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Points of Interest...

- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) is one of many providers in the area providing a third dose of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine(s) to individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised. Appointments can be scheduled online at www.scchealth.co or call (810) 987-5300. Those who qualify should speak with their doctor or pharmacist before receiving the additional vaccination.
- SCCHD Nursing staff in collaboration with area physicians provided no-charge sports physicals at three (3) area schools that included St. Clair High School, Capac Jr/Sr High School, and Algonac Jr/Sr High School. Approximately 150 physicals were completed for student athletes to participate in athletic programs this school year. Back to school routine vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines were also provided.
- The Environmental Health division is participating in a Michigan vector-borne disease surveillance and prevention program. Funding is provided by MDHHS to support a monitoring system geared towards identifying populations of potentially invasive mosquitoes capable of transmitting emerging arboviruses. In addition, staff is conducting surveillance for the blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) capable of transmitting Lyme disease and other pathogens. This year, for the first time, that tick has been verified at multiple locations in the County. St. Clair County is unique in that it is on the threshold of potential emerging vector-borne diseases with the recently confirmed local presence of the blacklegged tick and the Asian tiger mosquito in neighboring counties.
- The SPEAK Coalition (Substance Prevention through Early Action and Knowledge) hosted an online *Virtual Youth Scavenger Hunt* this summer. Over 50 youth participated and submitted 562 completed missions. Mission examples included working in a community garden, biking the Bridge to Bay Trail, or flying a Radio Controlled Plane at Propbusters Airfield at Goodells County Park. Additional SPEAK events included hosting a *Youth Trivia Night* at the YMCA and information sharing at the Blue Water Recovery Outreach (BWROC) Recovery vs. Police softball game at Pine Grove Park.
- The Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) is re-opening September 8th. In-person as well as tele-visits will be available. Staff is looking forward to being able to re-connect with families. Plans are in place to make improvements to the office to ensure the health and safety of our families.