

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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## MESSAGE: FROM CHALLENGES TO OPPORTUNITIES

## Medical Health Officer



2020, the year we first experienced COVID-19. This event will likely shape Public Health for years to come and certainly highlighted the importance of governmental public health oversight at the local level! Despite rapidly changing information, threats, and resources, we were able to shift and respond on an almost daily basis. I think everyone was acutely aware of the challenges, but I would like to emphasize the accomplishments noted in this report.

Probably the most consequential and positive are the community partnerships that were called upon and flourished during this crisis. Public Health has always worked alongside healthcare and human services programs, but this event took them well beyond anything we have experienced in the past. Along with the capable support of Emergency Management, we established routine communication with almost every sector of the community: from medical providers, to schools to businesses and non-profits.

We opened up the Emergency Operations Center where daily interactions with first responders allowed accurate and immediate awareness to evolving issues.

Moreover, relationships and understanding grew and flourished. From this new baseline, we will be able to explore better solutions and efficiencies moving forward...and our community will be better and healthier for it.

It may not have been apparent to many before the pandemic but it is obvious now: Local Public Health has some of the finest, talented and committed workforce in the country. The extraordinary effort that each employee was asked to give was given with fortitude, compassion and pride. Our staff worked long hours with uncertain outcomes while much of the rest of the world was “sheltering in place”. They responded to community needs even when they were worried about their own families. They are the hidden heroes of the COVID-19 Pandemic. On behalf of the SCCHD leadership team, we “tip our hats” to them as well as the people who allow us to do our jobs: The SCC Board of Commissioners, our Board of Health, and a special thanks to Justin Westmiller and his exceptional team at Emergency Management. Together we are better, and we will overcome this virus with good science and perseverance.

Yours in Health,



**Annette Mercatante, MD, MPH**

# Who We Are

## PROTECTING POPULATION HEALTH

We aim to protect and promote the health of those who live, learn, work, or spend time in St. Clair County. The St. Clair County Public Health Department provides services, analyzes and shares information, implements policies, and enforces regulations in ways that support healthier lives and benefit everyone in our community. We often work behind the scenes to protect the public's health, but the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic put our work and our dedicated staff in the forefront. While it's been an a difficult year, improving quality of life is still what public health strives to do each and every day.

## MISSION

To promote and protect public health through assessment, planning, and response so that the public can achieve optimal wellbeing.

## VISION

St. Clair County Health Department is the trusted local public health expert.



## Administration



Annette Mercatante, MD, MPH  
Medical Health Officer



Greg Brown, BS, RS  
Administrator



Liz King, RN, BSN  
Director of Nursing & Community Health



Steve Demick, BS, RS  
Environmental Health Director



Jennifer Michaluk, M.Ed., CHES  
Director of Health Education & Planning



Diane Lois, BS, RS  
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator



Wendy Pierce, BA  
Financial Services Manager

## Administrative Support





## Board of Health



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**John Jones**  
Vice Chair (member since 06/10)



**Cheryl Smith, RN**  
Secretary (member since 03/17)



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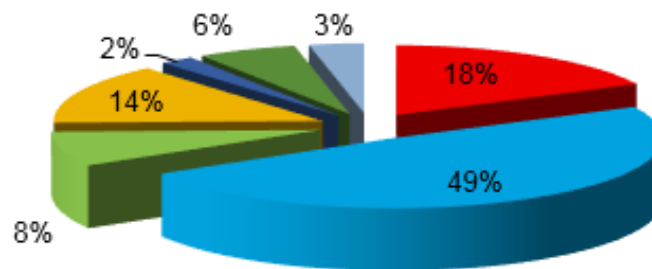
**Howard Heidemann, Commissioner**  
BOC Member (member since 01/13)





