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Points of Interest...

- The CDC recently expanded eligibility of the COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for certain populations. Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson booster shots are offered at various locations across St. Clair County. For more information visit: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.
- St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) is partnering with the Blue Water Recovery and Outreach (BWROC) to provide peer recovery services on site at SCCHD as well as on the mobile unit. SCCHD is excited about the addition of a peer recovery coach to enhance interactions by improving conversations and pathways to recovery with those clients seeking harm reduction services through The ExCHANGE; SCCHD's syringe and clean works program.
- The SCCHD Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) was one of ten Michigan MIHP agencies selected to participate in the MIHP Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Plan of Care 2 Pilot project. In December, staff will participate in two ACES trainings, with receiving a \$1500 stipend. The Pilot Project is slated to begin January 2022 and go through August 2022.
- Hearing & Vision Technicians are currently screening in local schools and Head Start facilities. During this process masks are required, the Technicians wear one, while providing pediatric and adult sized masks for participants. The facility is informed of the mask requirement during the screening process, and the school personnel post the announcement in their newsletters for the parents' knowledge.
- The Childhood Lead Poisoning and Prevention Program Case Manager is providing home visits and some private physician offices are able to provide lead testing, administering results to the State and SCCHD. However, due to the recall of the LeadCare II blood lead test kits, WIC is un-able at this time to provide capillary lead tests. The Case Management nurse continues to supply education for parents/guardians regarding nutrition, cleaning and risk reduction, as well as home visits available for eligible children.
- On Friday, October 29th the SCCHD will be participating in the Council on Aging's 36th Annual Senior Power Day at the Washington Life Center location, offering vaccines for: COVID-19, including boosters, Hepatitis A and Pneumonia.