Grand Valley State University Public Health

What’s happening in Public Health?

Local News
- **GVSU study finds health care expenditures vary greatly across West Michigan**
- **Trinity Health introduces $80m grant program aimed to decrease tobacco use and obesity**
- **Kent County Health Department offers free radon test kits**

State News
- **National Guard called to Flint to deal with water crisis**
- **Michigan vendors protect youth from dangers of tobacco 15 years in a row**
- **In reversal, rising death rates among middle-age whites in Michigan**
- **Increased cases of Legionnaires Disease investigated in Genesee County**
- **Michigan obesity rates high but declining, and 7 more facts on obesity**

National News
- **Obama touts public health in State of the Union**
- **Gun control is a public health issue (featuring APHA executive director Georges Benjamin, MD)**
- **Birth control without seeing a doctor: Oregon now, more states later**
- **Medicare expands coordinated care for 8.9M beneficiaries**
- **Cancer now #1 killer in 22 states, including Washington**

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