# Financial Summary

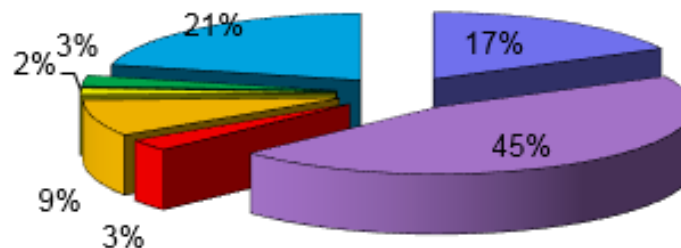
## 2020 Health Department Revenues



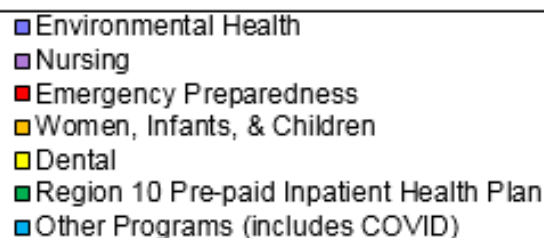
**Total Revenues: \$9,649,144**



## 2020 Health Department Expenditures



**Total Expenditures: \$7,120,688**





## COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

### Communication

- **37** Facebook Lives
- **7,752** Calls (Approximate)
- **1,352** Emails
- **1,213** Complaints Received

### COVID-19 Cases

- **7,211** Total Cases
- **164,231** People Tested
- **7,626** Case Investigations
- **421** Hospitalizations
- **227** COVID Related Deaths
- **10,918** People Monitored

### Employee Time

- **52,902** Hours Associated with COVID-19 Response
- **11,245** COVID-19 Overtime Hours

### Planning & Response Meetings

- **214** SCCHD Leadership Meetings
- **33** Long-term Care/Congregate Living Conference Calls
- **38** MDHHS/Healthcare Coalition Conference Calls
- **36** Healthcare Provider Conference Calls
- **39** MDHHS/Local Health Department Conference Calls
- **106** Local Emergency Operations Meetings

### Testing

- **21** Testing Events
- **1,610** People Tested

The first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine arrived on December 21st, 2020. Large scale distribution did not occur until 2021.



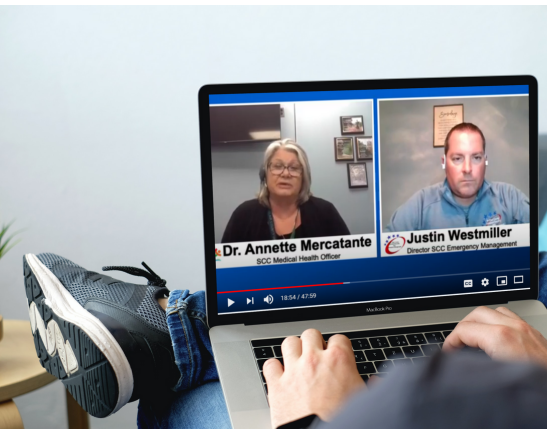
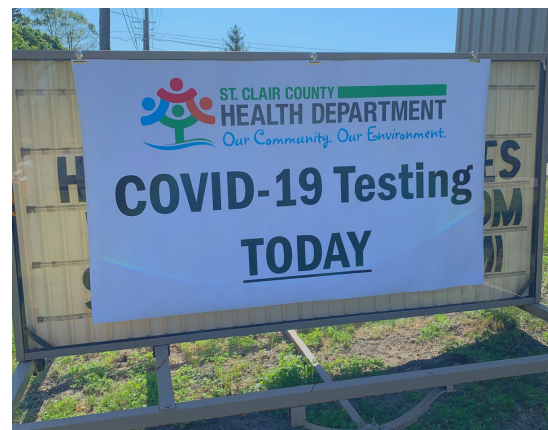
"I enjoyed working with other people within the Health Department that I do not interact with often, at the Testing and Vaccine Clinics."

Linda L,  
Agency Support



"We are all true warriors fighting the battle against COVID-19 everyday."

Wendy P,  
Financial Services



"The teaming of our H1N1 Pandemic veterans and newer staff created a perfect blend of energy and experience."

Diane L,  
Emergency Preparedness



"Coming together as a collective public health team was empowering. It gave me a sense that I was not alone in this. ."

Rebecca C,  
Nursing





## COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION & OUTREACH

### Media

- **155** Media Releases
- **904** Facebook Posts
- **444** Instagram Posts
- **454** Tweets
- **53** YouTube Videos

### Substance Prevention through Early Action and Knowledge (SPEAK)

- **8** Full Body Meetings
- **5** Informational Videos Published
- **3** Coalition Sponsored Events

### Outreach

- **136** Community Referrals
- **364** People Assisted with Medicaid Applications

### Substance Use Prevention Programming

- **10** Programs Offered
- **137** Sessions
- **299** Student Completers

### Second Chance Naloxone Program

- **1,360** Trained
- **782** Kits Distributed
- **22** Documented Overdose Reversals

Substance use prevention  
funding provided by  
Region 10 PIHP & MDHHS.





## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### Food Program

- **767** Restaurant Inspections
- **34** Temporary Food Inspections
- **189** Food Complaint Investigations
- **26** New/Remodeled Establishment Plan Reviews

### Soil, Lead, & Radon

- **31** Homes & Child Care Centers Inspected for Lead-Based Paint Hazards
- **224** Onsite Soil Erosion Sedimentation Control Inspections
- **57** Radon Test Kits Distributed

### Water Inspections

- **217** Water Wells Inspected
- **2,193** Bacterial Surface Water/Beach/Pool Samples
- **14** Public Campground & Swimming Pool Inspections
- **10,166** Drinking Water Samples Analyzed

### Septic System Inspections

- **494** Inspections and/or Services

### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

- **925** FOIA Requests Processed



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

### Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN)

- **368** Alerts Received  
(Approximately)
- **21** Alerts Sent
- **6** Broadcast Fax Messages

### Internal Safety, Security, Health Alerts

- **5** Weather  
Advisories/Warnings
- **4** Recalls & Alerts Sent to  
Partner Agencies

### Flu Vaccination

- **18** Clinics Coordinated

### COVID-19 Planning & Logistics

- Assembled, staged, & dispersed  
supplies/equipment
- Identified and procured needs  
for testing and vaccination sites
- Implemented document  
management system for after-  
action review/historical  
reference
- Coordinated complaint  
investigation and documentation
- Reviewed and adapted forms,  
checklists, job action guides, etc.

**Developed and implemented  
SCCHD Infectious Disease and  
Exposure Control in the  
Workplace to assist employers  
and organizations.**





## INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY HEALTH

### Vaccinations

- **4,293** Vaccinations to Infants, Children, Teens, & Adults
- **20** Hepatitis A Vaccine Clinics

### Tuberculosis Testing

- **266** TB Skin Tests
- **11** TB Blood Tests

### Hepatitis C Testing & Prevention

- **425** Conventional Tests
- **211** Rapid Tests (Offsite)
- **46** Rapid Tests (Onsite)

### Communicable Disease Investigations

- **877** Communicable Disease Investigations (Non-COVID)
- **5** Outbreak Investigations (Non-COVID)

### Syringe Service Program (The Exchange)

- **87** Individuals Served
- **258** Encounters
- **29,720** Syringes Dispensed
- **10,636** Used Syringes Returned





## INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY HEALTH

### **Condom Distribution (Cover !t You Matter)**

- 503 Condom Kits
- 5 Community Partners
- 320 Condoms

### **Communicable Disease Investigations**

- 1,060 Communicable Disease Investigations
- 14 Outbreak Investigations

### **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)**

- 585 STI Testing Appointments
- 26 STI Treatments
- 419 STI Investigations

### **Title X Family Planning Services**

- 409 Female Clients
- 26 Male Clients
- 0 Non-Binary Clients
- 6 Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)
- 33 Implants

### **Childhood Lead Poisoning & Prevention Program**

- 0 Lead Tests
- 2 Home Lead Visits



## INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY HEALTH

### **Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)**

- **197** Enrollments
- **838** Nurse Visits
- **483** Social Worker Visits

### **Hearing & Vision Screening Program**

- **576** Preschool (Ages 3-5)  
Hearing Screenings
- **2,463** School Age (Grades K,  
2, 4) Hearing Screenings
- **580** Preschool (Ages 3-5)  
Vision Screenings
- **4,891** School Age (Grades 1,  
3, 5, 7, 9) Vision Screenings

### **Smoking Cessation and Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment Program (SCRIPT)**

- **21** Elevated CO Levels
- **12** Enrolled
- **2** Women Quit Smoking

### **Children's Special Health Care Services**

- **601** Average Monthly Caseload
- **26** Average Monthly Care  
Coordination Visits
- **59** Average Monthly Case  
Management Visits





## TEEN HEALTH

### Medical Services

- **662** Medical Visits
- **115** Physical Exams
- **523** Vaccinations (Non-COVID)
- **314** STI Tests
- **38** Positive STI Tests
- **38** STIs Treated Onsite

### Mental Health Services

- **563** Mental Health Visits-  
Teen Health Port Huron
- **227** Mental Health Visits-  
Teen Health Algonac

