prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health.”

But at what cost do we prevent disease and promote health, and at what cost do we prolong lives?

Before relocating to St. Clair County to be closer to family in the area, I lived in a small village in rural Vermont. It was adjacent to an eagle sanctuary. I learned from the staff that the eagles, kept safely in cages, would often outlive those in the wild, who risked falling victim to wind turbines, disease, and other hazards. Provided with medicines and care, the eagles lived long and seemingly healthy lives in captivity. But did they thrive? The nature of eagles is to soar free, but the cost of the eagles’ lives and health was this very freedom.

As I begin my work here in St. Clair County, I invite us to see these “interesting times” as a blessing, and as an opportunity to rebalance the critical mission of safeguarding public health, while preserving the cherished freedoms that define us.



Remington Nevin, MD, MPH, DrPH
Medical Director

*Reprinted letter, unchanged from the 2023 Annual Report.

St. Clair County Health Department Advisory Board of Health



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M MISSION

The St. Clair County Health Department is the trusted public health expert for our community and our environment.

V VISION

Healthy Community,
Healthy Environment.

SCCHD Moves to Downtown Port Huron

After over 2 years of planning, SCCHD relocated from its previous home on 28th Street in Port Huron to 220 Fort Street in Downtown Port Huron. Services were only paused for a 5-day period, and since then, have been well received in the modernized and centrally located facility.



Senior leadership and community partners during SCCHD's Open House.

St. Clair County Community

Population
Served

160,308

Local
Municipalities

36

Square
Miles

721

County
Parks

5

Miles of
Shoreline

232

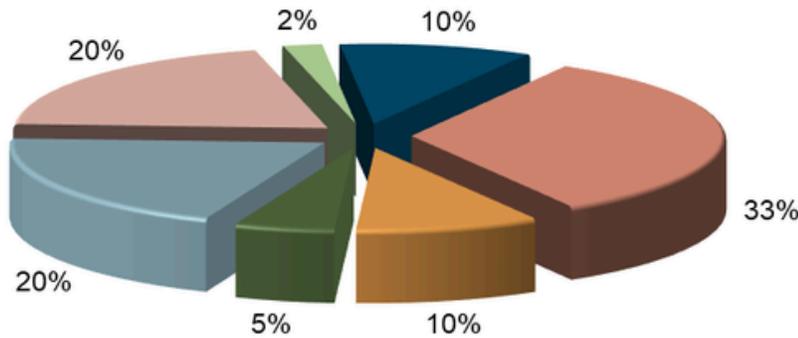
Public
Beaches

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2025 Financials

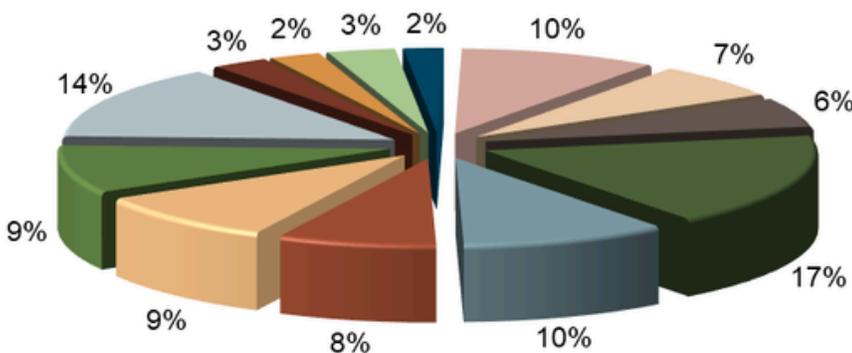
2025 Revenues



Total Revenues: \$9,332,383

- Federal Grants
- State Grants
- Licenses & Permits
- Charges for Service
- County Appropriation
- Insurance Fee for Service
- Medicaid Reimbursement

2025 Expenses



Total Expenses: \$9,491,158

- Environmental Health
- Nursing
- Family Planning
- Maternal Infant Health Program
- Immunizations
- Clinic Services
- Outreach
- Hearing & Vision
- Children's Special Health Care
- Emergency Preparedness
- Women, Infants, & Children
- Other Programs
- Building Renovations & Relocation Project

Financial Highlights

In 2025, there was a slight decrease in revenue and flat operational expenses when compared to 2024. SCCHD paid slightly over \$500,000.00 toward uncapitalized assets, capitalized equipment, and building costs in 2025, in addition to normal operational expenses of \$8.9 million.

