

JUNE 2023

Points of Interest...

- In May, the Outreach team attended 4 community events resulting in 1,061 face-to-face interactions. The following was also provided: 15 Medicaid referrals (assisting individuals with finding a doctor or specialist within their insurance network); 124 community referrals (including food, clothing, shelter, and legal aid); and 4 Medicaid insurance applications (providing comprehensive health care services to low income adults and children).
- The Outreach Coordinator was a lead planner for the May 10 Community Resource Fair at St. Clair County Community College. Resources were targeted for those in need. Health Department staff provided immunizations, referrals, program information and more. Approximately 300 people were in attendance.
- WIC's Project Fresh began in June and runs until October 31, 2023. This year, SCCHD has 110 coupon books totaling \$30 each, to provide to WIC clients on a first come, first served basis. St. Clair County's number of participating Farmers Markets has increased from one to five this year and are spread out throughout the county in Port Huron, Kimball, East China, St. Clair and Yale.
- Immunization program nurses attended the CDC "Pink Book" Conference in Lansing where staff learned about the *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases*.
- The Communicable Disease (CD) Nursing Coordinator and CD program nurse travelled to Atlanta, Georgia for the National TB Conference where staff learned about tuberculosis and networked with many state and national partners.
- Outreach program and various Nursing clerical staff, attended the Juneteenth Celebration event at SC4 on June 19. Program information, at-home Covid-19 test kits, and giveaways were distributed. Approximately 350 people were in attendance.
- Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Nurses and the Social Worker attended the Maternal Infant Health Summit (MIHS) in Lansing June 21 & 22. This annual event provides a unique opportunity for multidisciplinary collaboration, convening both national and statewide stakeholders working to improve maternal, infant, and family health. This platform allows for the exchange of innovative ideas and stories, uplifting families and communities as changemakers and leaders.
- Several Health Department staff attended the Blue Water Pride Festival on June 25. A variety of immunizations, at-home Covid-19 test kits, and other program information and giveaways were offered. Approximately 350 were in attendance.
- Chippewa County Health Department and partners are offering a 2-day *Rural & Ready conference* in Sault St. Marie. This conference aims to enhance the response capabilities of both American and Canadian First Responders, Medical Providers, and all others involved in emergency planning and response in rural communities. Register at <https://www.chippewahd.com/rural-and-ready>.