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Points of Interest...

- The Environmental Health Division successfully completed its summer water quality monitoring at eight (8) public beaches on Lake Huron and the St. Clair River with a grant from EGLE. Fourteen (14) weeks of continuous sampling resulted in short-term closures at six (6) beaches, making it one of our healthiest beach seasons on record.
- The WIC program completed their management evaluation (ME) with an outstanding score of 99%. This is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence. The ME involves an extensive off-site documentation review and a multiple day (usually 5 day) on-site review with a State partner. The reviewer stated that she was impressed with the teamwork WIC displayed and their client centered approach.
- The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) successfully completed its accreditation, achieving an impressive score of 100%. This accreditation process is a multi-day evaluation with State partners including the review of dozens of client charts, many of which included numerous visits. It has been two years since MIHP's last accreditation, and this achievement is especially significant as it comes during their transition back to in-person services post-pandemic.
- Recently, the Personal Health team completed their HIV/STI site visit and met all indicators. The MDHHS Bureau of HIV and STI Programs had wonderful feedback about the program and praised SCCHD staff for their friendly demeanor, professionalism, and expertise.
- The Environmental Health Division concluded its vector-borne surveillance season after several months of monitoring. Mosquitos were collected weekly from four sites around the County during the summer. All locations had a least one positive mosquito pool detecting West Nile Virus. To raise awareness, two press releases were sent out and numerous social media posts were shared focusing on prevention strategies. Messages on tick prevention were also shared throughout the summer.
- St. Clair County Health Department staff participated in the 2024 Community Baby Shower on October 8th. Staff from MIHP, WIC, PH&I, Lead Poisoning Prevention, and Infant Safe Sleep shared health information, materials, did program promotion, answered questions, and helped connect guests with valuable resources. PH&I nurses also provided no-cost vaccinations to interested participants.
- Members of the Planning, Promotion and Evaluation Division (PPEv), recently presented a session on "How to Talk to Your Kids about Substance Use" at this year's Community Mental Health's Virtual SUD Recovery Summit. Out of all the sessions, this one had the highest number of viewers (198) and also received excellent reviews from participants.