

# AT YOUR SERVICE

NEWS FROM THE VAN BUREN/CASS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## SELECTED REPORTABLE DISEASES

Reportable Diseases incidence in Van Buren and Cass Counties is included on page 2. This is a five year report for both counties combined.

Our Chlamydia and Gonorrhea rates remain high. The apparent Campylobacter increase is most likely due to recent enhanced testing by some labs. Varicella remains primarily reported by individual cases through the schools. The majority of cases are mild.

We have not had significant foodborne illness outbreaks (thankfully!). Hepatitis C remains our most frequent chronic infectious disease.

### IT'S THE LAW!

A list of reportable diseases can be found at:

[www.michigan.gov/documents/Reportable\\_Disease\\_Chart\\_2005\\_122678\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Reportable_Disease_Chart_2005_122678_7.pdf)

Or on our web site at: [www.vbcassdhd.org](http://www.vbcassdhd.org)

Thank-you

## MICHIGAN SMOKE FREE AIR LAW

On May 1, 2010, Michigan's Smoke-Free Air Law became a reality. Michigan residents and visitors will be protected from exposure to second hand tobacco smoke in all restaurants, bars and businesses.

The following link will provide you with more information in detail about the law. This includes frequently asked

questions, tools for businesses to comply with the law, and tobacco dependence and treatment information.

[www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw](http://www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw)

## DENTAL CLINIC SERVICES

Oral Health is an essential factor in remaining healthy. The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department's Community Dental Clinic is here to help! With low cost services available at our Hartford or Dowagiac facility. See page 3 for dental service information or you can go to our web site at [www.vbcassdhd.org](http://www.vbcassdhd.org).

## RABIES POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS NOW REDUCED BY ONE DOSE

This series of injections has been reduced from five to four. A regimen of 4 one-ml vaccine doses of rabies vaccine (HDCV or PCECV) should be administered intramuscularly to previously unvaccinated persons with no immuno-suppression. The first dose of the 4-dose course should be administered as soon as possible after exposure. This date is considered day 0 of the post-exposure prophylaxis series. Additional doses should then be administered on days, 3, 7, and 14 after the first vaccination. Considerations for the site of the intramuscular vaccination remain unchanged. The recommendations for use of immune globulin remain unchanged.

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# Van Buren-Cass Counties: Selected Reportable Diseases 2005-09

## Enteric Diseases

	# of Cases (Year End Totals)				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Campylobacter	9	9	15	14	18
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1	0	0	1
Escherichia coli 0157:H7	1	0	0	1	0
Giardiasis	13	2	3	8	10
Salmonellosis	9	13	18	8	22
Shigellosis	1	3	3	2	0

## Hepatitis

	# of Cases (Year End Totals)				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Hepatitis A	3	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	5	16	2	12	3
Hepatitis C, acute	9	1	4	2	3
Hepatitis C, chronic	69	75	70	63	69

## STDs

	# of Cases (Year End Totals)				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Chlamydia	280	260	273	355	336
Gonorrhea	57	46	66	71	42
Syphilis	0	0	0	1	4

## Vaccine Preventable Diseases

	# of Cases (Year End Totals)				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Chickenpox	43	50	68	11	38
Pertussis	1	14	4	2	10
Pertussis	1	14	4	2	10
Rubella	0	0	0	0	0
Rubeola	0	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	1	0	0	0

## Vector Borne Diseases

	# of Cases (Year End Totals)				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	2	2	2	1	4
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis	0	0	2	1	0

## Other Diseases: Meningitis/Tuberculosis

	# of Cases (Year End Totals)				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Aseptic Meningitis	8	6	10	14	10
Bacterial Meningitis, Other	0	1	5	3	2
Meningococcal Disease	0	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	3	0	3	4

**To report a communicable disease call 621-3143**

**DENTAL SERVICES**  
**Community Dental Clinics**  
**of**

**Van Buren/Cass District Health Department**

**For more information or to make an appointment, call the following clinic phone numbers:**

**1-800-210-1921 Hartford**

**1-888-782-0064 Dowagiac**

***Services Include:***

**Preventive Services**

Education

- \* Brushing techniques
- \* Flossing techniques
- \* Detrimental habits
- \* Community outreach

Fluoride applications

Cleaning (Prophylaxis)

Sealants

Space maintainers

**Restorative Services**

Amalgams (silver restorations)

Composites (white restorations)

Pulpotomies

Stainless steel crowns

**Prosthetic Services**

Partials

Dentures

**Surgical Services**

Extractions

**Cosmetic Services**

Whitening

***We accept the following methods of payment:***

Medicaid for Children & Young Adults 20 & under and Extractions and Emergency Care for Adults 21 & older.

Delta Dental and Delta Dental Healthy Kids

BCBS MICHild & Medicare Plus Blue

BCBS of Michigan & Illinois

We also have self-pay at discounted rates (call for information)

**Visa & MasterCard accepted. Payment is due at time of service**