



Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm
Friday 8am - 2pm

Cass County

Immunizations
1st & 3rd Wednesdays

STD testing & treatment
Thursdays

Dental
Monday - Friday

Van Buren County

Immunizations
Thursdays

STD testing & treatment
Wednesdays

Dental
Monday - Friday

Newsworthy

We continue to see increases in individuals diagnosed with Lyme Disease in our District and throughout the state. Visit our website for graphs and more information.

The 2022 Medical Examiner's Annual Report, an overview of death statistics for each county, is now available. Visit mimedicalexaminer.com to view.

Administration

- Accreditation Cycle 8 begins; on-site visits will occur the week of September 25. Local Public Health Accreditation assures and enhances the quality of public health in MI, evaluating and accrediting local health departments' ability to meet standards.
 - Public Health in Michigan is celebrating our Sesquicentennial (150 years!) this year. Learn more about all the great accomplishments over the past 150 years: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/sesquicentennial>
 - New and improved website is now live: www.vbcassdhd.org
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Medical Director/Nursing

- Staff hosted booths for the week at the Van Buren County Youth Fair and Cass County Youth Fair
 - Hearing & Vision Tech's provided screening & outreach at Project Nomad
 - Facilitated a 4-hour TB Skin Testing Workshop for area providers to become certified in TB Skin Testing at no cost
 - HIV Testing and Immunizations provided at the Cass County Jail
 - HIV/STI Nurse attended NACCHO 360 Conference in Denver, CO
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Community Health

- Distributed 200 health promotion bags and over 100 "MyPlates" at the county youth fairs
- Participated in the Migrant Farmworker Appreciation Event, connecting with 137 families
- Attended the Van Buren Conservation District's Annual Meeting
- 2 staff attended the NACCHO 360 conference and presented on our latest vaccine hesitancy project
- Wrapped up the NACCHO COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Grant (\$100,000) received in 2022.
- Applied for and awarded a 2023-24 \$150,000 grant from NACCHO to develop strong partnerships with at-risk communities and stakeholders to improve vaccine confidence.

Environmental Health

- Raw sewage from a Municipal Lift Station caused by a mechanical failure discharged and flowed into Dewey Lake in the Sister Lakes area on 8/4/2023. The Health Department cannot take further action. EGLE can close public access but has not chosen to do so at this time. Public notice has been posted on our website and sent to the local newspaper.
 - In the month of July, the department reports:
 - 51 septic permits
 - 41 septic final inspections
 - 49 well permits
 - 31 final well inspections
 - 13 campground inspections
 - 12 pool inspections
 - 50 routine restaurant inspections
 - 37 restaurant follow-up inspections
 - 21 temporary food license inspections
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Dental Clinic & Dental Outreach

- Dowagiac Dental Clinic saw 579 patients in the month of July
- Lawrence Dental Clinic saw 458 patients in the month of July
- Dowagiac Dental Clinic is booked through March 2024 for treatment
- Lawrence Dental Clinic is booked through February 2024 for treatment
- Both Clinics are booked through August 2024 for regular hygiene (cleanings)
- Our Dowagiac Dental Clinic currently employs 1 full-time and 1 part-time dentist. Beginning mid-September, we will be down to 1 part-time dentist. We are working diligently to find a replacement but the clinic schedule could be impacted if we do not find one in time.
- Dental outreach screenings were provided at Bangor Migrant School: 37 kids were screened; 136 sealants were placed to prevent decay; 1 child needed urgent care; 25 kids were uninsured ~ approximately \$4,000 worth of dental services provided at no cost
- Dental outreach screenings were provided in Covert at Project Nomad: 139 kids were screened; 491 sealants were placed to prevent decay; 5 kids needed urgent care; 70 kids were uninsured ~ approximately \$12,500 worth of dental services provided at no cost

