

Southeast Michigan FluFIT Initiative

Partners: Macomb County Health Department; Oakland County Health Division; Wayne County Health, Veterans and Community Wellness; Beaumont Health; St. John Providence Health System; McLaren; Henry Ford Health System

The Colorectal Screening Initiative is a collaboration of community partners with a common goal of raising the colorectal screening rates in Michigan. This collaboration began in July 2016 as a direct result of a brainstorming session between the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD), Macomb County Health Department, Wayne County Health, Veterans and Community Wellness, the American Cancer Society (ACS) and four local hospital systems: Beaumont, Henry Ford Health System, St. John Providence Health System and McLaren. The effort began as a push to offer Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kits at Health Department flu clinics. A team consisting of representatives from all 7 agencies met regularly to develop, refine and troubleshoot the launch of the screening initiative. Public Health Nurses assessed the resident's eligibility to receive a FIT kit, based on age (between 50-75 years) and no history of colonoscopy in the past ten years or FIT screening in the past year. The resident chose which hospital system they preferred to submit their specimen to. The Health Departments tracked the hospital specific screening kits and provided weekly updates to the hospitals. Hospital labs were alerted to be on the lookout for these specimens. The hospital labs tested the specimens and mailed screening results to the residents who submitted kits. Residents whose screenings results indicated the need for further testing were referred for follow-up via their primary care physician.

To date over 350 residents have been provided a colorectal screening FIT kit of those 350, 94, or 26.7% completed their screening, with only 1 positive result. That person was contacted by the hospital and the primary care provider was informed to ensure the patient received the follow up care required.

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