



# What's happening in Public Health?

August is ...

## Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Most children have healthy eyes. But there are conditions that can threaten good vision. Because you can't always "look" into your child's eyes to tell if they have eye health problems, set up some time today for an eye exam. Nearly 25 percent of school-aged children have vision problems. Of children ages 3 to 5, close to one in 20 has a problem that could result in permanent vision loss if left untreated.

One of the best ways to ensure your child keeps his/her good vision throughout life is to set a good health example. To find more information about Children's Eye Health and Safety, visit: [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

## Public Health News Links

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

- [Health departments, doctors urge child vaccinations before school](#)
- [Health industry cluster addresses talent shortage](#)
- [Company acquires medical practice consulting firm](#)
- [Cat café coming to Grand Rapids?](#)
- [Early childhood, youth development organizations merge](#)

### State Public Health News

- [Mental healthcare options for vets expand in West MI](#)
- [Michigan Officials Warn Public About Products Made in Unlicensed Facility](#)
- [Bats on the rise](#)
- [Mutant 'super' lice study finds bright spot in Michigan](#)
- [Thousands of Michigan parents want vaccination waivers despite info sessions](#)

### National Public Health News

- [Researchers may have found a cancer cell's 'off' switch](#)
- [FDA Issues Warning Letters to "Natural" Tobacco Makers](#)
- [Soda Industry Spending Against Public Health Tops \\$100 Million](#)
- [People Are Now Living Longer But Sicker Lives: Study](#)
- [Indiana HIV outbreak prompts governor to declare public health emergency](#)

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