### Prevention Education

- **39** Sessions of Linking  
Education & Awareness of  
Depression & Suicide  
(LEADS)
  - **3** schools
  - **374** students
- **4** Sessions of Signs of  
Suicide (SOS)
  - **107** Students

### New Additions

In 2020, Teen Health expanded services across the county by opening clinics at:

- SC4
- Yale High School





## WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)

### Monthly Averages

- **3,103** Average Monthly Enrollment
- **97.62%** Average Monthly Client Participation Rate

### Project Fresh

- **680** Coupons Distributed
- **\$3,400** Project Fresh Coupon Dollar Value

### Breastfeeding Support

- **64%** Clients Initiated Breastfeeding
- **22%** Breastfed through 6 Months

### Additional WIC Services

- **\*0** Lead Screenings
- **\*0** Fluoride Applications
- **\*0** Vaccines Administered in WIC

### Local Hospital Collaboration

- **42** New Moms Connected to WIC
  - **82** Appointments

### WIC Connect Mobile App

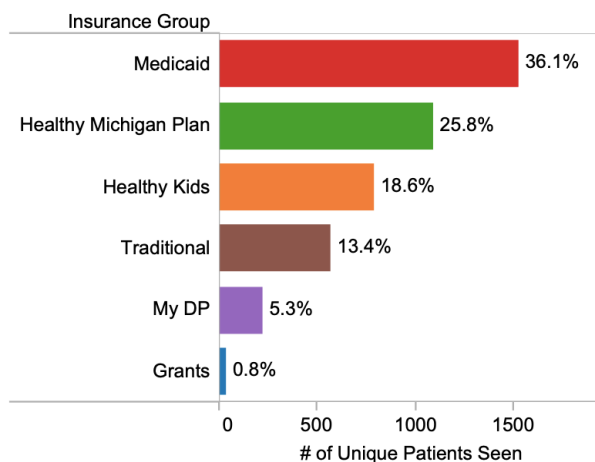
Potential and current WIC clients can use the app to track benefits, check eligibility, schedule an appointment, and more!

\*Due to COVID-19 Pandemic and limited in-person visits



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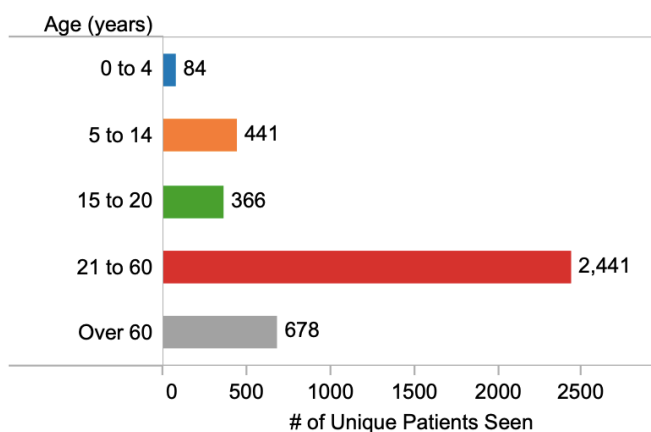
Unique Patients by Insurance



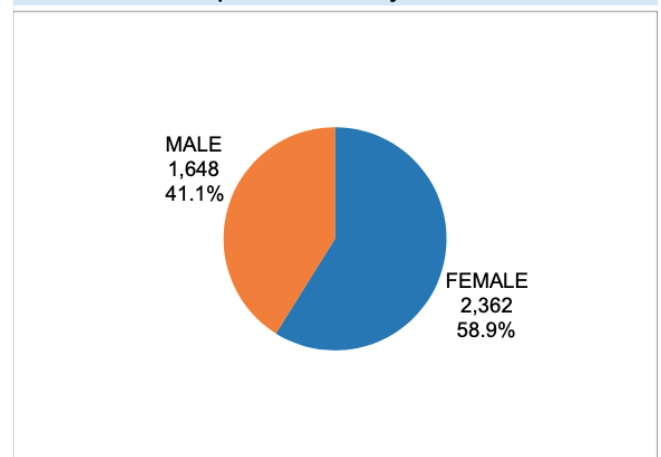
### Dental Services

- 8,927 Office Visits
- 4,010 Unique Patients

Unique Patients by Age



Unique Patients by Gender









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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
*Our Community. Our Environment.*

PREPARED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION

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