



## **Shiawassee County Health Department 2022 Year End Article**

As the end of 2022 draws near, the Shiawassee County Health Department staff are reflecting and highlighting some of the accomplishments that were made during a year of transition from COVID-19. In 2022, health department staff:

- Expanded the Menstrual Product Initiative to Morrice Public Schools and Traverse Place Street Reach Team, providing tampons and pads to individuals in need
- Added three locations for the Wear One Program, expanding condom access
- Created two sensory friendly clinic rooms for immunizations and other appointments
- Hosted “Teen Health Day”
- Shifted the Perry Expanding and Enhancing Emotional Health Program to a Perry School Wellness Program adding a nurse to the middle and high school
- Hosted two Household Hazardous Waste Collections – collecting a total of almost 20,000 pounds
- Contracted with the SRESA to provide school nurses in eight school districts
- Expanded WIC services
- Hosted a Septic Installers Educational Meeting
- Responded to Monkeypox and foodborne illness outbreak affecting lettuce
- Partnered with Memorial OB/GYN to connect pregnant women to resources and programming
- Partnered with the Shiawassee Prevention Network to provide marijuana safe storage education
- Partnered with the Shiawassee Family YMCA to administer nine Vaccine Outreach Inspired by Community Outreach (VOICE) Mini Grants

Through the COVID-19 transition, SCHD staff continued to promote COVID-19 mitigation strategies and provide vaccine clinics. County residents are encouraged to stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines and continue to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. Washing hands, staying home from work and social gatherings when feeling ill, and getting vaccinated help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Two of the health department’s Breastfeeding Peer Counselors were nationally recognized for their efforts in supporting breastfeeding women in our community.

The Shiawassee County Health Department would like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff, Health Board members, volunteers, and community partners for all the work they do for the residents of Shiawassee County.