

## **JUNE 2025**

## Points of Interest

- The St. Clair County Health Department operated at 3415 28th Street in Port Huron for over 40 years. Over time, the facility became inadequate for the department's growing operational needs and required extensive repairs. A space study and the county's capital improvement planning process identified the need for relocation. Formal planning efforts began in 2023, with construction and demolition scheduled to begin in fall 2024. The health department extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Southside community for supporting its staff, services, and mission over the past four decades.
- The new Health Department facility at 220 Fort Street was thoughtfully designed with the client experience as a central priority. All clinical, environmental, and outreach services are conveniently located on the first floor near a centralized front reception area to ensure ease of access, while administrative and support staff offices are situated on the second floor. The building was formerly occupied by the St. Clair County branch of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- The new Health Department facility features enhanced accessibility, efficiency, and ease of use. It includes a single, central entrance to simplify navigation; a basement and new garage that provide expanded storage for equipment and supplies; and a convenient downtown location near other county agencies, making it easier for clients to access multiple services in one trip while supporting inter-agency collaboration. The facility is also easily accessible by public transportation, with nearby bus lines serving the area.
- As of Monday, June 9, all Health Department services previously provided at 3415 28th Street are now available at the new location: 220 Fort Street. Initial feedback on the new facility has been overwhelmingly positive. Clients have praised the convenient downtown setting, increased parking, continued accessibility via public transportation, and the building's clean, modern design—all of which contribute to a more welcoming and efficient environment for receiving services.
- The Health Department will host an Open House on Thursday, June 26, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., beginning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in partnership with the Blue Water Area Chamber at 4:00 p.m. After the ceremony, guests are invited to take guided tours of the new facility and enjoy light snacks and refreshments. The department encourages all community members to attend and see firsthand how the new space supports vital public health efforts in the county.