Seneca County General Health District

Monthly Newsletter

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WHAT'S GOING AROUND

Each month, SCGHD's epidemiologist outlines illnesses with the highest activity in Seneca County.

In June, a total of 27 disease cases were reported to SCGHD. Of these, 14 were confirmed as probable/confirmed cases and two investigations are ongoing. Of the 14 confirmed cases, seven (50%) were chlamydia or gonorrhea, four were enteric (intestinal) diseases, and there were three cases of different viral or bacterial diseases.

SCGHD also is currently investigating a recent increase in diarrheal cases which may be linked to Cyclosporiasis, a miccroscopic parasite.

Symptoms include frequent watery diarrhea, loss of appetite and weight, abdominal cramps and bloating, nausea (vomiting is less common), and low-grade fever. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider for stool testing and treatment.

Cyclosporiasis Prevention

- Wash your hands regularly, especially if handling food.
- Thoroughly wash fruits and vegetables before eating.
- Don't swim if you are sick with diarrhea. One person with diarrhea can spread germs to everyone else in the pool.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lori Clouse has been selected as SCGHD's Employee of the Month. Lori is a public health nurse at the health district and was nominated by a co-worker for being a nursing rockstar!

Lori's co-worker said Lori's hard work and commitment to the school nursing program is much appreciated. She also said Lori is someone who is dependable and helps lead SCGHD to greatness.

"You might not see her around the office much during the school year, but that's because she is playing superhero at Mohawk," Lori's co-worker said.

10:30AM - 3:30PM
JULY 7, JULY 9, JULY 14, JULY 16 & JULY 23
92 E. PERRY ST., TIFFIN

9AM - 2PM
JULY 21
801 KIRK ST., FOSTORIA

PLEASE BRING PHOTO ID AND INSURANCE

VACCINES ALSO ARE AVAILABLE AT SCGHD BY APPOINTMENT
CALL (419) 447-3691 EXT. 6333

FREE GUN LOCKS

Did you know firearms are a leading cause of premature death and injury in the United States? More than 44,000 gun-related fatalities are recorded annually, statistically breaking down to 62% firearm suicides, 35% firearm homicides, and approximately 1% unintentional/accidental shootings.

Firearm-related suicides in Ohio are a growing crisis, with high rates among youth, rural populations, and certain racial groups. The sharp increase in firearm use in suicides over the past two decades underscores the need for targeted prevention strategies, including safe storage, mental health access, and community-based interventions. In an effort to combat this growing crisis, SCGHD is teaming up with the Veterans Crisis Line to provide FREE gun safety locks complete with a lock, key, and suicide prevention materials.

These locks are meant to help residents secure their personal firearms to further support gun safety, accidental injury, and suicide. The gun safety locks are available in our Vitals Division during regular business hours and also will be handed out by SCGHD at fairs, events, and other outreach events across the county in the upcoming months.

If you or someone you know is struggling, you can call or text 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline or visit: www.lifesideohio.org

CPR Certification on *Your* Time

Need CPR certification but want a more flexible option?

It's as easy as 1,2,3!

SCGHD now offers American Heart Association Blended Learning CPR courses for both Heatsaver and Basic Life Support (BLS).

1. Purchase and complete the AHA online learning course at your own pace. (separate fee)
2. Schedule and complete a brief skills check-off session here at SCGHD with a certified AHA Instructor ($45 fee)
3. Receive an official AHA certification card valid for 2 years

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For more information or to schedule your skills session:
419-447-3691 ext. 6337 /mkoehl@senecahealthdept.org

Senior Health Clinics

9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

AGES 60 +

Wednesday, July 8
Kiwanis Manor of Tiffin

Wednesday, July 15
Fostoria Senior Citizens Center

Wednesday, August 12
Allen Eiry Senior Center

Wednesday, August 19
Fostoria Senior Citizens Center

FREE Health Screenings Include:

- ✓ Vital Signs
- ✓ Glucose
- ✓ Vision
- ✓ Hemoglobin
- ✓ Edema
- ✓ Urinalysis
- ✓ Weight/Medication Review
- ✓ Lung Sounds