These one-time, planned expenses, resulted from the recent Building Renovations & Relocation Project.

The total cost of the Building Renovation & Relocation Project was \$6,095,981.00. The majority of funding was secured with ARPA funding. The remainder was paid directly by SCCHD through transfers from the fund balance or current operations.

Environmental Health Services

2025 Highlights

Food Service

St. Clair County licensed and inspected 566 food service facilities in 2025. This includes a variety of operations that offer direct food service to the public such as bars, restaurants, churches, schools, and transitory food units. There were an additional 143 temporary food establishments licensed and inspected at events throughout the county. Sixty-one facilities also went through the plan review process for approval for new construction, remodeling an existing business, or a change in operation.



Sanitarian, Lea, testing food temperatures during a restaurant inspection.

Public Beaches

By utilizing grant funding from EGLE, eight public beaches on Lake Huron and the St. Clair River were successfully monitored for water quality for fourteen continuous weeks in the summer. This resulted in only short-term closures at six beaches. A major accomplishment was the re-establishment of on-site water testing, which reduced the complete reliance on the availability of partner labs at Oakland University. This sampling season resulted in 480 bathing beach water samples being tested.

Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance and Prevention

The Environmental Health Division completed all local data collection for the 2025 Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance and Prevention Program monitoring season. This included setting mosquito traps in five different locations for fourteen weeks and completing 2,000 yards of tick dragging between two different locations. There were a total of 2,245 mosquitos trapped and identified. None of the mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile Virus RNA, Jamestown Canyon Virus RNA, Eastern Equine Encephalitis RNA, or St. Louis Encephalitis RNA. However, this surveillance also found four potential Lyme Disease carrying Black Legged ticks in the Fort Gratiot County Park and along the Wadhams to Avoca Trail.



Environmental Health Services



244

Private Well Inspections



66

Public Swimming Pool Inspections



1607

Drinking Water Samples Taken



84

Type II Water Supply Regulated Facilities



699

Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Reviews



40

Septage Hauler/Facility Inspections



17

Campground Inspections



1204

FOIA Requests



53

Body Art Inspections



494

Residential & Commercial Septic Inspections



Sanitarian, Seth, processing beach water samples in SCCHD lab.



Sanitarian, Nick, performing a soil evaluation for a Septic System.

PPEv

2025 Highlights

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Emergency Operations Support

Emergency Preparedness and Planning worked with Emergency Management and other community partners to support incident response and public information dissemination during active Emergency Operations including the response to SNAP benefit delays.

Preparedness Planning & Regional Readiness

Emergency plans and procedures were updated to reflect the current facilities and operational environments. Participation continued to be maintained in federal and state preparedness initiatives to further strengthen the emergency response capacity.

Alert Systems

SCCHD transitioned to the updated MI Volunteer Registry platform for emergency alerts and critical communications. The Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN), another critical response system, was also maintained and updated.



Emergency Preparedness team, Michael and Michele, testing radios.

Data and Informatics

School Reporting Systems

Infrastructure for communicable disease reporting for schools was modernized to improve data accuracy, user accessibility and completion rate, to expand the ability for real-time monitoring and to reduce processing time.

Forms & Compliance

Standardized medical and consent forms were updated to ensure regulatory compliance and consistent data collection.

