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*Points of Interest...*

- The Health Department PIO provided media statements and website/social media postings alerting the public to the building closure when the recent power outage occurred in late November. Status updates were provided to Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) for Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS) report to state. After-action: review procedure for "SCCHD 24/7 Staff Recall", will revise if needed.
- Statewide Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)/Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) SharePoint Drill took place between 9 am-4 pm on 12/4/13. Purpose is to test our formal request procedure for the Strategic National Stockpile. The exercise went well, without problems.
- The Environmental Health Division's Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP) discovery in the community of Berville of a cluster of septic tanks that were improperly connected to the storm sewer has led to a major correction project. Berlin Township has obtained a USDA grant to construct a wastewater sewage lagoon to properly treat sewage from over fifty homes and business. It is estimated that annually over 5 million gallons of sewage will now be properly treated. This elimination of illicit discharges of sewage will significantly improve water quality by removing a substantial long-term public health threat.
- The St. Clair County Marketplace Task Force continues to meet monthly. Working with the goal of providing a comprehensive list of resources made available to individuals and businesses in St Clair County for which to help navigate and enroll in health insurance as provided through the Affordable Care Act.
- The St. Clair County Smoke Free Team is looking for members. Any individual or group interested in the prevention of tobacco use in youth/adolescents, pregnant women, and adults including Veterans and their families should contact Jennifer Michaluk (810)987-5300 ext. 1414.
- Meeting on 1/15/2014 with Emergency Planners from Long Term Care facilities to solidify their Closed Points of Dispensing (POD) Closed PODs plans. This activity will help ease the burden on Community-wide dispensing sites in the event of a biological emergency effect.

