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2021 Virtual Forum for Migrant and Community Health

Panel: COVID-19 Supporting Farmworker Communities

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WHO WE ARE

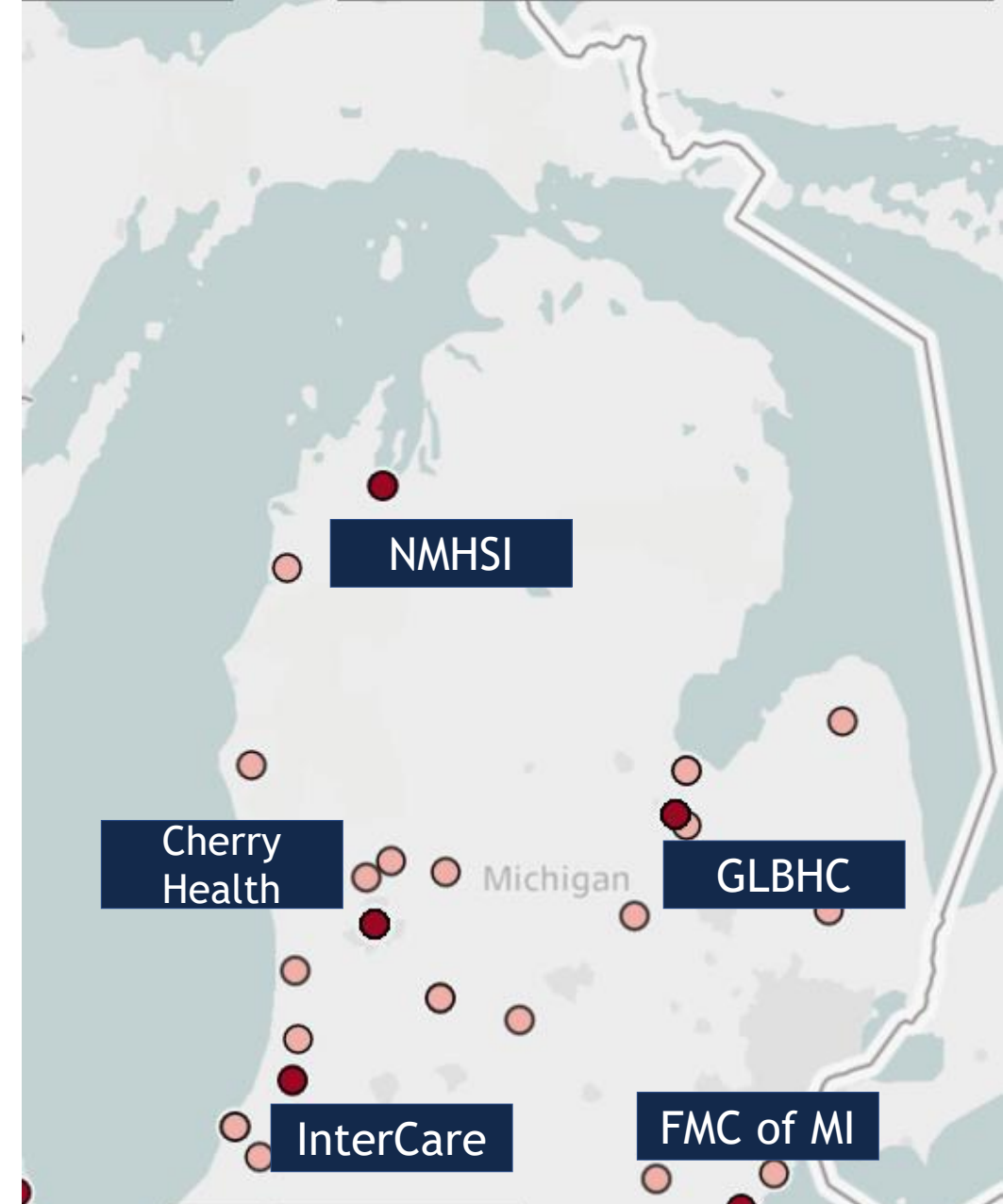
MPCA is the voice of community health centers. We advocate to influence and advance health policy in Lansing and Washington, D.C., and we offer operational support and training to our health centers to enhance the delivery of integrated care inclusive of primary care, dental, vision and behavioral health.

WHO WE SERVE

Today, we serve 45 Michigan health centers that provide care to over 700,000 patients at more than 300 sites statewide.

History of Farmworker Health in MI

- An essential workforce, migrant and seasonal farmworkers are critical in the planting, cultivating, harvesting, and packaging of 38 labor-intensive crops grown in Michigan.
- There have been Migrant Health Centers in Michigan for over 50 years!
- Michigan currently has 5 Migrant Health Center (MHC) Programs, funded under section 330(g)
- Health centers served more than 13,700 migrant and seasonal farmworkers in 2019 with primary care (UDS, 2019)



