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Points of Interest...

- The Environmental Health Division has been awarded grant funding to continue beach monitoring this summer. The funding will allow eight beaches (Chrysler, Conger-Lighthouse, Fort Gratiot County Park, Holland, Keewahdin, Lakeport State Park, Lakeside and Marine City) to be analyzed for water quality over a 15-week period. In addition to the standard method, two beaches (Chrysler, Holland) will also be monitored using the experimental rapid testing technology that allows for results within four hours.
- The Environmental Health Division has completed another year of collaboration with the City of Marysville Water Treatment Plant for them to provide drinking water and swimming pool water analysis. During the past year, over eleven hundred samples were tested for bacteriological contamination.
- As part of the health department program requirements, the Bulldog Health Center is required to have community input through a Community Advisory Council (CAC) made up of students, parents, school staff and community partners. The next meeting is being held at Bulldog Health Center on (2/25). Participation in this Council allows the health department to promote health care and healthy lifestyles for adolescents in the community and give a voice to those the clinic serves. Topics this month will include quarterly numbers, quarterly newsletters, construction, staffing updates, physical clinics, kindergarten roundup and open discussion.
- Required internal staff training programs such as Bloodborne Pathogens, HIPAA, and FEMA trainings are now managed by the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator through the MI-TRAIN system for better tracking and accountability. This system is designed to give users a single location to register for courses, take online courses and have direct access to certificates and transcripts.
- The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and other key staff will participate in the Macomb County Cobalt Magnet Nuclear Table Top Exercise on March 18th. The goals include establishing working relationships prior to an event, identifying best practices, capability gaps and areas for improvement.