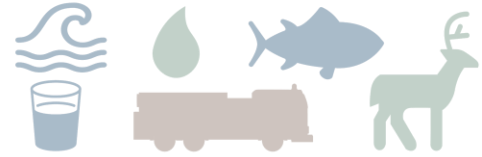




# Oscoda Area

## Exposure Assessment



Oscoda-area residents are invited to join a project from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to understand exposure to environmental chemicals, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

**All participants will receive blood testing for PFAS and adult participants will receive additional testing for other environmental chemicals.**

### Why participate in this project?

**By participating, you can:**



Learn about your exposure to PFAS.



Learn about your exposure to other chemicals, such as mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), that can be found in fish throughout the Great Lakes region.



Be part of Michigan's PFAS projects.



You will receive a  
**\$65** gift card as a  
thank you for  
participating!



Your test results and all  
information you provide to  
MDHHS will be kept confidential.

### Who can participate in this project?

You are eligible to participate if you are at least 12 years old and have a current residence in:



Oscoda Township

or



AuSable Township

# How is MDHHS conducting this project?



The Oscoda Area Exposure Assessment (OAEA) is carried out as one part of the Michigan biomonitoring surveillance program named the Michigan Chemical Exposure Monitoring project, or MiChEM. You will see the MiChEM icon (left) on materials used in the OAEA. To learn more about MiChEM and how the OAEA fits in with this statewide biomonitoring activity, visit [Michigan.gov/DEHBio](https://Michigan.gov/DEHBio).

## What will participants do?

1. Participants will answer survey questions online or by phone, which will take about 30 to 45 minutes. These questions are about how they may have come in contact with certain chemicals.
2. Participants will attend a 30-minute appointment. During the appointment, a trained professional will collect a blood sample and ask for a urine sample. (Participants 12 to 17 years will only provide a blood sample for PFAS testing).

Once they complete these steps, participants will receive:

- A \$65 Visa gift card.
- Personal lab results for the 197 chemicals (including PFAS) that we measured in blood and urine samples adult participants gave – a \$1,000 value – along with resources on how to reduce chemical exposures. (Guardians of adolescent participants will receive personal lab results for the 45 PFAS measured in their blood samples).

## What will the results show?

The results will tell participants the amount of certain chemicals in their blood (and urine, if measured) at the time they were collected. Results will not show:

- The source of any of the chemicals in blood or urine (if measured).
- Anything about any chemicals we did not measure.
- If the chemicals we measure are currently harming their health, have harmed health in the past, or may harm health in the future.

## For more information or to find out if you are eligible:

- Call 844-464-7327
- Email [MDHHS-michem@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-michem@michigan.gov)
- Visit [Michigan.gov/DEHBio](https://Michigan.gov/DEHBio)

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