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Points of Interest...

- The State of Michigan plans to offer around \$35 million in loans statewide to repair or replace failing septic systems as determined by the local Environmental Health Division. Details have not been finalized but the under the latest proposal residents up to twice the poverty line would be eligible to apply for a no/low interest loan through a designated state administrator. Individuals above the income limit would have to apply through their own financial institutions with loan assurances provided by the fund.
- The Emergency Preparedness & Response Coordinator is in the process of arranging in-person training for staff needing FEMA Incident Command Structure (ICS) 300/400 Courses. ICS-300 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced knowledge and application of the ICS and expands upon information covered in ICS-100 and 200 courses. ICS-400 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of ICS, and expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300. Training is ongoing.
- Immunization waivers are now completed electronically in the Michigan Care Immunization Registry (MCIR). This new process will make it easier for schools to report waiver rates. MCIR benefits health care organizations, schools, licensed childcare programs, pharmacies and for those receiving immunization care and service in Michigan public by consolidating immunization information from multiple providers into a comprehensive immunization record.
- The Bi-Annual Nursing Division staff meeting was held January 11. Topics included self-care, pursuing knowledge, teamwork, positive thinking and assessing/accessing resources. Health Education & Outreach program staff participated to focus and support employee well-being, community health initiatives and resources. Guest speakers included: Amy Bishop, SCCHD Nursing & Community Health Director, Tina Delia, SCC Human Resources, Adrienne Luckenbacher, SCC Community Mental Health and Alyse Nichols, SCCHD Outreach Coordinator.
- The Outreach team attended five (5) community events and anticipates reaching over 1,000 people with information regarding Medicaid, community resources, and Health Department services during those visits. Additionally, the Outreach Coordinator participated in MDHHS' first Social Determinants of Health Summit on January 24-26 that focused on three key areas: health equity, housing stability, and food security.