

SEPTEMBER 2022

Points of Interest...

- The St. Clair County Health Department is very pleased to announce that Dr. Najibah Rehman, MD, MPH was approved by the BOC to transition from the interim to permanent, part-time Medical Director. She will serve the county 16 hours per week.
- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) welcomed back students again this fall. Continued collaboration with RESA and SC4 provides TEC Health Science and SC4 Nursing students to gain clinical experience in various public healthcare programs under the supervision of the Nursing division.
- The Environmental Health Division recently received a State of Michigan grant to participate in a long-term groundwater monitoring project in Kimball Township. The investigation is in response to an EGLE site inspection at a facility in which oil, paper sludge, metal and plastic drums, crushed car and stained soil were observed. Environmental Health staff sampled three nearby residential wells to determine the presence of contaminants of concern. Fortunately, none of the targeted volatile and semi-organic compounds were found.
- Several Nursing staff attended various in-person trainings this month, including the Michigan Family Planning Update, Child, Adolescent & School Health conference, MALPH Leadership Training, as well as Basic Life Support (CPR/Recertification).
- Walk-In for flu, covid boosters and other needed vaccinations at the health department's main office on Mondays, from 10:00am – 6:00pm and Wednesdays, from 8:00am-4:00pm. Appointments are available on other days, call (810) 987-5300 to schedule.
- The Preventive Health and Immunization team began seeing a resident for presumptive pulmonary tuberculosis in August 2022. Directly observed therapy (DOT) was initiated. Infection control measures were taken to ensure there was no spread of disease.
- The St. Clair County Health Department received Tecovirimat (TPOXX) from the strategic national stockpile to prescribe to individuals meeting criteria after testing positive for Monkeypox. SCCHD continues to be a hub for Jynneos Monkeypox vaccine and is actively immunizing high-risk individuals.
- September was National Recovery Month and the SCCHD Director-Health Officer and members of the Health Education team were invited to participate as a panel member and session presenters during the month long, virtual Recovery Summit webinar series sponsored by St. Clair County Community Mental Health and the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body.