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Points of Interest...

- The Environmental Health Division recently received the results of an EGLE evaluation of the Noncommunity Public Water Supply Program. It was determined that the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) meets all Minimum Program Requirements (MPR). The audit specifically noted that the SCCHD demonstrates skill and advanced knowledge in well construction, distribution systems, cross connections and problem solving. The SCCHD consistently conducts sanitary surveys within the required five years and past due surveys are well below the state average. Furthermore, the reports states that the SCCHD does an excellent job conducting annual site visits.
- Implicit Bias Recognition and Remediation training was offered to staff in July. Many licensed staff in Michigan are now required to have this for renewal. Instructor Kristin Sewall, from the Michigan Health Council provided the training. Learners gained an understanding of what implicit bias is, how it informs interactions, current research being done, strategies to remedy the impact of implicit bias in perceptions, judgments and communication, as well strategies to reduce disparities in access and delivery of healthcare services and more.
- Staff are current and briefed on the Monkey Pox Outbreak including testing, investigation, and prophylaxis of contacts. Routine communication with MDHHS is occurring in all divisions to assure leadership is aware of the most current recommendations. The SCCHD website has been updated with a link to the MDHHS dashboard.
- A current COVID focus during this post surge response stage is educating St. Clair County Providers on COVID therapeutics and prescribing. Staff have visited over 30 providers in St. Clair County with educational materials and provided in person education to many as well, with a goal of easing the barriers to community members quickly receiving antivirals once a diagnosis of COVID is made. SCCHD's Teen Health Center has also enrolled to be a "Test to Treat" facility and will offer antivirals immediately upon diagnosis of COVID beginning in August.
- Beginning Wednesday, August 3, the SCCHD is moving to walk-in (only) immunization appointments on Mondays (10:00-6:00) and Wednesdays (8:00-4:00) to accommodate back-to-school needs. Existing appointments in August will not be impacted by this change. Appointments can be scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays by calling (810) 987-5729.