



March 2024

Points of Interest...

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- In February, the Outreach team attended 4 community events resulting in 1,035 face-to-face interactions. The team also participated in the Point in Time count, organized by Blue Water Community Action Agency, to measure the number of homeless individuals in our community. This month, 162 community referrals (food, shelter, clothing, housing etc.); 53 Medicaid referrals (help finding a doctor, etc.); and 10 Medicaid insurance applications (health insurance to low income adults and children) were provided.
- On-site respirator fit testing was completed for necessary staff aligning with the health department respiratory protection policy. TB Skin test workshops have been completed. SCCHD nurses are now certified to place and read TSTs (Tuberculin skin tests). This allows for a more accurate interpretation. Communicable Disease program nursing staff also attended the World TB Day Conference in Lansing.
- Two Lead program Registered Nurses (RNs) attended the 2024 Winter Virtual Conference on Lead, Healthy Housing & Home Safety.
- The Safe Sleep RN began partnering with Spero Pregnancy Center to provide safe sleep education during parenting classes. SCCHD continues to work with community partners to provide Pack n' Plays to families needing an environment for safe sleep.
- The Director of Health Education & Planning, along with other community organization staff, participated in a virtual Town Hall with the agency I.M.P.A.C.T. to discuss the risks of youth vaping.
- A rabies positive bat was reported to the SCCHD. This is the first positive bat of the season. Health Department staff worked closely with the St. Clair County Animal Control Director on the case. A media release focusing on raising awareness about rabies was sent out.