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St. Clair County Health Department Update on Lead Soil Sampling

A previous media release from the St. Clair County Health Department (*May 17, 2018*) stated that Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) was collaborating with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to develop a soil sampling plan to determine lead levels for adjacent properties surrounding Mueller Brass. The Health Department has been notified by MDEQ of elevated lead (Pb) levels in soil samples from a section of Port Huron between Water Street and Lapeer Avenue. Although the source of lead in this area remains unclear, preliminary reports have provided enough information for the Health Department to recommend blood lead testing for residents in this area. Ongoing work with MDHHS, MDEQ and the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is being planned for monitoring and surveillance purposes.

A letter from the Health Department was sent to residents inviting them to receive blood lead testing (finger stick). Testing will be offered June 26 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Harrison Center located at 55 15th Street, Port Huron. Other testing options include making an appointment at the SCCHD or at your doctor's office. Lead exposure can affect nearly every system in the body. Most people do not show symptoms and testing is the only way to know if you have lead poisoning.

In addition, lead poisoning can be prevented by:

- Washing hands regularly especially before eating and sleeping
- Eating nutritious foods with high iron, calcium and vitamin C
- Not wearing shoes inside the home
- Mopping floors regularly
- Cleaning children's toys

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