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Points of Interest...

- The 2024 Annual Report is now available on the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) [website](#). Staff are proud to showcase the important work being done to support the health and well-being of St. Clair County residents. This year's report centers around the theme "We Are All Public Health," emphasizing the shared responsibility we all have in building a healthier community. A new feature includes video clips of SCCHD staff highlighting program achievements, along with insights from community partners on the power of collaboration.
- The Preventive Health and Immunization Services has enrolled McLaren Port Huron Academic Center for Family Medicine into the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This initiative provides free vaccines to eligible children—those who are uninsured, underinsured, or enrolled in Medicaid—ensuring access to all immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Participation allows providers to offer vaccines at no cost to families, reduce financial barriers to care, and keep patients within their medical home. McLaren's participation strengthens the local healthcare network and supports ongoing efforts to protect the health of children across St. Clair County.
- The Environmental Health Division is actively participating in vector-borne disease surveillance and prevention initiatives. This program is funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and focuses on identifying emerging populations of invasive Aedes species mosquitoes, which are capable of transmitting arboviruses of public health concern. Additionally, our division is conducting surveillance for the blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), a known vector for Lyme disease and other emerging tick-borne illnesses.
- SCCHD has opted to participate in a pilot program to help assess the potential benefits of improved regulatory oversight and inform future statewide policy related to mobile food truck operations. Currently, St. Clair County licenses 50 mobile food units, with several more in various stages of the plan review process. Due to the rapid expansion of these businesses and relatively limited regulatory oversight, the State of Michigan is exploring enhanced regulatory measures.
- In preparation for the Health Department's move to its new facility, a phased communication campaign is underway to ensure the public is well-informed and engaged. Postcards announcing the move are being distributed at events and shared directly with clients and customers. Additionally, an op-ed and related interviews have been completed to help raise awareness and highlight the benefits of the new location. Communication strategies targeting specific program clients including those in PatagoniaHealth, MI-WIC, and other systems—are currently in development to ensure consistent outreach across all services. A larger media campaign is planned for mid-June, which will include a formal media release, social media outreach, and promotional materials tied to the grand opening, ribbon cutting, and public open house.