

April 2014



Points of Interest...

- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) Vision and Hearing screenings are underway at Kindergarten Round-Ups in all St. Clair County schools with the exception of Port Huron Area School District (PHASD). In an effort to capture those children missed, SCCHD will host Vision and Hearing screenings required for school entry, to PHASD children on Monday, May 5th from 10:30am – 6:00pm and Tuesday, May 6th from 8:30am – 4:00pm. No appointment necessary.
- The Environmental Health Division processed a total of 546 food service licenses applications for 2014. Of these, 484 were for fixed food establishments. This represents a one percent increase from 2013.
- National Public Health Week took place April 7-11. This year's theme "Public Health: Start Here". The Health Education team planned, implemented and participated in promoting daily themes. "Eat Well" encouraged residents to take the "Meatless Monday" pledge; "Don't Panic" emergency preparedness awareness; "Get Out Ahead" health screenings for low income residents; "Be Healthy From the Start" breastfeeding promotion and support; and "Healthiest Nation in One Generation" videos were shared with various entities to share the importance of Public Health. During the three events held in the community, we reached over 70 adults/children in St. Clair County. Partners included YMCA, City of Port Huron Fire Department, Yale Library branch office, St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; MSU-Extension; Port Huron Housing Commission; EBW-TV and Radio First.
- SCCHD Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC) and Public Information Officer (PIO) team attended a Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) workshop in Macomb County to review the new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) CERC 2.0 guidance. This training updated local partners involved in public information during an emergency as well as Plan updates. Will be followed-up with internal review of SCCHD internal communication plan.
- Environmental Health Division led the planning efforts for this year's Earth Fair event held on April 25th and 26th at Goodells County Park. This was the 12th year for the annual event. An all-time record of 1,000 children registered to participate through school field trips. Financial donations from local corporate sponsors helped support this environmental event with over \$12,000 received. Thousands of people attended.
- A regional Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) request drill occurred. The local hospitals tested their ability to request SNS assets through a secure web-based system called MiRequest. The SCCHD EPC received the request notifications through the same system. It appears the drill went well. This system was tested by public health a year ago for the same purpose.