

**MARCH 2022**

### ***Points of Interest...***

- In February, Outreach staff assisted residents in completing 3 MI Bridges applications, 16 Medicaid referrals, and 8 non-Medicaid referrals. During this time, staff attended 14 events within the community to help connect folks with needed resources, which resulted in 493 face-to-face interactions.
- Second and booster doses of COVID vaccine were delivered to 29 homebound community members across St. Clair County in February. Recipients were exceptionally grateful and pleased with the service and professionalism of the staff stepping outside of their normal process and overcoming the challenges!
- St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) staff collaborated with Blue Water Community Action Agency (BWCAA) to provide on-site lead screenings March 1 and 2 to Early Head Start students. Staff screened 63 students, resulting in detection of 2 elevated results who were referred for more treatment.
- The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has recommended that Environmental Health staff participate in a small workgroup on the non-community water supply program. The workgroup, consisting of representation from select local health departments and EGLE, will meet monthly to discuss potential statewide improvements to the program. The main task is finding solutions to the current situation of increasing local health responsibilities without being provided with additional funding.
- Health Education & Outreach staff have been involved in planning of the Southside Spring Fest event scheduled for April 23 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Clair County Community Mental Health. The free event will offer a variety of health screenings, hot lunch, live entertainment, and prize drawings every half hour. The event will provide an opportunity for residents to reconnect with friends and neighbors while the COVID-19 risk is low, in addition to connecting individuals within the Southside community to a variety of local resources.
- National Public Health Week (NPHW) is April 4-10. This year's theme *Public Health is Where You Are* celebrates what we know is true, the places where we are, physically, mentally and societally, affect our health and our lives. This NPHW, is looking at the intersections of our lives that affect our health and well-being. SCCHD is encouraging everyone public health professionals, students, elected leaders and the general public to step in and do what they can to make our world a more equitable, safe, healthy and just place.