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## **MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

### *City of Milwaukee Health Department unveils City-wide initiatives to keep men healthy*

Mayor Tom Barrett and Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker unveiled the city's Men's Health Center by announcing free resources within the community and partnerships to promote wellness among men and boys. In addition, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and community partners announced plans to hold events throughout the entire month of June to recognize Men's Health Month and encourage males to take advantage of health screenings.

Among the activities:

- MHD will partner with the African American Breastfeeding Network and Next Door's Conscious Fathering Program to host Fathers Loving Support for Breastfeeding on Wednesday, June 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Next door Foundation, located at 2545 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Vincent Family Resource Center and MHD's Empowering Families of Milwaukee will host a Father's Day Grilling Event on Friday, June 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Vincent Family Resource Center, located at 2610 N. Martin Luther King Drive. The event is only open to program participants and will include family bonding through food and activities.
- The Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative will host *That's My Dad! Day* on Saturday, June 12 at the Humboldt Park Bandshell, located at 3000 South Howell Ave. The event is designed to encourage fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children.
- MHD will also sponsor a Men's Health Week Resource Event on Tuesday, June 15 from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm at the Keenan Health Center, located at 3200 N. 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Free screening for blood pressure, HIV and STDs and depression will be offered, as well as educational materials on other men's health issues.
- On Friday, June 18th, the American Heart Association and MHD will host *Stroke is No Joke* Comedy Show and Education Campaign from 9pm – 11pm at the Onyx Social Club and Restaurant, located at 3120 West Villard Ave. The event is free to the public and will feature comedian George Willborn and local comedians delivering messages about stroke prevention and warning signs
- And on June 19th, MHD and Milwaukee Health Services will provide health education for males during the Juneteenth Day celebration at *Healthy fathers Make Healthy Families* Men's Health Fair at the MLK Heritage Center, located at 2555 North MLK Drive. The event will take place from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

"Men play an important role in families and within our community," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "We urge men and boys in Milwaukee to visit a doctor, health clinic, or screening event to take control of their health."

“Men in Milwaukee are disproportionately affected by many preventable health conditions,” said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. “Our Men’s Health Center is committed to empowering men with the tools they need to improve their health and ultimately, the health of our community.”

The MHD Men’s Health Center is located at the Keenan Health Center, 3200 N. 36th Street. Its goal is to empower local men to take charge of and improve their health and the health of their families; provide valuable health information through outreach and client education; research the impact and costs related to improving health disparities; and implement strategies to ensure successful interventions and resources to reduce health disparities in Milwaukee’s low income zip codes.

For more information, visit [www.milwaukee.gov/MensHealth](http://www.milwaukee.gov/MensHealth).