



LIVINGSTON COUNTY Health Department

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Livingston County Health Department Announces “Ready, Set, School!” A Free Health & Safety Fair for Young Children

HOWELL, Michigan. – (August 5, 2026) Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is excited to host Ready, Set, School!, a free family-friendly event designed to help children ages 0-6 gear up for a healthy start to the school year. Ready, Set, School! gives families the opportunity to connect with free services, hands-on learning, and trusted community resources. The event will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 242 Community Church in Brighton.

Kids ages 0-6 are still developing awareness and decision-making skills. Learning how to care for their bodies, recognize unsafe situations, and make healthy choices builds confidence and reduces preventable injuries. When children understand these concepts early, they carry those skills with them into school and everyday life. “Early childhood is a time when lifelong habits begin to form, that’s why learning opportunities like this are so important,” said Courtney Rynkiewicz, Health Promotion Coordinator for LCHD.

Event Highlights

At the event, families can take advantage of **free dental and vision screenings**, both required for kindergarten entry. These services help identify potential concerns early, supporting children’s health and readiness for school.

The **University of Michigan’s Pop-up Safety Town** will also be on-site to offer hands-on injury-prevention education. This includes pedestrian safety, medication safety, and dog bite prevention. Safety Town will distribute **free helmets** (while supplies last) to help keep kids safe during biking and other wheeled activities.

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A **LETS bus** will be on site for children to explore, giving them a chance to see the inside of a bus and learn about safe riding practices.

Finally, community partners will host a variety of interactive booths featuring **resources on health, education, physical activity, and more**. Families can also enjoy **free snacks, children's books, yard games, and other fun experiences** throughout the event.

Ready, Set, School! will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 2|42 Community Church (7526 Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI). The event is free, and no registration is necessary.

For more information, visit milivcounty.gov/health/personal-health/ready-set-school.

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