



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: Genesee County Health Department Opens Saturday Teen Clinic to Increase Access to Reproductive and Sexual Health Services

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) Family Planning & Sexual Health Clinic is expanding its availability exclusively to teens on select Saturdays beginning June 12, 2021. The same low or no cost confidential reproductive and sexual health services, which are available Monday through Friday at the GCHD Burton Branch, will be available during the Teen Clinic for those 19 years of age and younger. Those who receive Teen Clinic services will also be eligible to receive a free gift card, food, and gift bag.

Sexually transmitted infection (STI) and pregnancy data from 2019 shows that 23.5% of gonorrhea cases and 33.6% of chlamydia cases in Genesee County occurred in those aged 19 years old and younger, highlighting the need for increased sexual and reproductive health access and awareness for teens. Preliminary data comparing 2020 to 2021 shows a 52.5% increase in gonorrhea cases in Genesee County for those aged 19 years old and younger. Additionally, the 2019 teen pregnancy rate (females ages 15-19) for Genesee County was 35.5 per 1,000 females compared to an overall rate of 25.8 for the State of Michigan.

Through increasing access to sexual and reproductive health services for sexually active teens, GCHD aims to decrease STI's and pregnancies amongst teens and eliminate stigma associated with these essential health services. Those receiving services will never need to worry about financial barriers such as cost of services. Insurance is accepted, but not required, and services will never be denied based on the ability to pay.

Family Planning & Sexual Health Services:

- Counseling & Education
- Pregnancy Testing
- Birth Control (several options to choose from)
- Emergency Contraception
- STI Testing & Treatment
- HIV Testing & Treatment Referrals
- PrEP for HIV
- Health Insurance Enrollment

Clinic Hours & Location

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Closed in the morning)

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday (TEEN CLINIC): 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Genesee County Health Department – Burton Branch is located at 3373 S. Saginaw St.,

Burton, MI 48529. Sexual Health & Family Planning services are available by appointment.

Same day appointments may be available. Call (810) 237-4538 to schedule an appointment or for more information. MTA bus passes are available upon request.

A full list of services and more information can be found at www.gchd.us/WeGetIt.

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