

November 2019

Points of Interest...

- The Times Herald has approached the Environmental Health Division regarding their desire to start doing monthly articles on restaurant inspections conducted in St. Clair County. Environmental Health is being asked to provide a monthly list of recently conducted inspections. Included in their report will be a link to the online inspection reports located on the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) website so individuals can seek out more information as well.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Detroit Quarantine Station and Port of Entry (POE) Port Huron Communicable Disease Response Plan (CDRP) is now in the final stages of revision by the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division. This will be forwarded to key individuals for review and finalized by year end.
- Liz King, RN BSN Nursing and Community Health Director was awarded the Michigan Public Health Nurse Administrator Forum's Leadership award for 2019. Liz was nominated for being a passionate, principled and action oriented nurse and advocate.
- SCCHD hosted the Southeastern Michigan Epidemiologist Committee meeting Friday November 22, 2019. With 30 plus public health experts in attendance topics included Lassa Fever, Ebola, recent Varicella outbreak, and the international train derailment.
- After the recent Marysville High School Varicella outbreak, SCCHD is transitioning their Adult Immunization Coalition to a more community oriented approach. The focus will now be on adults and kids, with the mission of creating a fully vaccinated population. As the anti-vaccination sentiment grows and vaccination rates decrease, we need to come together and find better solutions to address these issues.
- In acknowledgement of the Great American Smoke Out on November 21, McLaren Port Huron Hospital kindly offered to show support for our community prevention SPEAK coalition (Substance Prevention through Early Action and Knowledge). SPEAK's mission is to strive for a healthier community by working together to prevent youth substance abuse. One focus area is youth vaping/smoking prevention. From November 18-28, people could go to Facebook and for every post like, share, or new page like to McLaren Port Huron, the following donation(s) were made to SPEAK; Post likes = \$1; Post shares = \$2; and New page likes = \$5. Results will come back in December.