

FEBRUARY 2023***Points of Interest...***

- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) Immunizations staff resumed in-person Vaccines for Children (VFC) healthcare provider visits on February 23. The purpose of these visits is to assess compliance with VFC program requirements. This includes ensuring vaccines are being stored, handled, and administered appropriately.
- A lead screening clinic will be scheduled with Blue Water Community Action for children enrolled in Early Head start program, facilitated by SCCHD nursing staff. Early Head Start is a federal program, which requires children to be lead tested in order to participate. Hosting a closed event during the school day, will assist to identify children at high risk for elevated blood lead levels, bridge family transportation barriers and support uninterrupted education.
- The SCCHD is applying for a state Childhood Adolescent Health Center (CAHC) grant which would allow for the expansion of physical and mental health access to county children and teens. If awarded, locations could include school districts in the western and southern part of the county.
- The St. Clair County COVID-19 hotline phone number and email will be phased out effective March 1. Residents with COVID-19 related questions can contact the health department at (810) 987-5300 or email questions to healthdept@stclaircounty.org. The hotline was established and activated in 2020 to assist community members with COVID-19 specific questions. Over 50,000 calls/emails have been received over the past three years of the county's pandemic response and the hotline served its purpose as a helpful community resource.
- The 2023 Michigan Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Annual Education Conference will be held at the Blue Water Conference Center in March. This event is the only comprehensive training opportunity for Environmental Health professionals in local and state government, as well as private industry, in all of Michigan. It is a four-day conference that will offer current information, best practices, training, and networking experiences. EH Sanitarians Ashley Castello and Alicia Hawkins are actively involved on the planning committee and EH Educator Sheri Faust is scheduled to present.
- Two programs, Immunizations and Personal Health Clinic, will begin offering walk-in services on Mondays, starting March 6. This opportunity will allow more access for those seeking immunizations needs (infancy through adulthood) and personal health matters (such as STI testing, birth control and more). Call (810) 987-5300 for information on hours and specific program requirements.