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Points of Interest...

- Jennifer Michaluk, M.Ed, CHES, Director of Health Education and Planning, received the Distinguished Service Award at the Great Lakes Chapter of the Society of Public Health Educators (GLC-SOPHE) Fall Conference. Nominated by her peers, this award recognizes a distinctive commitment to the profession via leadership and providing high-quality health education activities.
- The public is now able to view restaurant inspection results online for food service establishments licensed by St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD). The Restaurant Inspection Reports can be accessed on the Health Department's website at www.scchealth.co. The reports highlight a food service establishment's compliance with food safety requirements. Providing inspection reports online increases transparency and helps residents make more informed choices for their families.
- Every three years, all local public health departments go through an extensive, rigorous accreditation process. The week of November 26-30, auditors from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services were onsite reviewing the following areas: Powers & Duties, Food Service, Onsite Waste Water Management, Immunizations, Communicable Disease Control, Family Planning, HIV/STDS, Children's Special Health Care Services, Vision and Hearing. 2016, 2017 and 2018 indicators were reviewed.
- The SCCHD has received funding from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) to begin hepatitis C screening and establish a Syringe Service Exchange Program (SSP) in FY 2019. As our county hepatitis C rates have dramatically increased over the past several years, these new initiatives will aim to help decrease cases and prevent future disease transmission. More information to follow once internal staff training and education have been completed.