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Points of Interest...

• The Community Health Education and Outreach program has participated in the Point in Time initiative since 2017 and facilitated the St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) involvement this year. 18 Point in Time surveys were submitted, representing 24 people identifying as homeless. The majority were conducted within the Outreach program and Call Center, however, Teen Health submitted 3 surveys, representing 3 youth. This is the largest number of surveys ever collected. Results can play a role in the amount of state and federal funding that St. Clair County service providers receive to support and house people who are homeless.

• The Environmental Health Division is offering the ServSafe Food Safety Manager Certification training in April. The program will consist of over thirteen hours of classroom instruction followed by an individual exam. The class discussion will cover a wide range of food safety topics along with hands-on techniques and demonstrations. The class and certification fulfills the Food Law requirement that one manager per food establishment has successfully completed an accredited Food Safety Certification course.

• On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) named the disease caused by the novel coronavirus "Coronavirus Disease 2019 or (COVID-19)". The federal government is working closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, as well as public health partners, to respond to this public health threat. Locally, the St. Clair County Health Department has reviewed our pandemic event plans, procedures, is attending many calls and meetings; and implementing other preparedness measures. For more information visit <u>www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</u>.