

# Michigan PFAS Exposure and Health Study and ATSDR Multi-Site Study

## WHAT IS THE MICHIGAN PFAS EXPOSURE AND HEALTH STUDY (MiPEHS)? WHAT IS THE MULTI-SITE STUDY (MSS)?

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is looking for links between exposures to PFAS and health. We are doing this through two community-based studies: MiPEHS and MSS.



MiPEHS (pronounced: my-peez) is the Michigan PFAS Exposure and Health Study, conducted by MDHHS in the City of Parchment and Cooper Township in Kalamazoo County and the Belmont/Rockford area in Kent County.



MSS is the Multi-Site Study, a study supported by The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in seven communities across the U.S. ATSDR has partnered with MDHHS to conduct MSS in the same communities as MiPEHS.

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THESE TWO STUDIES?



By participating in these studies you can:

- Learn what your PFAS blood levels are at no charge to you.
- Contribute to scientific knowledge about PFAS and potential effects on human health.
- Contribute to the understanding of your community's exposure to PFAS.



The data collected may help:

- Doctors better know what health problems to watch for in people who have been exposed to PFAS in their drinking water.
- Scientists better understand how PFAS exposures may affect the health of the population.
- Foster a healthier Michigan for future generations.



## IF I PARTICIPATE, WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?



MiPEHS is a long-term study that will take place over the next five years. We will ask you to participate in three study office visits that are up to 90 minutes each. Study offices will be local to each community and visits will be spaced about two years apart.

MSS only requires one visit in 2021, but it will take slightly more time.

Participating in all MiPEHS and MSS study visits helps us gather the best data and come to the most accurate conclusions.



Study staff are taking extra precautions for COVID-19. Some study requirements, such as the health questionnaire, may be completed before coming into the study office for your appointment.

Both studies are completely voluntary and free of charge. **Any information provided to us will be kept confidential.**

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THESE STUDIES?



People who currently live in the **City of Parchment** or in the part of **Cooper Township** just outside of the City of Parchment and drank water from their faucet or tap between the years of 2005 and 2018 may be eligible to participate in one or both studies.



Later this year, watch your mail for a letter from MDHHS with an invitation to participate in MiPEHS.



MSS will start in 2021 and those who are eligible for that study will receive a letter from MDHHS with an invitation to participate.

If you don't get a letter for MiPEHS before January 31, 2021, but think you might be eligible, please call MDHHS at 1-844-464-7327 to see if you can join MiPEHS.

People who currently live in the **Belmont/Rockford area** and drank water from their private well between 2005 and 2018 may be eligible to participate in one or both studies if their well has been tested for PFAS by a State of Michigan agency.

## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE STUDIES?



Call **1-844-464-7327** and talk to our study staff.

