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CD REPORTING: AFTER-HOURS, WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) would like to remind healthcare providers to report all suspect and actual cases of communicable diseases (CD). Surveillance of CD cases, such as vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs), requires collaboration along with timely, accurate, and complete disease reporting. This is essential to our community's health in controlling outbreaks, enabling preventive treatment, and education. As these cases can be seen outside of normal business hours, see below for contact information.

During **normal business hours**, reporting is done via phone at (810) 987-5300, fax (810) 985-4340 or Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS). MDSS may be utilized at any time. **After hours**, contact Central Dispatch at 810-985-8115 or follow your agency's internal policy for reporting procedures.

SCCHD would also like to emphasize that the MDHHS Communicable Disease Division can be reached after-hours, weekends, and holidays at 517-335-9030.

Contact the SCCHD Communicable Disease Coordinator at 810-987-5300 during normal business hours with questions.

The MDHHS "Guidance to Disease Reporting in Michigan" and "Reportable Diseases (by Pathogen or Condition) in Michigan" can be accessed under Healthcare Provider Resources on the SCCHD website at www.scchealth.co.

The Privacy Rule in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) allows for the disclosure of protected health information, without individual client or patient authorization, to public health authorities, who are legally authorized to receive such reports for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease.