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### *Points of Interest...*

- Flu, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are currently spreading. In the last 30 days the health department has received reports of over 500 COVID-19 cases and over 800 reports of flu-like disease (influenza and RSV) among residents. The reported seasonal increase in cases has been consistent with what the county experienced in the prior year. The health department has communicated the increase in seasonal illness to residents via a number of formats including a media release. The health department encourages residents to take preventative measures to reduce risk and speak to their healthcare provider about recommended vaccines. Vaccine appointments are also available at the Health Department. Call (810) 987-5300 to schedule.
- A 2023-2024 Progress Report was compiled for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), highlighting the progress made toward the goals outlined in the 5-year plan. Additional information and updates about the CHIP can be found at <https://healthyscc.org/>.
- The Overdose Fatality Review Team assessed the recommendations from the previous quarter and prioritized them for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery (SU-PTR) Community Action Team through the Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB).
- The legislation establishing a statewide sewage code with mandatory periodic system evaluations failed to pass the House after passage in the Senate last December. These bills would have replaced the St. Clair County Environmental Health Code requirements with those established by the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). In addition, the proposed legislation would have eventually required homeowners with an on-site sewage disposal system to have it evaluated every 10 years. At this time, it is unknown if the legislation will be re-introduced during this upcoming legislative session.
- The St. Clair County Health Department is now on LinkedIn, in addition to our existing social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter)). LinkedIn is a professional networking site where we will share job openings, staff introductions, and updates on staff development and training. Follow us at [linkedin.com/company/scchd](https://www.linkedin.com/company/scchd).