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Points of Interest...

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- The Environmental Health Division's Noncommunity (Type II) Public Water Supplies 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. All minimum program requirements and indicators were met. The report commented that the St. Clair County Health Department's program provides reliable and comprehensive oversight of the Noncommunity inventory. Furthermore, the coordinator, Katie Frenndt, does an excellent job of following up on potential issues that could become public health concerns.
- SOS (Signs of Suicide) presentations were provided at two St. Clair County high schools reaching 158 students. This evidence-based program covers symptoms of depression, warning signs of suicide and how to respond if concerned about oneself or others. This program is provided by a nurse and social worker and available to both middle and high school students. Students are given the opportunity to fill out an exit slip where they can ask to speak with an adult if concerned about themselves or a friend. For more information call (810) 987-1311.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) quarterly meeting took place on March 12. The meeting focused on addressing the priority of obesity and related behaviors, with presentations on new programs related to this topic by the Blue Water YMCA. The next CHIP meeting is set for June 12 and will focus on the priority area of mental health. Visit www.healthyscc.org for more information.
- As the nation continues to experience an increase in measles cases, pre-event planning is occurring. Assuring surge capacity and contingency plans are in place in the event of a county outbreak. Meetings are also taking place with other jurisdictions and state partners.
- The department is actively preparing for our upcoming move to 220 Fort Street in early summer. Communication plans are now being implemented to keep the public and community stakeholders informed about the new location and timeline. Over the past month, internal meetings have focused on key logistics, including moving services, storage space, and internal communications. Discussions have covered essential systems such as phone, fax, WebEx, encryption, and emergency notifications to ensure a seamless transition into the new space.