Satisfaction Surveys

Clients are offered a short satisfaction survey after an appointment via SMS text message or QR code. In 2025, the survey received 682 responses for an average satisfaction rating of 4.82 out of 5.



PPEv

2025 Highlights

Community Health Education & Outreach

40 Community Events

Participation in events involved 10,093 face-to-face interactions and an audience reach of over 185,000 people.

493 Social Media Posts

SCCHD maintains a presence on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Posts from 2025 had a reach of 325,385 views across platforms.

22 Media Releases

Public communications cover time sensitive information and updates such as closures and beach advisories.

127 Medicaid Applications

Outreach provided assistance completing Medicaid applications, housing applications, and more.



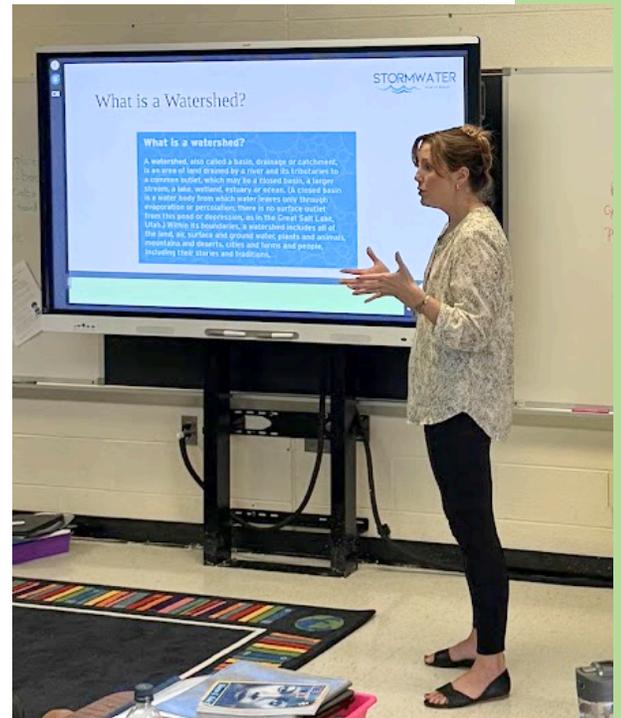
Health Educator, Lauren, demonstrating how to use Naloxone at a substance use event.

27 Community Presentations

Community health presentations were given to over 700 participants.

3390 Referrals Given

Referrals included 640 Medicaid referrals and 2,750 referrals for various community resources.



Health Educator, Mollie, teaching elementary students about watersheds.

Nursing Division

2025 Highlights

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

- **596** Capillary lead tests completed
- **22** Home visits
- **14** Lead product recalls shared

Vision & Hearing

- **5,157** Hearing screenings provided to children ages 3-5 years and in grades k, 2, and 4.
- **8,266** Vision screenings provided to children ages 3-5 years and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and in conjunction with driver's education



V & H Technician, John, administering a hearing screening.

Infant Safe Sleep

- **58** Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls shared
- **35** Partner agencies providing Safe Sleep options for families

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

- **734** Clients served
- **64** New clients enrolled

Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)

- **2,122** Home visits with 333 new families enrolled
- **134** Infant clients
- **188** Pregnant clients

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

- **2,400+** Clients served
- **71.1%** Of clients initiated breastfeeding
- **30.1%** Of clients continued breastfeeding through 6 months



WIC Technician, Erin, performing a rapid hemoglobin test.



Nursing Division

2025 Highlights

Communicable Disease (CD)

- **864** Non-respiratory disease investigations completed
- **2,779** Respiratory disease investigations completed
- **431** Tuberculosis tests administered with contact investigation for one active TB
- **708** Hepatitis C tests administered with case management for newly diagnosed individuals



Registered Nurse, Violet, preparing a specimen for testing.

