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Points of Interest...

- The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Department of Emergency Preparedness and Response (DEPR) will conduct a quality review of the St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) *Medical Countermeasures Plans* and supporting documentation to ensure the material is maintained to an acceptable standard. The SCCHD submission occurred on November 1.
- SCCHD Immunization program partnered with Walgreens to deliver flu vaccine to Yale Residents (Yale City Hall) while casting their ballot on Election Day, November 8. *Vote & Vax* is committed to protecting Americans from the flu and to keeping our nation healthy. Since its first multi-state program in 2004, *Vote & Vax* has helped provide thousands of influenza vaccinations to at-risk Americans.
- Family Planning services are now available every Wednesday at the SCCHD main office. Reproductive health care is offered to women, men, and teens at low or no-cost. Family Planning assists clients to plan for their desired family size/spacing of children and helps to prevent an unintended pregnancy. Services include information on birth control and sexual health; assistance in choosing a birth control method(s); help planning a healthy pregnancy; pregnancy testing and counseling; testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs); and preventive health exams to screen for cancer or other health issues. Family Planning Services are voluntary, confidential, and affordable.
- The SCCHD Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Division has recently reconfigured and updated its section on the SCCHD website. Revised forms, FAQs and other related supporting information are available at www.scchealth.co under our *Programs and Services* section.
- Clinic Services has launched a new "*Cover it*" campaign with goals to encourage condom use; advocate for sexual health testing; and empower the community to engage in discussions surrounding sexual health with their primary care provider. The campaign includes coasters with positive messaging, condom kits, posters and advertising. Currently, *The Raven*, *The Outpost*, *Allenton Tavern*, *Good Time Charlies* (Capac) and *The Roche* have agreed to keep condom kits on site and partner with SCCHD!
- Nursing and Environmental Health Divisions worked in conjunction with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and MDHHS on a recent frozen strawberry recall (contaminated with Hepatitis A) and vaccine clinic. After Environmental Health staff conducted 11 interviews with businesses, one long term care facility in St. Clair County had exposed residents and staff. Nursing mobilized and administered post exposure prophylaxis to over 90 individuals with Hepatitis A vaccine following an Emergency Order by Medical Health Officer, Annette Mercatante.
- The SCCHD recently released our 2015 *Annual Report*. Each year the report highlights the programs and services we provide to the residents of St. Clair County. Visit [here](#) for more information.