

SEPTEMBER 2018

Points of Interest...

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- As part of a statewide initiative, an additional 18 schools and community water supplies in St. Clair County will be sampled for the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFAS) contamination in November. PFAS substances are part of a group of chemicals used globally during the past century in manufacturing, firefighting and thousands of common household and other consumer products. In recent years, experts have become increasingly concerned by the potential negative effects of high concentrations of PFAS on human health. Earlier this year, the Port Huron, Marysville, East China, St. Clair, Algonac, and Ira water treatment plants received notification from the MDEQ that trace amounts, well below the EPA's lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt, of PFAS were detected in their drinking water supply.
- For their creative efforts that have positively impacted the breastfeeding rates in St. Clair County, Kathy Bladow RN, BSN and Rebecca Campau RN, IBCLC will be featured in the Michigan Breastfeeding Network September newsletter and have been selected as 2018 WIC Statewide and Collective Shining Stars! Innovative marketing, community and provider events, and continued education make them assets at St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD), WIC and St. Clair County!
- Flu vaccines are now available at the Health Department. We offer flu vaccines that protect against four (4) strains of flu. Also available is the High Dose flu vaccine, for adults 65 years of age and older that protects against three (3) strains of flu. Walk-in Mondays 10:00am - 6:00pm and Wednesdays 8:00am - 4:00pm (through November 14). Other locations include our Center of Port Huron office (ages 19 and older); walk-in Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00-4:00; or by appointment at our Teen Health Center (ages 10-21). For those uninsured or underinsured, cost will vary based on income eligibility and family size. Most insurance is accepted and considers flu vaccination a covered benefit. Call (810)987-5300 or visit www.scchealth.co , www.beattheflu.org or follow us @scchdmi.
- September is National Recovery Month. The St. Clair County Prescription Drug Abuse Workgroup launched a campaign to celebrate local individuals in recovery. The "I'm In" campaign aims to reduce stigma of addiction and encourage individuals/families of those suffering with a substance use disorder that recovery possible. Watch the stories on our website www.scchealth.co and social media pages @scchdmi. We applaud and thank the recovery community for telling their stories.
- Diane Forys, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC) and other local health department's City Readiness Initiative EPC areas attended the CDC Division of SNS and Michigan's Detroit Urban Areas Security Initiative (USAI) Tabletop Exercise on September 25 in Lansing. Exercise discussed timelines for distributing and transferring Medical Countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile to Michigan. Emergency managers from various state level departments were also requested to be there to assure functions and roles were clear.