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Points of Interest...

- St. Clair County (SCC) will experience a significant decrease (from \$24,018.92 to \$13,000) in MDEQ funding for beach monitoring in 2014. A State Representative from Harrison Twp. was able to insert into the MDEQ budget that not less than \$100,000 (of a total \$152,000 available) shall be allocated for Lake St. Clair Metropark Beach in Macomb County. The \$100,000.00 amount provides more funding than for all of the other health departments in the state combined. In past years, over 200 Great Lakes beaches have been monitored by local Health Departments each summer. This year only 20 beaches in Michigan will receive grant funding for monitoring. SCC is receiving 25% of the remaining \$52,000 available statewide to monitor 5 beaches (Chrysler Beach, Conger-Lighthouse Beach, Holland Road Beach, Keewahdin Beach and Lakeside Beach). Last year, the St. Clair County Health Department monitored 20 beaches (15 Great Lakes, 5 inland) from May to September.
- SCCHD was recognized by National Immunization leader, "Immunization Action Coalition" (IAC) for outstanding vaccination efforts in healthcare settings and added to their "honor roll". IAC is recognizing the stellar examples of influenza vaccination mandates in healthcare settings. To be included in this honor roll, your organization's mandate must require influenza vaccination for employees and must include serious measures to prevent transmission of influenza from unvaccinated workers to patients.
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nurses will be providing oral assessments and fluoride varnish applications for infants and children 6 months to 36 months of age beginning in January 2014. The fluoride varnish will be provided by the state and insurance will be billed for the service. Dr. Saluja from MCDC will provide training and over sight for the project.
- St. Clair County (SCC) reaches highest Immunization coverage rate to date for 19-36 months of age (75%) and exceeds 2013 goal. SCC is tied for highest coverage rate in Region 1 with Monroe, above the regional (72%) and state average (74%). St. Clair County also has highest coverage rate for adolescent vaccines in Region 1 (66%), higher than the regional average (60%).
- The SCCHD's Substance Abuse Prevention License (SAPL) has opened up a new funding opportunity that will allow us to contract for oversight of two coalitions that address substance abuse prevention. The Prescription Drug Abuse Workgroup and Smoke Free Team (Tobacco Coalition) will be funded through the St. Clair County CMH-Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency and will allow for reimbursement for staff time and prevention efforts activities specific to the contract.