

# Communicable Disease Reporting newsletter for schools



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2010

## Outstanding communicable disease reporting

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) would like to recognize the following schools that submitted their complete weekly communicable disease reports 90% or more of the time during the 2008/2009 school year. District-wide, 37 schools submitted complete reports during the 2008/2009 school year compared to 12 during the 2006/2007 school year.

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### Gratiot County

Alma Good Shepherd ECC  
Alma Hillcrest Elementary  
Alma Luce Road ECLC  
Alma Middle  
Ithaca Countryside Christian  
Ithaca North Elementary  
St. Louis High

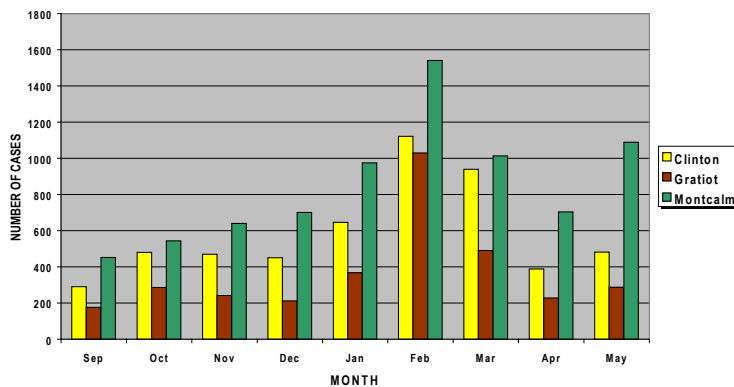
### Montcalm County

Central Montcalm High  
Greenville Baldwin Heights Elementary  
Greenville Lincoln Heights Elementary  
Lakeview Bright Start Elementary  
Lakeview High  
Lakeview Upper Elementary  
Montabella Elementary  
Montabella High  
St. Charles Catholic  
Tri- County Edgerton Upper Elementary

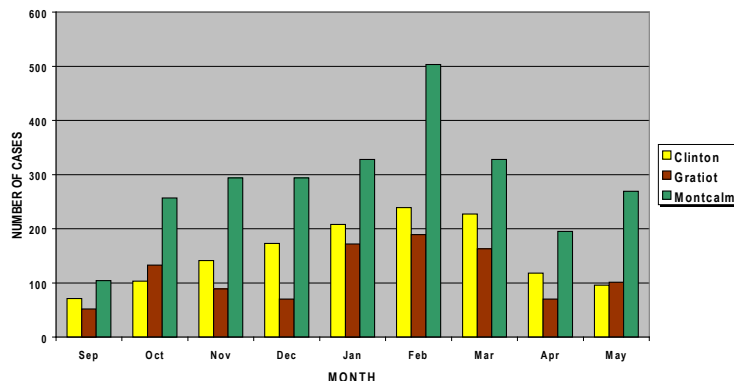
### Clinton County

Bath Elementary  
Bath High  
Bath Middle  
DeWitt High  
DeWitt JR High  
Fowler Most Holy Trinity  
Fowler Waldron Elem. & Middle  
Ovid Elsie EE Kight Elementary  
Ovid Elsie Middle  
St. Johns East Olive Elementary  
St. Johns Eureka Elementary  
St. Johns Gateway Elementary  
St. Johns High  
St. Johns Middle  
St. Johns Oakview Elementary  
St. Johns Riley Elementary  
St. Joseph Catholic

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT.  
SCHOOL REPORTING (2008-09 YEAR)  
FLU-LIKE ILLNESS BY COUNTY



MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT.  
SCHOOL REPORTING (2008-09 YEAR)  
GASTRO-INTESTINAL "G/I" ILLNESS BY COUNTY



## Reporting benefits students, staff and community

It is important that schools submit their communicable disease reports because what is happening within the schools is a snapshot of what is present within our communities. These reports also serve as an important communication tool between the health department and the schools and helps MMDHD watch for disease trends and potential outbreaks. Prompt reporting of communicable diseases allows MMDHD to take appropriate action for prevention, education and treatment of those at risk. It is also a state law that schools report communicable diseases, as well as the unusual occurrence or outbreak of any disease or infection within 24 hours.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding what, when or how to report communicable disease.

## Vaccinations for adolescents and pre-teens



When it comes to vaccinations, it's important for parents to remember that they aren't just for infants. In fact, vaccinations protect older children and adolescents from potentially life-threatening diseases too. As children get older, the immunity provided by childhood vaccines can wear off. Children also develop risks for more diseases as they enter pre-teen years. For these reasons, parents should make sure their child gets a checkup at age 11-12 to make sure their immunizations are up-to date.

Pre-teens who do not have health insurance, or who are only partially insured, should ask their doctor or MMDHD about the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This program helps families get affordable vaccines for their children.

## Talk Early~Talk Often

Talking to middle school youth about abstinence and sexuality can be uncomfortable for parents. To assist parents in their efforts to discuss these sensitive topics with their children, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has developed the Talk Early & Talk Often program (TETO). In a 90 minute workshop, TETO staff provide parents with the knowledge and skills they need to communicate with their children, and offer opportunities to practice these skills. It is important to reach and connect with adolescents before they adopt risky behaviors, and middle school is the perfect time.

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is available to promote and coordinate the TETO program within Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties. Mid-Michigan District Health Department staff is available to meet with middle school principals and counselors who are interested in hosting a workshop. For more information about TETO, contact Wendy Currie, MMDHD Supervisor, at (989) 875-1028.

## Prevent cervical cancer with Gardasil

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus spread through sexual contact. Most of the time HPV has no symptoms, so people don't even know they have it.

There are more than 100 different strains of the HPV virus. While some strains cause no harm, others can cause cervical cancer in women, cancer in both men and women and genital warts in both males and females.

Gardasil is a vaccine that helps protect against the four most common strains of HPV that cause cervical cancer and genital warts. Gardasil is available to girls and women 9-26 years of age and will also be available to men in the near future. It works best when given before a person becomes sexually active and is recommended that it be given to all girls at age 11-12.



### New Communicable Disease Rules 2010-2011 School Reporting Year

**BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010,  
(Effective for November 2010 report period)  
the following requirements will be in effect:**

**Required for all children entering kindergarten, all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students,  
and all children changing school districts:**

- Two doses of varicella (Var) vaccine or history of chickenpox disease

**Required for all children 11 - 18 years of age who are  
changing school districts or who are enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- One dose of meningococcal (MCV4 or MPSV4) vaccine
- One dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine  
(if 5 years have passed since last dose of  
tetanus/diphtheria vaccine - DTaP, Td or DT)

**NOTE TO SCHOOLS:**

When adding November 2010 students to your MCIR/SIRS roster, these records will not be assessed by MCIR/SIRS for the NEW requirements until after May 1, 2010.