

HURON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE NEWSLETTER



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To Speak to a CD nurse call 989-269-9721 ext 163  
The voicemail is confidential and only answered by our CD Nurses



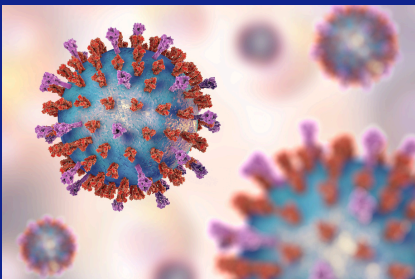
**Animal Bites**

The Health Department is required to follow up on all animal bites for potential risk of rabies. This includes dogs, cats, bats, and any other potential carrier of rabies, regardless of if it is the victim's own animal. Contact the Health Department if you have question or concerns

*Read More on our website*

# Avian Bird Flu update

The bird flu continued to be watched closely this last quarter. Per the CDC public health risk continues to remained low.



## Bird Flu testing

Any patients who have exposures to sick birds or Cows that show signs and symptoms of flu should be tested. If they are positive for Flu A these labs should be forwarded on to the State Lab for further testing to rule out HPAI.

**Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Michigan dairy herds, but YOU can take steps right now to protect Michigan herds.**

### How to Recognize a Sick Dairy Herd:

It's important to be able to recognize the symptoms of HPAI.

#### Sick herds may experience...

- Decreased lactation
- Abnormal milk
- Low appetite
- Abnormal, tacky, or loose feces

**Please Note:** If cattle herds are experiencing these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian to determine the next appropriate steps to take before reporting.

**Work with your veterinarian to report an HPAI infection by calling the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.**

800-292-3939 (daytime) | 517-373-0440 (evening/night)

Learn more about highly pathogenic avian influenza at [michigan.gov/birdflu](http://michigan.gov/birdflu)



**Avian influenza has been detected in Michigan, but YOU can take steps right now to protect Michigan's flocks.**

### How to Recognize a Sick Bird:

It's important to be able to recognize the symptoms of avian influenza.

#### Sick birds may experience...

- Sudden death
- Drop in egg production
- Significant drop in water consumption
- Diarrhea
- Lack of appetite, energy, or vocalization
- Nasal discharge, sneezing, or coughing

**If a bird has these signs, please work with your veterinarian to report an avian influenza infection by calling the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.**

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## Resources

MDHHS Highly pathogenic avian influenza Page  
[www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/diseases/avian-influenza](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/diseases/avian-influenza)



# WHAT IS MEASLES?

Measles is a **highly contagious respiratory disease** that can result in severe, sometimes permanent complications including:

- PNEUMONIA
- HOSPITALIZATION
- BRAIN SWELLING
- DEATH

Currently the United States and Canada have seen several outbreaks of Measles. The largest are in Texas and Ontario. Michigan has also declared its first outbreak in Montcalm County with 4 cases. It is important for providers and the public to be aware of what to watch for when it comes to measles. Vaccination continues to be the best way to protect individuals from measles.

The Health Department does offer the MMR vaccine, Call for more information.

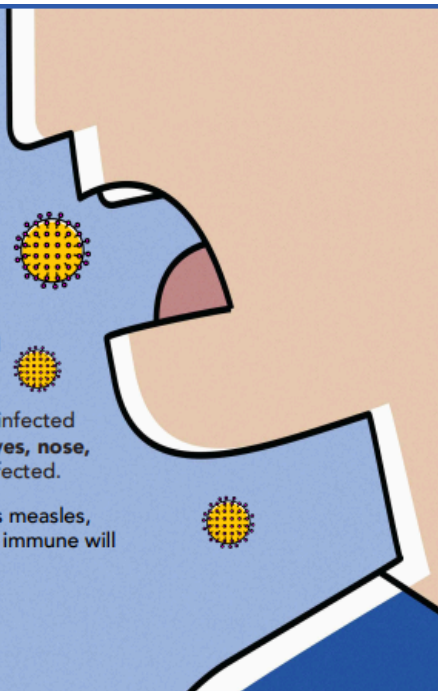

## HOW IS MEASLES SPREAD?

Measles is highly contagious, and **spreads easily** when an infected person **breathes or coughs**.



The measles virus can live for **up to 2 HOURS** on a surface or in the air where the infected person coughed or sneezed. If other people **breathe** the contaminated air or **touch** the infected surface and then touch their **eyes, nose, or mouth**, they can become infected.

Measles is so contagious, that if an individual has measles, up to **9 in 10** of their close contacts who are not immune will also become infected.

HOW CAN I **PROTECT MYSELF & MY FAMILY** AGAINST MEASLES?

**GET VACCINATED!**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



About **1 in 5** people in the US who get measles will be **hospitalized**



As many as **1 in 20** children with measles gets pneumonia



**1 out of every 1,000** people with measles will develop **brain swelling**, which could lead to **brain damage**



As many as 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will **die**, even with the best care

## WHO CANNOT BE VACCINATED?

Some people **cannot** be vaccinated and **depend on others** getting vaccinated to help protect them



PREGNANT WOMEN

PEOPLE WITH WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS



CHILDREN TOO YOUNG TO BE VACCINATED

# Illnesses seen Quarter 1

October/November/December

Communicable Disease Report		2023	2024	2025
Total Cases Investigated		1,289	1,404	1,610
Total Foodborne Cases Investigated		9	3	4
Cases seen this quarter	Cryptosporidiosis	1	0	3
	Campylobacter	2	2	0
Total sexually transmitted diseases		17	15	10
Cases seen this quarter	Gonorrhea	3	0	6
	Chlamydia	12	13	8
Total Rabies Cases Investigated		7	16	17
Total Respiratory Cases		913	156	214
Cases seen this quarter	Latent TB infections	1	2	3
	Covid	554	440	122
	Influenza- lab confirmed*	142	24	9
	Flu like illness*	606	657	358
Total Vaccine Preventable Cases Investigated		0	4	1
Cases seen this quarter	Chickenpox	0	0	1
	H Influenzae- inv	0	3	0

\*Due to different state reporting guidelines not all influenza cases are reported individually, most are only reported as an aggregate number under flu like illness. Pediatric deaths, severe illnesses, or novel flu viruses are required to be reported individually.

# Upcoming Clinics and Events

## Immunizations

[\(989\) 269-9723](tel:(989)269-9723)

**Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 12 PM and 12:30 PM - 4 PM

**Appointments:** Call to schedule (Walk-ins accepted if a nurse is available)

**Late Clinics:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 10am-6pm

### Harbor Beach Clinic

Clinic held at:

**Harbor Beach Specialty Clinic**

210 1st Street

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

[Schedule for Harbor Beach Clinic](#)

#### 2025 Dates

~~February 25, 2025~~

~~April 22, 2025~~

June 24, 2025 25

August 26, 2025 27

October 28, 2025 29

December 17, 2025 18

**Dates changed Tuesdays  
to Wednesday's**

### Sebewaing Clinic

Clinic held at:

**Scheurer Primary Care- Sebewaing**

616 S. Unionville Rd.

Sebewaing, MI 48759

[Schedule for Sebewaing Clinic](#)

#### 2025 Dates

~~Friday, January 24, 2025~~

~~Friday, February 28, 2025~~

~~Friday, March 28, 2025~~

~~Friday, April 25, 2025~~

Friday, May 30, 2025

Friay, June 27, 2025

Friday, July 25, 2025

Friday, August 22, 2025

Friday, September 26, 2025

Friday, October 24, 2025

Friday, November 21, 2025

Friday, December 19, 2025

# Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)

☎ (989) 269-3326

**Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 12 PM and 12:30 PM - 4 PM

**Appointments:** By appointment. Professional visits will be provided either in your home or at the office

# Personal Health Services

☎ (989) 269-9721 ext. 162

**Appointments with Nurse Practitioner available on:**

1st Friday of the month from 8:00am-4:00pm (closed 12:00-12:30 for lunch)

3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00am-6:00pm

**Birth Control Supplies & STI testing available various days each month.**

**See calendar for those upcoming dates.**

Appointments preferred but walk-ins accepted (schedule permitting)

**See website for calendars HCHD.us**

**Late clinics are closed from 1-1:30 for lunch**