

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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Health Forum of Northern Michigan –
Opioid Epidemic Update

**OCTOBER 29
7:30AM-9:30AM**

Join GVSU & NMC as they discuss the national crisis that is impacting our local community. Speakers will bring varying perspectives from their fields of expertise regarding the current challenges and resources available to combat this growing epidemic. For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.gvsu.edu/hfnorthernmich/>

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I have added a new recurring section, “Local Statistics”, to the newsletter starting this month. If you come across any relevant statistics that you would like to share with the coalition, please email them to me at GTCdrugfreecoalition@gmail.com and I will add them to future newsletters. Thank you to Wendy Hirschenberger, from the Grand Traverse County Health Department, for sharing this month’s statistics with me!

Health and Happiness,

Lauren

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Starting in October, our monthly coalition meetings will now take place at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City (701 Westminster Road, Traverse City) in Westminster.

LOCAL STATISTICS

- Between 2017-2018 the percentage of high school students in Grand Traverse County who used an electronic vapor product during the past 30 days was 38.5, which was the highest in Michigan (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services)

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- WDIV – Michigan Becomes First State to Ban Flavored E-cigarettes:
<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/michigan-becomes-first-state-to-ban-flavored-e-cigarettes>

- The Record Eagle – One Crisis, Two Tactics:
https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/media/file/Corp%20Comm/Record%20Eagle-One%20Crisis%2C%20Two%20Tactics%208_31_19.pdf
- mLIVE – Michigan Counties Ranked by Percent of High School Juniors who Vape:
<https://www.mlive.com/news/g66l-2019/09/c982d811329057/michigan-counties-ranked-by-percent-of-high-school-juniors-who-vape.html>
- 9&10 News – Munson Healthcare Discusses Progress, Work Remaining in Overcoming Opioid Epidemic: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/08/30/munson-healthcare-discusses-progress-work-remaining-in-overcoming-opioid-epidemic/>
- The Record Eagle – Pharmacists Ask for More Data:
https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/media/file/Corp%20Comm/Record%20Eagle-Pharmacists%20Ask%20for%20More%20Data%208_31_19.pdf

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

October 3 6:00pm – In place of the regular Families Against Narcotics monthly forum, there will be a Before, During, and After Incarceration community event from 6-8pm at Central United Methodist Church.

October 10 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City. *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

October 29 6-7:30pm – Harm Reduction Michigan overdose prevention and response training at the Traverse Area District Library in the the Thirlby Room. *Note – trainings occur on the last Tuesday of each month*

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