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Points of Interest...

- Margaret Sturgis, Nursing Supervisor; Chris Czubachowski, Communicable Disease Coordinator; Nicole Parker-Strobe, Region 2 North Epidemiologist; and Diane Forys, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, met with Kathryn Spruit-McGoff, from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Detroit Quarantine Station and Port of Entry Port Huron Customs and Border Protection officials to review the existing International Communicable Disease Response Plan (CDRP).
- Since entering into the Southeastern Michigan Hepatitis A Outbreak in July 2017, St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has confirmed 26 cases of Hepatitis A related to the outbreak, including one death. A total of 38 vaccination clinics have been completed ranging from closed/individual target groups to full scale community clinics set up by geographical location. A total of 2,581 adult hepatitis A doses have been administered since entering into the outbreak representing over a 600% increase since 2016. Future plans focus on continued walk in clinic hours at SCCHD, media campaigns, and use of peer ambassadors from the recovery community.
- The Maternal Health Infant Program (MIHP) received its 18 month certification review by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) on January 11 and 12. In addition to chart review, and policy/procedural audits certification involves on site interviews with all program and billing staff. Initial feedback was exceptionally favorable and nursing division looks forward to the formal documentation in six weeks.
- Municipal drinking water plants along the Huron-to-Erie Corridor real-time monitoring network will receive updated equipment with a \$375,000 State of Michigan appropriation. The funding will protect public health by creating a real-time data stream for the drinking water network, alerting plant operators of accidental spills, emergency diversions and harmful algal blooms. Half of the 14 water intake facilities along the corridor are located in St. Clair County.
- The Emergency Preparedness and Response Division provided the planning and logistical support for community hepatitis A vaccination clinics that were held at various locations within the county to help combat the current hepatitis A outbreak. The SCCHD Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Mass Vaccination Plan provided the framework for these clinics. Clinic set up followed the basic floor diagram within this plan which can be expanded and reduced to fit the needs of the clinic.