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Points of Interest...

- Environmental Health has been providing bed bug presentations to multiple county departments on dealing with bed bugs in public places. The educational training, offered by the Environmental Health Educator, covers bed bug biology, behavior, prevention and treatment with data supported by research from the University of Minnesota. It is realized that bed bug fears are often overstated and rooted in unfounded facts. The most effective bed bug prevention is awareness and education which the presentation helps address.
- The St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has been completed and serves as a blueprint for the entire community to address health disparities and promote health equity, with the goal of better health and wellness for all county residents. Community dialogue sessions and forums should occur in order to engage residents in the implementation, to share progress, to solicit feedback, and to strengthen the CHIP. The full document is available at www.scchealth.co. Special thanks to Metro Planning Commission for their partnership during the CHIP process.
- Starting September 4 through November 13, walk-in flu vaccination clinics will be available, while supplies last, Mondays from 10:00am - 6:00pm and Wednesdays 8:00am - 4:00pm at the St. Clair County Health Department. For those uninsured or underinsured, cost will vary based on income eligibility and family size. Most insurance is accepted and consider flu vaccination a covered benefit. Call the flu hotline (810) 966-4161 for more information.
- A physician training will be held on September 26, 2019 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) TEC Center located at 499 Range Rd. Marysville, MI. This training, led by Dr. Janis Romanik, Addiction Medicine Physician, will help physicians identify issues pertaining to opioid use disorder including a review of medication assisted treatment options and the challenges to integrating MAT into a primary care setting. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com
- The Health Department offers a free, confidential, clean works program called “The Exchange” on a walk-in basis, during regular business hours. Our goal is risk reduction and disease prevention (stopping the spread of communicable diseases like Hepatitis C and HIV). Services include; New needles, clean works and needle exchange; Safe injection education and materials; Narcan training/kits; and Outreach referrals. Call (810) 987-5300 for more information.
- This summer the Health Education Team provided three onsite classes for 10-14 year olds focusing on strengthening social-emotional skills in an effort to help them thrive more in school, home and in the community. Twenty-one (21) youth attended and reported the program helpful and fun. A variety of evidence-based youth prevention programs are available to schools, agencies and community groups at no cost. Contact (810) 987-5300 extension 1417 or akoch@stclaircounty.org for details.