

June 2017

Points of Interest...

- While attending the Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference (Grand Rapids) in May, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Diane Fors was provided the *Public Health Law Bench Book for Michigan Courts* and *Preparing for a Pandemic – Emergency Response Bench Book*. These materials are being forwarded with a cover letter to St. Clair County Courts, Legal Team and Administration.
- Rebecca Campau, RN has received new credentialing as *International Board Certified Lactation Consultant* (IBCLC). An IBCLC is a healthcare professional who specializes in the clinical management of breastfeeding. They are certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners® (IBLCE®), independently accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). Rebecca will assist WIC clients experiencing breastfeeding problems such as latching difficulties, painful nursing, and low milk production as well as providing leadership and advocacy for breastfeeding women.
- The St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) Preventive Health and Immunization team led a focused response to an outbreak threat of Hepatitis A in the St. Clair County Detention and Intervention Center at the end of May. Case investigation by nurses identified risk factors linking the index case to the ongoing Southeastern Michigan Hepatitis A outbreak. Index case contacts were identified and plans to ascertain the high number of required doses of vaccine from a neighboring county were met. Post exposure prophylaxis was administered by our nurses on site and at the SCCHD with extended hours. The investigation and interventions required a coordinated response from multiple agencies. An After Action Report has been developed and a follow-up meeting with participating agencies will be held June 30.
- The Emergency Preparedness & Response Division has updated the SCCHD's Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) with all of the St. Clair County School Districts. This assures continued support and understanding for use of select buildings as mass dispensing sites in the event of a public health emergency.
- The Environmental Health Division has begun beach monitoring season. Utilizing grant funding, eight beaches (Chrysler, Conger-Lighthouse, Fort Gratiot County Park, Holland, Keewahdin, Lakeport State Park, Lakeside and Marine City) are being evaluated for water quality over a 15 week period. In addition to the standard method, two beaches (Chrysler, Holland) will also be monitored using an experimental rapid testing technology that allows for results within four hours.
- SCCHD Pandemic Plan – The state is studying how to incorporate the Pandemic Plan into the MCM (Medical Countermeasures Plan). Stand-alone plans have value, but the overall preparedness and response, organizational structures, processes, training, and goals remain largely the same.
- Save the Date! Volunteers needed Saturday, September 16, from 9:00am-11:00am at Lakeside Beach in Port Huron. The Environmental Health Division, with support of the St. Clair County Smoke Free Team and the City of Port Huron Recreation Department are joining forces for the *Alliance for Great Lakes, Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup*. Litter and cigarette butt data collected during the *Adopt-A-Beach* events will be used to prevent pollution and make positive changes to protect our beaches and coasts. For more information call (810) 987-5300.