Immunizations

- **1,836** Vaccines administered to individuals ages 0-18 years
- **2,036** Vaccines administered to individuals ages 19 years and older
- **14** Partner providers for the Vaccines for Children Program

Personal Health

- **1,440** Family planning visits completed
- **4,309** Screenings conducted including testing for STI and HIV, and PAP smears and breast exams
- **100%** 340B Audit and Family Planning Accreditation scores achieved



Nurse Practitioner, Aleesha, explaining birth control options.

School Based Clinics

- **\$250,000** Grant received for Teen Health building renovations
- **709** Youth clinic appointments completed at Teen Health
- **498** Youth counseling appointments completed at Teen Health
- **373** Youth counseling appointments completed at Capac Counseling
- **7** School-Based Clinics closed: Algonac Counseling & Medical, Capac Wellness, Marysville Wellness, SC4 Medical, and Yale Counseling & Medical



Registered Nurse, Chelsey, assessing vital signs at Teen Health.

Community Health Improvement Plan

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) encompasses three strategic priority areas that will be addressed from 2023-2027. The CHIP is a *community plan* that every agency and person plays a part in to make an impact. To view the full report, visit healthyscc.org. Below are the steps that SCCHD took in 2025 to make progress for this plan.



CHIP Strategic Priorities

- 1 Mental & Behavioral Health 2 Substance Use 3 Obesity & Associated Health Behaviors

Community Health Education & Outreach

- 2 Presentations were offered on various topics discussing the risks of substance use and how to talk to teens about substance use. Health Education also facilitated the distribution of free medication lock boxes and the Overdose Fatality Review Team; which is a team of local stakeholders working to reduce overdose deaths in St. Clair County.
- 3 Educational presentations were offered on various topics including Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Eating on a Budget, and Nutrition Tips for Parents.

WIC

- 1 Postpartum clients are asked questions related to depression and referrals as needed.
- 2 Prenatal, perinatal, and postpartum clients receive a substance use assessment and referrals as needed.
- 3 Appointments include height and weight measurements on all clients, review of growth charts for infants and children, nutrition education and goal setting for all clients, and high-risk nutrition counseling with a Registered Dietitian as appropriate.

MIHP

- 2 Families receive routine screening for perinatal stress and depression, promotion of mental health wellness, and referrals as needed.
- 3 General education is offered to families for healthy eating, nutrition needs during pregnancy, and the importance of breastfeeding.

Vision & Hearing

- 1 Identifying hearing and/or vision deficits early can help reduce behavioral issues due to the inability to hear or see.

Teen Health

- 1 Signs of Suicide presentations were provided to students, educating on the importance of mental health wellness.
- 2 Presentations, related to Vaping or Cannabis use, were provided to students, educating on the risks of substance use.
- 3 Healthy Lifestyles presentations were provided to students, educating on the importance of healthy nutrition choices.



Community Impact

84



Car Seats Provided to MIHP Clients

Eligible clients enrolled in MIHP received a free car seat through the MIHP Car Seat Referral Program.

1452

Students Educated

on topics like substance use risk and healthy living.

577

HIV Screenings



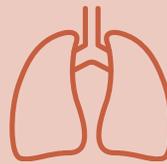
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Naloxone Training Classes

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Active TB Case

identified and monitored, finding no additional spread of disease to others.



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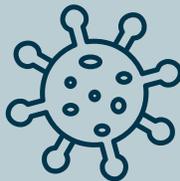
Pack N Plays Distributed

to eligible clients residing in St. Clair County.



369

STI Treatment Visits



127

Complaint Investigations

Including public reported violations or nuisances.



31

Child Care and Adult Foster Care Facility Inspections

were completed to ensure facilities are environmentally safe.

6

Small Group Therapy Sessions

Capac Counseling collaborated with school staff to co-facilitate 6 sessions on Resiliency with 4th grade Capac students.



708

Hepatitis C Screenings

3

Breastfeeding Group Meetings

Started by WIC, this group supports the 71.1% of clients that initiate breastfeeding.





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