

JULY 2019

Points of Interest...

- The Nursing Division welcomed an additional program coordinator on July 15, 2019. Nicolas Lincoln, RN has joined the Personal Health team. Nicolas comes to us from McLaren Hospital ICU, and staff are looking forward to improved depth, support and the leadership this position brings.
- SCCHD is partnering with Harbor Impact and will now have a presence at their monthly at “Impact Days”! Current planned initiatives include immunizations, hepatitis C rapid testing, and Syringe Service starter packs. Expansion of services may be in the future dependent on demand and client needs.
- The prevention coalition met for the final planning session on July 11, 2019. The coalition voted and picked St. Clair County SPEAK (Substance Prevention through Early Action & Knowledge) as its name. The group also voted to revise mission statement to “Striving for a healthier community by working together to prevent youth substance abuse.” At the final planning session, strategies for addressing substance abuse were identified. The first official coalition meeting will be September 26, 2019 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Central Middle School.”
- As part of statewide PFAS initiative an EGLE (formerly DEQ) contractor recently collected leachate samples from the three cells at the abandoned Huron Development Landfill in China Township. The samples indicate an elevated level for various PFAS compounds. PFAS substances are part of a group of chemicals used globally during the past century in manufacturing, firefighting and thousands of common household and other consumer products. In recent years, experts have become increasingly concerned by the potential effects of high concentrations of PFAS on human health. The next step is to offer water well testing at no cost to any residents within a half of mile from the center of the landfill site. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and EGLE are planning a public meeting scheduled for July 29th to discuss the issue and the plan forward.
- Environmental Health Division staff is actively engaged in response to ongoing flooding concerns in the County. Staff have been monitoring the effect of the high water on septic systems and the ability of food service facilities to operate safely in the Harsens Island area. In addition, EH staff created social media messages and public service announcements for numerous flood related topics.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Division – There is discussion and planning to expand the MCIR (Michigan Community Immunization Registry) “All-Hazards Module” to interface with IMATS (Inventory Management and Tracking System) for strategic national stockpile assets. The system used for the initial order of emergency state/federal assets (MiSNS Request) is different and separate from the inventory management system (IMATS). Vaccines are typically managed through MCIR, as it was during the H1N1 Pandemic Event. Once the order is placed, all other orders and reorders are accomplished through IMATS.