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## *Points of Interest...*

### ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- Environmental Health sanitarians permitted and inspected a recent large tattoo event. Over 100 tattoo artists from across the Country attended the convention. Establishments are licensed under the Michigan Body Art Code requirements licenses for sanitation and OSHA standard.
- The Planning, Promotion and Evaluation division is currently in the process of hiring a new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with Diane Lois retiring August 30<sup>th</sup>. Other divisional changes over the last several months included Alyse Nichols promotion to Data Manager; Nancy Deising's promotion to Health Education and Outreach Coordinator; the hiring of Environmental Health Educator, Mollie Brown and the most recent hiring of Gabby Sanchez filling the Health Educator vacancy. Congratulations to all!
- Recent mosquito-borne disease surveillance conducted by the Environmental Health division has detected the presence of West Nile Virus in St. Clair County. Mosquitos are collected weekly from sites around the County. Species most likely to transmit the virus are separated and sent to the state laboratory for analysis.
- WIC's Breastfeeding Support Team hosted Lactation Lounges at St. Clair County's 4-H Fair and the 2024 Blue Water Festival. These lounges provided breastfeeding mothers with a private, calming and cool atmosphere to feed their babies while enjoying St. Clair County's fantastic summer events. Other Health Department programs, Outreach, MIHP. Teen/Adolescent Health also participated in the 4H Fair the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.
- Walk-in availability for back-to-school immunizations begins August 7<sup>th</sup>. No appointment needed from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Wednesdays through October, 2024. For more information call (810) 987-5729.
- Vision and hearing screening appointments can be made at the health department for children in school ages 3 to 5 during regular business hours when technicians are available. Free/no charge. To schedule your child's vision and/or hearing screen click here: <https://ph-stclair.as.me/HearingandVision2024>. A walk-in screening day will be held Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-2:30pm at the Health Department's main office.