



What's happening in Public Health?

July is ...

International Group B Strep Awareness Month

Approximately 1 in 4 pregnant women carry GBS, the leading cause of sepsis and meningitis in newborns according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.) GBS can also infect babies during pregnancy and the first few months of life.

Not all babies exposed to GBS become infected, but, for those who do, the results can be devastating.

Fortunately there are many ways to help protect babies from group B strep.

(Source: <http://www.groupbstrepinternational.org/>)

Public Health News Links

Local Public News (Grand Rapids Area)

- [Kent County Animal Shelter reduces fees to free shelter space for July 4th](#)
- [New Spectrum Health rehab facility in Grand Rapids](#)
- [Grand Rapids schools, B2B hosting 'Successfest' to celebrate summer learning](#)

State Public News

- [Michigan's wasteful mental health system needs reform](#)
- [Gay marriage ruling will impact Michigan employers](#)
- [MDHHS Invites Public to Comment on Title V Block Grant Application](#)

National Public News

- [Supreme Court's Decision On Same-Sex Marriage Expected To Boost Health Coverage](#)
- [Napster Co-Founder Invests \\$600 Million in Public Health](#)
- [Free sunscreen is coming to Boston's parks](#)
- [Dancing with Parkinson's: How rhythmic movements help relieve symptoms](#)
- [Ebola returns to Liberia, but health minister tells public 'no need to panic'](#)

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