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Points of Interest...

- In February, the Outreach team attended four community events resulting in a total of 762 face-to-face interactions. During this time, the following was provided to the community: 26 Medicaid referrals (assisting individuals with finding a doctor or specialist within their insurance network); 119 community referrals (including food, clothing, shelter, and legal aid); and four (4) Medicaid insurance applications (providing comprehensive health care services to low income adults and children).
- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) Environmental Health Division's Private and Type III (P3) Water Supply Program was recently audited by EGLE for compliance with established minimum program requirements. The evaluation consisted of both field and in-office components. The results were extremely positive. It was determined that all minimum program requirements were met including 41 out of 41 indicators. The report commented that the SCCHD's P3 program shows consistency in all areas – permit writing, final inspections and follow-ups.
- Individuals interested in serving on the St. Clair County Health Department Advisory Board of Health can complete an application and instructions via the SCCHD [website](#). New, additional "members at large" seats have been approved in the by-laws and may be selected from one or more, but not limited to the following sectors of the county representative of: Identified community(s) with disproportionate health equity issues; Healthcare delivery system; Environmental sector; and City, village or township government.
- HIV testing is a critical prevention strategy and a key first step in the continuum of HIV care, yet many people are still unaware of their HIV status. The *Together TakeMeHome (TTMH)* project through the CDC, is offering Individuals 17 years and older an opportunity to order up to two (2) free HIV self-tests every 90 days via a [new online portal](#). TTMH addresses common barriers to HIV testing, such as stigma, privacy concerns, cost, and lack of access to HIV clinics, giving people who otherwise might not have tested an opportunity to know their status. For those seeking in-person testing, call the Health Department at (810) 987-5300 (option 0).
- National Public Health Week takes place April 3-9. This year's theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health". The SCCHD is encouraging everyone to work together to make it easier for communities to access the public health resources they need to achieve the highest level of health. We are all integral to improving our public's health. By coming together and learning from our cultural differences, we can use our collective power and knowledge to make the greatest positive impact. Visit www.NPHW.org for more information.