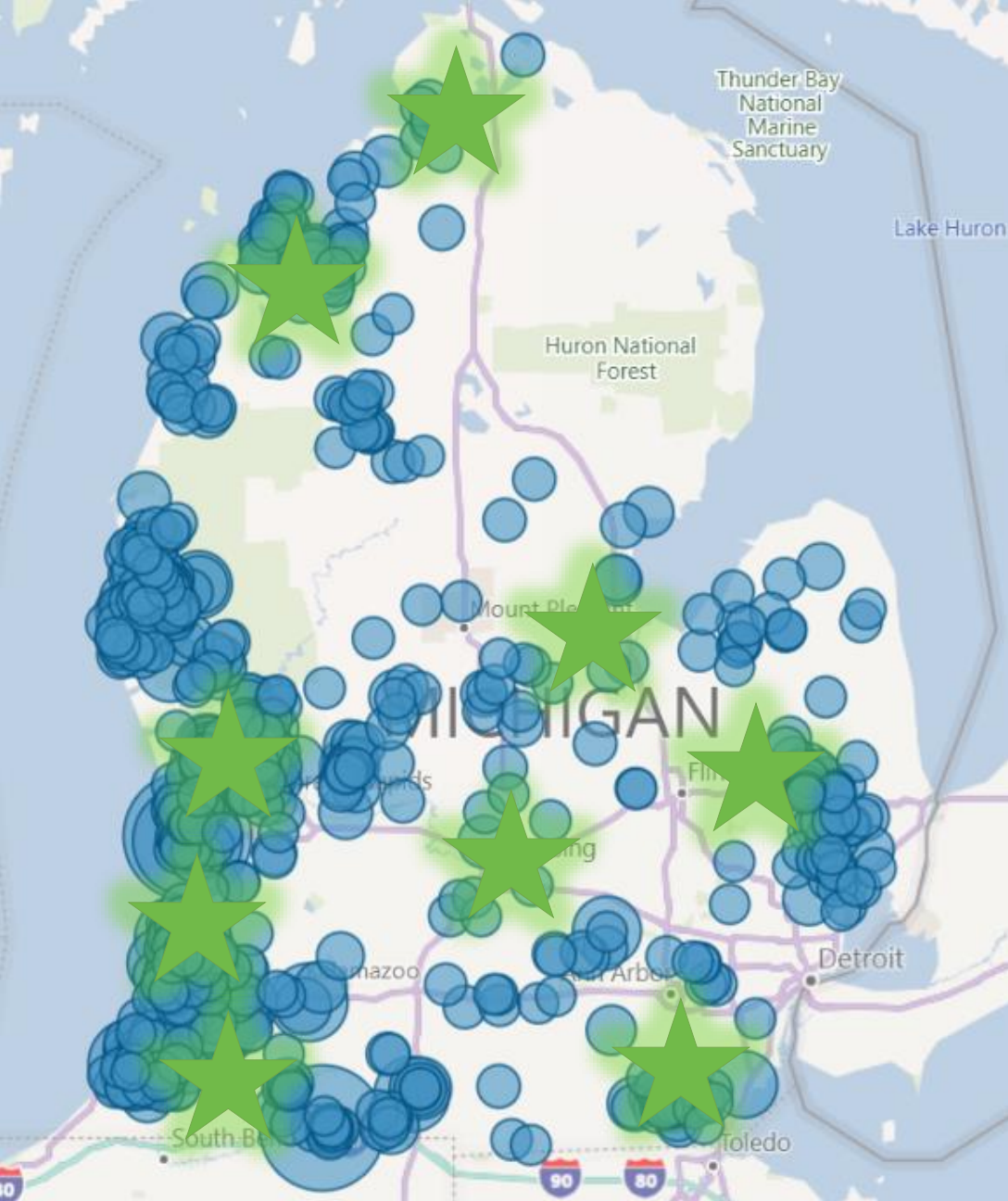
2020 Grant funding created opportunity to extend the reach of MHCs and to enhance mobile outreach of additional FQHCs

Map Source: <http://www.ncfh.org/migrant-health-centers.html>

Approach: Tailoring Services to Reach Food Processing and Agricultural Workers

- Low-barrier access to COVID-19 testing services:
 - Testing at worksites and camps, often coordinated with human resources
 - Mindful of testing around shifts, non-traditional clinic hours, and consideration for peak crop activity
 - A streamlined registration form, only asking for enough information to process the specimen at the lab
 - No cost to the employer or worker
 - Partner service agencies often accompanied testing teams to assist with interpretation, testing event flow, and to offer additional services to workers

Notes from the field: Switching out mobile outreach staff during some of the long event weeks to give a day off in between – specimen collection for hours in full PPE in 90+ degree outdoor temperatures!



- ★ 9 Health Centers covered COVID-19 testing for more than:
 - 40 counties
 - Nearly 400 requests (approximately 14,000 tests)
 - Over a 7-month period

Coordinating through Work Groups, Scheduling, Specimen Collection, Resulting, Contract Tracing, Isolation Housing, Supportive Services... accomplished with partnership, advocacy, and funding to extend programs!

MPCA and 10 Community Health Centers

The Governor's Office

MI Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Migrant Affairs and 11 Local Offices

13 Local Health Departments

5 Community Action Agencies

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Migrant Labor Housing Program

Honu Management Group

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
Agricultural and Foreign Labor Services

Michigan Interagency Migrant Services Committee

YMCA Camp Pandalouan

This is a high-level look at our health centers and partner agencies - our names don't all fit on a slide!

Now.

**All this work currently informs and supports
our 2021 Food Processing and Agricultural
Worker Vaccination Outreach!**

The season's work is just beginning.