

September 2017

## *Points of Interest...*

- Flu vaccines are available now through November 22, on a walk-in basis every Monday from 10:00am until 6:00pm and Wednesday from 8:00am until 4:00pm at the St Clair County Health Department (SCCHD). Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays by appointment. Also available, by appointment, for those 10-21 years of age, at our Teen Health Center. For those uninsured or underinsured, cost will vary based on income eligibility and family size. Most insurance is accepted and consider flu vaccination a covered benefit. For more information, call (810) 987-5300 or our Teen Health Center at (810) 987-1311. For further updates visit [www.beattheflu.org](http://www.beattheflu.org) and/or [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co).

- The Environmental Health Division completed the seasonal monitoring of eight Great Lakes beaches. Water quality results for our beaches were excellent this year. 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, Holland) were monitored using an experimental rapid testing technology that allows for results in less than four hours.

- In response to the ongoing Southeastern Michigan Hepatitis A outbreak the nursing division partnered with SCC Intervention and Detention Center, and Lake Huron Medical to administer 279 Hepatitis A vaccines to inmates and employees on August 16, 2017. The second phase of the response entailed vaccine being on site at SCCIDC for staff nurses to vaccinate those newly jailed or those who missed the initial vaccine campaign. Currently SCC has reported 7 Hepatitis A cases since August 2016 when the outbreak began.

- The Environmental Health Division has completed a grant funded project to monitor for the species of mosquitos that could potentially transmit the Zika virus. The intent is to develop a low-cost surveillance system geared at identifying populations of Aedes species mosquitoes that are capable of transmitting the Zika virus, and to support community engagement projects aimed at education, mosquito breeding site elimination, and supporting the development of mosquito control. Five traps were operated twice a week throughout the summer. The mosquito species of concern was not found in St. Clair County but has been confirmed in Wayne County and indications are that their range is migrating northward.

- SCCHD's WIC program has received referrals electronically via the HUB into its program on 282 woman, infants, and children since January 1, 2017! The HUB is an electronic computer based program that pair's pregnant woman and families with children (up to age 5) to appropriate home visiting and early childhood resources.

- The Emergency Preparedness and Response Division, partnering with Emergency Management and Region 2 North Healthcare Coalition, will be hosting a CMS (Center for Medicaid Services) workshop for long term care health providers on October 23. The workshop will review and discuss the CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule update (part 483). In addition, questions regarding long term care Points of Dispensing (PODs) in response to public health emergencies will be answered and additional guidance will be provided.