

December 2019

Points of Interest...

- The Environmental Health Division is offering residents radon test kits at no cost (while supplies last) during the National Radon Action Month of January. Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible, odorless gas that is usually harmless outdoors. When the gas is trapped in a building or home, however, it can be a health hazard. Radon is considered to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Last year over one hundred test kits were distributed during the month.
- McLaren Port Huron hosted a social media fundraiser for our St. Clair County SPEAK Coalition (Substance Prevention through Early Action and Knowledge) on their Facebook and LinkedIn accounts in November. McLaren was able to donate \$804 to SPEAK for use on future coalition activities.
- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) is recommending residents get their flu vaccination. Michigan has already reached regional levels of reported flu activity. The CDC reports that flu activity is greatly increasing around the country. Most flu activity is being caused by influenza B/Victoria viruses, which is unusual for this time of year. A/H1N1 viruses are the second most common strains. Vaccines are available at the Health Department on a walk-in basis Mondays from 10:00am-6:00pm; or by appointment Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. Call (810) 987-5300 for more information.
- SCCHD's Syringe Service Program; "The ExChange" has been operational for just over six months. Public health nurses have serviced over 30 individuals throughout 49 encounters. More than 1500 clean syringes as well as clean "works" have been distributed. All ExChange clients receive substance use treatment referrals, education on safe injection and disposal, STI testing, condom kits, as well as Hepatitis C and HIV testing. These positive accomplishments have provided the ground work for additional funding and expansion in 2020!