



April 2024

Points of Interest...

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- In March, the Outreach team attended 5 community events resulting in 752 face-to-face interactions. This month, 115 community referrals (food, shelter, clothing, housing etc.); 51 Medicaid referrals (help finding a doctor, etc.); and 11 Medicaid insurance applications (health insurance to low income adults and children) were provided.
- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) celebrated National Public Health Week (NPHW) April 1st-7th, via the agency's social media channels. NPHW aims to raise awareness of public health and promote initiatives to enhance community well-being.
- On April 7th, SCCHD published its 2023 Annual Report. Growth was the theme and shows the agency's changing footprint. The document is publicly available at scchealth.co.
- Communicable Disease (CD) Coordinator and CD Nurse completed Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at Regency on the Lake on April 4th, 2024.
- CD Coordinator attended the MDHHS Epidemiology conference on April 12th, 2024. Additionally, the Immunization Coordinator attended the immunization action plan coordination meeting on April 18th, 2024. All Preventative Health and Immunization nurses attended the MDHHS CD Conference on April 29th, 2024.
- Pre-event planning for Measles and other vaccine preventable disease outbreaks is occurring among Nursing, Health Education, and Administration. Assuring surge capacity and contingency plans are in place in the event of an outbreak, is a key component of emergency preparedness. Positive educational messaging and media campaigns are being developed that address knowing one's immunity to Measles and appropriate steps and expectations if a rash develops. Meetings continue with other jurisdictions and state partners.