

The Michigan Department of Community Health is urging citizens to be aware of the immediate life threatening and long-terms risks associated with illegal silicone injections administered at "**Silicone Parties**". These illegal injections can contain industrial grade silicones which are sometimes mixed with other materials such as paraffin and various oils.

These materials are injected directly into the breasts, hips, buttocks and other areas of the body including the face. Injections are usually done in non-sterile situations, by people who are not medically trained professionals. The "hosts" of these parties travel around the country performing procedures in motel rooms or in private homes. Physical reactions to these injections can include immediate death secondary to respiratory failure (hemolytic pneumonitis), autoimmune diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, severe infections, open sores, HIV and hepatitis infections from non-sterile needles. Reactions can be immediate or delayed by years or decades. MDCH has received notification from the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding a report of one "hosted injection party" at a hotel in southeastern Michigan the weekend of March 8th or 9th, 2008.

If you have any information on events linked to Silicone Parties, please contact **Steve Gold, Macomb County Health Department** at Steve.Gold@macombcountymi.gov