

MAY 2023

Points of Interest...

- In April, the Outreach team attended 5 community events resulting in 1,068 face-to-face interactions. During this time, the following was provided to the community: 25 Medicaid referrals (assisting individuals with finding a doctor or specialist within their insurance network); 180 community referrals (including food, clothing, shelter, and legal aid); and 5 Medicaid insurance applications (providing comprehensive health care services to low income adults and children). Additionally, the Help Card used by St. Clair County agencies across the blue water area to inform residents about available services such as housing, food, and medical services was revamped.
- The Environmental Health Division has started beach monitoring for the summer season. Utilizing grant funding eight (8) beaches (Chrysler, Conger-Lighthouse, Fort Gratiot County Park, Holland, Keewahdin, Lakeport State Park, Lakeside and Marine City) will be analyzed for water quality over a fifteen-week period. In addition to the standard method, two (2) beaches (Chrysler, Holland) will also be monitored using the experimental rapid testing technology that allows for results within four (4) hours.
- SCCHD Immunization nurses were present at the Community Resource Fair. Administered 25 total vaccines administered. VFC provider meeting held Friday May 19th, local VFC providers in attendance. Education provided on updates to VFC program and vaccines. Site visits to VFC provider office continued throughout the month. Communicable Disease nurses attended the CD Conference May 4th-5th.
- SCCHD participated in the Bio Watch exercise held on 05/16/2023. The purpose of the exercise is to assess the Detroit BioWatch Advisory Committee's (BAC) capabilities to respond to a BioWatch Actionable Result (BAR) resulting from an intentional release of a monitored biological agent., in accordance with BioWatch response plans. The BioWatch Exercise will lead into a Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) Michigan Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), Medical Countermeasure (MCM) response to test the ability of the SNS SharePoint Request Site system to facilitate a surge of medical countermeasure resource requests.
- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) staff organized and collaborated with two local schools; Marysville and Capac and will be holding free "sports physicals" for students.