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February is National Condom Month Stay Protected - STDs at Record High in US

February is National Condom Month, and the St. Clair County Health Department encourages individuals who are sexually active to practice safe sex. Correct and consistent condom use remains the most effective way to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Free condoms are available at the Health Department Main Office, 3415 28th Street in Port Huron. Monday 10:00am – 6:30pm; Tuesday through Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm.

In St. Clair County, Gonorrhea infection increased from 72 cases in 2018 to 91 cases in 2019. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), STDs are at a record high with more than two million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis reported in the United States in 2019, and continue to rise every year. Many STDs have no signs or symptoms in the majority of people infected. Or they have mild signs that can be easily overlooked. Untreated STDs may lead to infertility (not being able to have children), pelvic/abdominal pain, or an increased risk of getting HIV. Testing is the only way to know your status.

Confidential STD/HIV testing is available at:

- Health Department Main Office: (810) 987-5300
- Teen Health Center: (810) 987-1311

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