

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department

# MONTHLY REPORT March 2025

## Hours of Operation:

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

#### **Cass County**

Immunizations 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

STI testing & treatment *Thursdays* 

Dental Monday - Friday

#### Van Buren County

Immunizations Thursdays

STI testing & treatment *Wednesdays* 

Dental Monday - Friday

#### Newsworthy Visit <u>vbcassdhd.org/news</u>

Contact our department at (269) 621-3143 ext. 1300 to schedule a vaccine appointment or find one at your nearest pharmacy or primary care provider.

As spring migration for wild birds approaches, owners must remain vigilant as HPAI continues to be detected across Michigan. visit https://bit.ly/3Fz9pvK for more information.

### Dental Clinic and Outreach

- Dowagiac Dental Clinic
  362 patients seen, 19 new patients
- Lawrence Dental Clinic
  499 patients seen, 35 new patients
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College dental hygiene students continue to rotate through both clinics.
- As of February, VBCDHD has expended \$41,371.62 in Van Buren County and \$671.81 in Cass County as part of the veteran's dental program grants. For more information on county veteran services, go to <u>vanburencountymi.gov/562/Veterans-Services</u> for Van Buren County and <u>casscountymi.org/1262/Veterans-Affairs</u> for Cass County.

#### **Environmental Health**

- In the month of February, the department reports:
  - 31 septic permits
  - 16 septic final inspections
  - 32 well permits
  - 42 well final inspections
  - 41 restaurant inspections
  - 11 restaurant reinspections
  - 04 temporary food inspections

# **Medical Director and Nursing**

- Staff hosted several outreach events including HIV testing at the county jails and Vaccines for Children (VFC) follow-up and initial site visits in Dowagiac, South Haven, and Paw Paw.
- Nurses were busy as they investigated communicable disease reports and educated schools and daycares on prevention and intervention strategies for respiratory season.
- The Tuberculosis (TB) VBCDHD team participated in a cohort review with the MDHHS-TB Control Program as a part of the regular review process after a local TB case.
- Michigan Flu Focus: As of the week ending February 22, 2025, there have been 98 influenza associated pediatric deaths and 5 of those are in Michigan.
  - For the full report, go to **michigan.gov/flu/surveillance/pastmichigan-flu-focus-surveillance-reports**.
  - As of February 22, 2025, 2,723,572 Michiganders have received a flu vaccine for the 2024-2025 season. It is not too late to get your 2024-2025 flu vaccine!