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Dear Resident:

The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has been notified by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) of elevated lead (Pb) levels in some soil samples from your neighborhood or a neighborhood near yours. Although the source of lead in this area remains unclear, preliminary reports have provided enough information for the Health Department to offer free blood lead testing and encourage for residents receiving this letter to participate. Furthermore, additional soil sampling will be done by MDEQ. Please sign and return enclosed access agreement that allows MDEQ to access your yard for further testing.

Blood lead testing (finger stick) will be offered on June 26 from 9:00am - 12:00pm and 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Harrison Center located at 55 15th Street, Port Huron. Regardless of previous lead testing, we encourage residents to attend this event and get tested. Other testing options include making an appointment at your doctor or at the Health Department. Lead exposure can affect nearly every system in the body. Most people do not show symptoms and testing is the only way to know if you have lead poisoning.

In addition, lead poisoning can be prevented by:

- Washing hands regularly especially before eating and sleeping
- Eating nutritious foods with high iron, calcium and vitamin C
- Not wearing shoes inside the home
- Mopping floors regularly
- Cleaning children's toys

For more information, please call the Health Department at (810) 987-5300. Visit our website www.scchealth.co or follow us on social media @scchdmi for updates.

Sincerely,

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