Healthy Allegan County Coalition

In recent years, the Allegan County Health Department has worked with other agencies such as Allegan General Hospital to develop several community health needs assessments. During these processes it was brought to light that there was a need for strategic direction from a county wide perspective. The different agencies that are outlined in Community Health Prioritization Steering Committee (CHSPC) felt that there needed to be prioritized health indicators that our county’s sectors could strategically align resources towards: to improve our community’s health and wellbeing. It will take all sectors in our county to provide resources and a level of influence on Allegan residents to improve health and wellness. Allegan County is a rural county and optimization of resources is essential. This led to implementing an “Allegan County” community health needs assessment. Everyone in a community impacts community health and wellbeing.

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Beach Sampling

7 Allegan County Beaches will received weekly sampling starting after Memorial day and ending on Labor Day. This sampling looks for total coliform bacteria in the water to determine the safety to bathers.

Flooding

Did you know that floods are the #1 natural disaster in the US. Click the link above to learn how you can become better protected!

Click to find out more!

To learn more about the Allegan County Health Department click on the links above to our Facebook and Twitter!

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Using data collected by the County Health Rankings, the HACC put together three performance indicators to help focus on improving the community. These three areas of focus are:

- **Increasing Family and Social Support**
  - Objective 1 — Increase access and utilization of resources for families
  - Objective 2 — Reduce traumatic impact on children and families

- **Increase Access to Care**
  - Objective 1 — Increase awareness and utilization of preventative services to include primary care, dental, and mental health.
  - Objective 2 — Work with existing organizations to strategically discuss opportunities to increase dental, mental, and primary care providers within the county.

- **Increase Diet and Exercise**
  - Objective 1 — Increase access and consumption of healthier dietary choices.
  - Objective 2 — Increase awareness and utilization of physical activity opportunities which exist within Allegan County.

Click here to learn more about the Healthy Allegan County Coalition, the needs assessment plan, and the improvement plan!

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**Healthy Allegan County Coalition Cont.**

The boxes below are filled with links to additional information on topics pertinent to the health of you, your family, and the environment.

Click a topic of interest to find out more!

- **Carbon Monoxide**
- **Restaurant Inspections**
- **Ticks**
- **Recommended Vaccinations**
News of a mosquito-borne disease, Zika virus, has caused concern in the United States and has prompted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to issue precautionary warnings to travelers. Zika virus is associated with birth defects (microcephaly) in infants born to infected mothers. Click on the link to learn more about Zika.

Learn More: Additional Zika Virus Information

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least 4 million households have children living in them that are being exposed to high levels of lead. There are approximately half a million U.S. children ages 1-5 with blood lead levels above 5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL), the reference level at which CDC recommends public health actions be initiated.

No safe blood lead level in children has been identified. Lead exposure can affect nearly every system in the body. Because lead exposure often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. Lead poisoning CAN be prevented.

Learn more: Additional Lead Information

FAQ's on Vaccines!
Click A Resource to get more information about their organization.

Diet and Exercise
- List of farmers markets
- Healthy Living Map
- Allegan Aerobic Athletic Association
- Food Pantries
- Parks and Rec
- MSU Extension

Family and Social Support
- 2-1-1
- Positively Allegan
- Allegan Transportation
- Community Action Allegan

Access to Care
- Whole Family Connection
- Borgess
- Holland Hospital
- South Haven Hospital
- Spectrum – DeVos
- Bronson
- Holland Free Health Clinic
- Renewed Hope
- Allegan General Hospital
- Intercare
- Pathways
- Bethany Christian Services
- Healthy Michigan
- Benefits CheckUp

VISION & HEARING SCREENING SCHEDULE

Now By Appointment!

ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 3255 – 122ND AVENUE, SUITE 200 ALLEGAN, MI 49090

April 5, 2016  Tuesday  9-12 and 1-4
April 6, 2016  Wednesday 9-12 and 1-4
April 7, 2016  Thursday  9-12 and 1-4
May 6, 2016   Friday  9-12

NOTE: Please contact 269-673-5411 for appointments
VISION SCREENING IS REQUIRED FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY

THE VISION SCREENING MAY BE COMPLETED BY: Allegan County Health Department: 269-673-5411

The following Health Departments, also have free vision/hearing screening clinics available by appointment only:

- Kent County: 616-632-7047
- Ottawa County: 616-396-5266
- Kalamazoo County: 269-373-5008
- Barry County: 517-541-2604
- Optometrist/Ophthalmologist, Family Physician, Pediatrician

If there are any questions regarding any of the Hearing & Vision clinics please contact
Allegan County Health Department at 269-673-5411.