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Points of Interest...

- On October 5th, SCCHD offices were closed for an all staff training day/in-service at the Blue Water Convention Center. Topics included Safety Awareness Fundamentals; Establishing Hope, Healing & Resilience in a Changed World; Creating Safe Spaces for LGBTQ Clients; and Becoming a Brand Ambassador for local Public Health Departments.
- The St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) continues to promote a Diaper Drive for clients in need. New packages of baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, rash creams, or baby hygiene items are being accepted. Monetary donations can be using the SCC Treasurer's PayPal account: <http://www.paypal.com/paypayme/sccmitreasurer>. To date, donations have been received from Woman's Life Chapter 386, SCCHD employees and their families, St. Mary's McCormick School, Dollar General, MIHP clients, and local citizens. Meridian Health Plan donated \$1,954.00 in diapers, wipes and hygiene products. For more information call (810) 987-4903.
- The St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priority areas were shared with the Stakeholders Committee in October. The three priority areas are: Mental and Behavioral Health, Obesity and other Associated Behaviors, and Substance Abuse. The Committee will now work on creating goals and objectives for each priority area.
- The Environmental Health Division completed the seasonal monitoring of Great Lakes beaches. Utilizing grant funding eight beaches (Chrysler, Conger-Lighthouse, Fort Gratiot County Park, Holland, Keewahdin, Lakeport State Park, Lakeside and Marine City) were analyzed for water quality. In addition to the standard method, two beaches (Chrysler and Holland) were monitored using an experimental rapid testing technology that allows for results in less than four hours. Those results are being used to determine a correlation factor that could allow for the exclusive use of the rapid test in the future. Overall, the beach water quality results this summer were among the best ever received.
- Due to the success of the sensory friendly room in the Preventive Health & Immunizations department, an additional sensory friendly room has been created in the WIC department so children coming in receiving immunizations and finger pokes for iron and lead will be in a more relaxing environment.
- Effective November 21st, the Monday and Wednesday walk-in schedule for all vaccinations, including flu and covid, will be returning to normal operations. All vaccinations will move back to appointment only. Call (810) 987-5300 to schedule.