

# Quarterly Public Health Update

Genesee County Health Department  
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# Quarterly Highlights

- **Health and Resource Fair**
- **Sensory Friendly Clinic Initiative**
- **Cyclospora Outbreak and Response**
- **Looking Ahead**



# 2026 Genesee County Health and

## Goals:

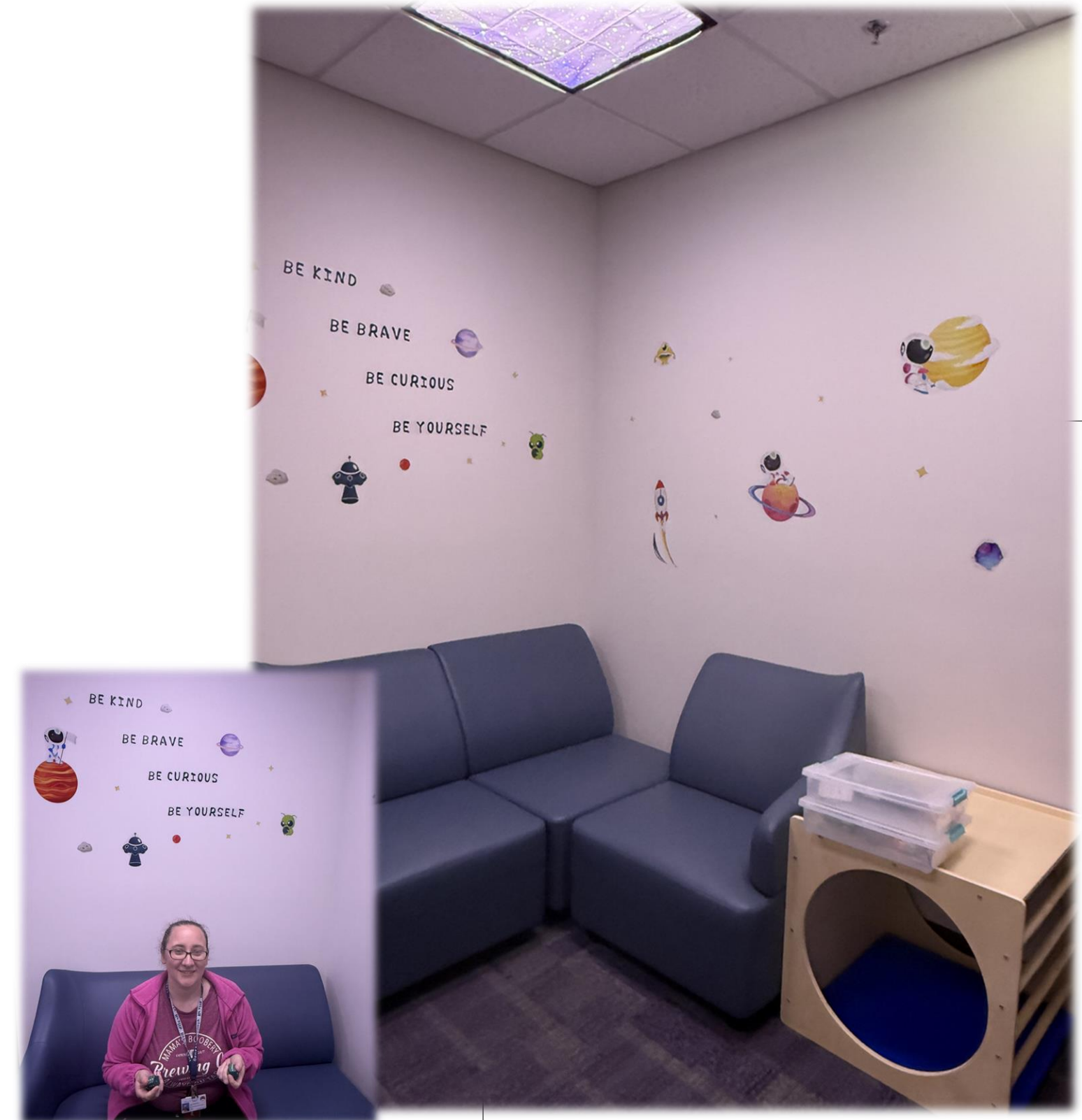
## Resource Fair Outcome:

- Promote health and overall well-being within the community.
- Increase awareness of available health services and community resources.
- Provide health education and preventive health information.
- Connect individuals and families with local support programs and services.
- 235+ attendees
- 52 organizations participated
  - Employee wellness
  - COMPASS launch
  - Health education
- Community impact
  - Food vendors
  - Resource navigation
  - Board priority alignment

# Innovation in Client Care

## Building a Sensory Friendly Clinic Space:

- Positions GCHD as proactive rather than reactive, using internal funding to pilot
- Staff with lived experience (personally or through family members) brought valuable insight to the project
- Unmet need in our community - National research shows autistic adults and children have lower rates of preventive care, including vaccination, due to healthcare avoidance stemming from past negative experiences (e.g., forced physical contact, overwhelming environments)



# Accomplishments to Date

- Staff Training through Collaboration with Mott Children's & Wayne State
  - Awareness & Education
  - Communication and Behavior Based Strategies
  - Tools they can use to provide support
- Sensory Toolboxes for Clinic Spaces
- Intake changes
- Received Most Valuable Provider (MVP) Approval
- **Implementation is ongoing , with continued staff education and evaluation of client**





# Communicable Disease Update -

## Cyclosporiasis

### Genesee County:

### State of Michigan:

- 6,148 cases in the state of Michigan
- Hospitalization rate remains low at 1.66%

- 269 cases reported to the GCHD

- County municipalities with highest percentage of cases:

- Flushing (31%)
- Flint (20%)
- Swartz Creek (14%)
- Grand Blanc (10%)

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# Communicable Disease Update -

## Cyclosporiasis

### Current GCHD Efforts:

- Case interviews
- MDHHS coordination
- Laboratory coordination
- Exposure investigations
- Public Messaging
- Provider Alerts

### Current Recommendations:

- Healthcare providers:
  - Consider Cyclospora in prolonged diarrheal illness.
  - Order appropriate testing.
- Residents:
  - Seek care with your doctor or visit a walk-in clinic.
  - A fever, especially above 101°F, increases fluid loss through sweating adding to the losses from diarrhea.

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# Communicable Disease Update -

## Cyclosporiasis

### Current Recommendations Continued

#### **Residents:**

- Babies, older people, and anyone with a high-risk condition should see a doctor immediately.
- If you're experiencing diarrhea and symptoms of dehydration, including confusion, fainting, very little or no urine, and a rapid heartbeat.

#### **Precautions:**

- Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling or preparing food.
- Wash vegetables even if the packaging says they've already been washed.
- Choose whole heads of lettuce/cabbage, peeling off the outer layers.
- Cut away any damaged or bruised areas on fruits and vegetables before preparing and eating.
- Wash and sanitize utensils, cutting boards, surfaces, refrigerators, and display cases used to store, prepare, or serve fresh produce.

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# Looking Ahead

## Upcoming GCHD Efforts:

- **Continue Cyclosporiasis surveillance**
- **Expand sensory-friendly services**
- **Prepare for respiratory season**
- **Community outreach events**
- **Fall immunization planning**

# QUESTIONS