



May 2024

## *Points of Interest...*

### ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- In April, the Outreach team attended 5 community events resulting in 1,451 face-to-face interactions. This month, 134 community referrals (food, shelter, clothing, housing etc.); 57 Medicaid referrals (help finding a doctor, etc.); and 11 Medicaid insurance applications (health insurance to low income adults and children) were provided.
- The bi-annual Vaccine for Children Provider (VFC) meeting was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The meeting included a presentation to St. Clair County VFC providers and a total of 9 individuals attended. An overview of the VFC guidelines required from MDHHS and vaccine updates were discussed. Representatives from Pfizer attended and provided updates on new vaccines that will be available from Pfizer.
- Communicable disease staff received “clearance perseverance” award from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at the Communicable Disease Conference. Additionally, Communicable disease staff attended the Community Resource Fair on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and administered over 30 vaccines.
- The Communicable Disease Coordinator position has been filled. This role assists with coordination of clinic activities related to suspect and actual communicable disease case identification, investigation, documentation, treatment, reporting, and community outreach.
- Two Lead RNs attended the 2024 New England Regional Lead and Healthy Housing Conference in Portsmouth, New Hampshire May 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Safe Sleep RN, Nursing Supervisor and MIHP Coordinator attended the virtual Cribs for Kids Conference May 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Clair County Health Department staff were present during the 2024 Community Resource Fair on May 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Clair County Community College. Divisions present include Outreach, Lead, Safe Sleep, and Immunizations. There were approximately 400 participants. The event is held for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- A Health Educator, along with the Data Manager, presented to St. Clair County Community Mental Health employees during their staff in-service day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The presentation included information regarding the health effects of e-cigarettes, along with cessation resources. There were approximately 100 staff present for these presentations.
- The St. Clair County Health Department’s Beaches program has begun monitoring eight of our county’s public beaches. Water samples are taken weekly and tested for E. Coli. Beaches are monitored Memorial Day through Labor Day. Beach closures and other important information can be found on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/StClairCountyBeaches](https://facebook.com/StClairCountyBeaches)) or by using [@StClairCountyBeaches](https://twitter.com/StClairCountyBeaches).
- The Vector Borne Disease Surveillance and Protection Program runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This program monitors mosquito and tick populations within our county. If you need help identifying a tick, a photo of the tick can be emailed to [vector@stclaircounty.org](mailto:vector@stclaircounty.org).