



# What's happening in Public Health?

August is ...

## National Immunization Awareness Month

Immunization helps prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get their shots – just like kids do.

National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots.

(Source: <http://healthfinder.gov/NHO/Augusttoolkit.aspx>)

## Public Health News Links

### Local Public Health News (Grand Rapids Area)

- [Metro Health sale to national hospital chain falls through](#)
- [Expert shares tips on boosting brain function, preserving memory](#)
- [Chemical cleanup at Haviland in Grand Rapids](#)

### State Public Health News

- [Vaccination waivers: New Mich. rule reignites the debate](#)
- [Obama's new ozone rules will cost Michigan jobs](#)
- [St. Joseph County public health officials seeing rise in Lyme disease reports](#)
- [Michigan Releases University Autism Program Request for Proposal Opportunity](#)
- [Michigan urged to raise cigarette tax, spend more on tobacco prevention](#)

### National Public Health News

- [More Evidence That Music Eases Pain, Anxiety After Surgery](#)
- [2 Hours of Standing at Work May Boost Your Health](#)
- [Obama's Climate Change Plan Is Actually About Public Health](#)
- [Public health groups push to improve HPV vaccination rates](#)
- [This 'totally crazy' synthetic drug is causing a public health crisis in New York City](#)
- [CDC: 457 People in 29 States Now Have Cyclospora Infection](#)

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