

## **JULY 2025**

## Points of Interest

- The two-hour Open House held at the end of June was well-received, featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony and guided tours for more than 100 residents. Guided tours of the first floor highlighted the new centralized intake process, featuring a single public entrance and a front reception area. The clinic layout includes a central staff ring that allows for efficient access to exam rooms. Residents also toured key service areas such as Personal Health, WIC—with a dedicated breastfeeding room—and Environmental Health. Additional highlights included expanded storage in the basement and garage, both of which were incorporated into the design to address space needs. On the second floor, tours showcased administrative offices as well as departments such as Purchasing, Health Education, Emergency Preparedness, and the Maternal Infant Health Program.
- The Health Department's Teen Health and School-Based Clinics successfully hosted sports physical nights at two high schools this spring. On May 13, 42 physicals were provided at Capac High School, and on June 5, 79 physicals were completed at Marysville High School. Another four-hour sports physical clinic is scheduled on July 24 at Yale Junior High School. Additionally, construction to update the Teen Health Center in Port Huron is scheduled to begin this month.
- The June 18 virtual Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) meeting focused on mental health. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, September 24, 2:00–3:00 p.m. at the Don Dodge Auditorium and will address substance use. Visit <a href="https://www.healthyscc.org">www.healthyscc.org</a> for details.
- The Outreach Program is active and will be visible providing information and resources to residents across the county including those in our southern and northwestern communities this summer, starting with the 88th Annual St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair (July 14–19) in Goodells. WIC will host a Lactation Lounge with Peer Counselors available daily. Staff will also provide education on safe sleep, mosquito/tick prevention, stormwater awareness, and more.
- The Environmental Health Division had a busy start to the summer, including permitting and inspecting a large tattoo convention in June that hosted over 100 tattoo artists from across the country. All participating establishments were licensed under the Michigan Body Art Code and complied with sanitation and OSHA standards. In addition, the division is actively participating in a State of Michigan vector-borne disease surveillance and prevention program, funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). This initiative focuses on identifying emerging populations of potentially invasive Aedes species mosquitoes, which are capable of transmitting arboviruses. Environmental Health staff are also conducting surveillance for blacklegged ticks, known to transmit Lyme disease and other emerging pathogens.