

## **Central Michigan District Health Department**

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



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## CMDHD is Promoting June as National Men's Health Month

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is promoting June as National Men's Health Month. This month is dedicated to promoting men's health, reminding men to pause, make their health a priority, and take action to care for themselves. It is important for all men, especially those with underlying health conditions, to take charge of their own health while encouraging others to prioritize theirs.

"This Men's Health Month, we want to take an opportunity to remind men to stay healthy by eating right, exercising, and seeking regular medical checkups to prevent disease," said Steve Hall, CMDHD Health Officer. "CMDHD has resources available to support the men in our community to live a healthy and enjoyable life."

Below are a few things men can do to prioritize their health:

- **Get Checkups.** Schedule yearly checkups and preventative screenings with a healthcare provider, such as colorectal cancer screenings and prostate cancer screenings.
- **Get Tested.** Get tested routinely for STIs, including HIV do your part to know your status.
  - June 27th is National HIV Testing Day. Call CMDHD's Community Health office at 989-314 7570 to schedule your free, confidential test.
- **Do Self-Exams.** If applicable, perform monthly testicular self-exams to monitor for unusual changes and detect testicular cancer early.
- Be Active. Create a personal goal of at least 2.5 hours of physical activity every week.
  - June 8th is Family Health and Fitness Day. This is a great time to include your friends and family in your physical activity.
- Get Fit. Work toward and maintain a healthy weight.

- Eat Right. Make a conscious effort to add more fruits and vegetables into your diet while limiting foods high in calories, sugar, salt, and fat.
- Avoid Pitfalls. Avoid unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drugs and alcohols, texting while driving, and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle/motorcycle helmet.
- Manage Stress. Take care of your mental health by practicing good sleep habits and finding healthy
  ways to manage stress.
- **Stay Up to Date on Immunizations.** Routine immunizations are important for maintaining health. CMDHD offers <u>walk-in vaccination clinics</u> for routine immunizations, as well as flu and COVID vaccines.

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