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Mid-Michigan District Health Department

To: Board of Health
From: Liz Braddock, Health Officer

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Re: Monthly Update

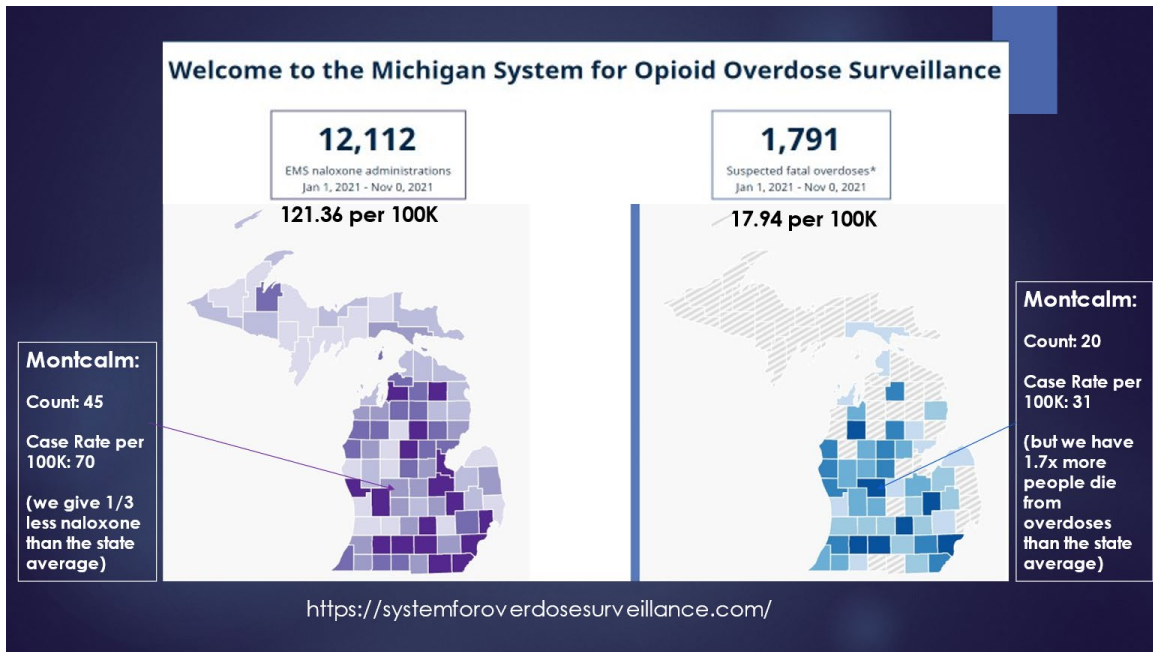
Syringe Service Program (SSP) Update: In November 2021, Dr Morse presented to the Board of Health on the harmful consequences of opioids and intravenous drug use in 2021. Our State partners notified MMDHD of an unusual increase in the incidence of HIV cases in the West Michigan Prosperity Region, which includes Montcalm County. At the November meeting, the Board of Health passed a resolution to support MMDHD or designated agency to operate a harm reduction program in Montcalm County.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department provided HIV testing to 22 clients in the first 6 months of this year. In comparison, we tested 37 people in 2021 and 15 in 2020. We have not seen any new diagnoses in Montcalm County so far this year.

The Grand Rapids Red Project has partnered with Randy's House to provide a syringe service Program (SSP) in Greenville. While participation has been low, partners continue to discuss ways to improve SSP in rural communities.

Other aspects of the harm reduction program include providing health resources to prevent the spread of disease and improving access to HIV and HAV testing. Since 2021, trained counsellors have provided HIV testing to clients during four events at Randy's House and Have Mercy. At these appointments, a Behavioral Risk Assessment is completed with the client and additional referral services are offered. Spectrum Health is looking at increasing HIV and HAV point of care testing to Greenville in the future.

A recent grant opportunity will support having a Narcan vending machine at a suitable location in the County. Montcalm Care Network also provides Narcan to its clients.



Montcalm County's Nonfatal Overdoses		
	Month	Count
2021	Jan	19
	Feb	14
	March	20
	April	25
	May	18
	June	14
	July	22
	August	19
	Sept	20
	Oct	17
	Nov	12
	Dec	10
2022	Jan	9
	Feb	17
	March	13
	April	10
	May	19

Montcalm County's Fatal Overdoses	
Quarter	Count
2021 Q1	3
2021 Q2	5
2021 Q3	0
2021 Q4	5

Montcalm County HVC Cases, Confirmed/Probable.Completed Cases, Jun 2021-Jun 2022				
	Total Cases	AU40 Cases	Non AU40 Cases	% AU40
Jun 2021- Dec 2021	21	14	7	67%
Jan 2022 - Jun 2022	15	6	9	40%