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## 89 Michigan water systems awarded national fluoridation quality award

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today that 89 water systems have been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. It has been recognized by CDC as one of [10 great public health achievements of the 20th century](#). CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and inexpensive method of preventing decay. [According to the CDC](#), savings for communities ranged from \$1.10 to \$135 for every \$1 invested.

The award recognizes those communities that maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water throughout calendar year 2020. A total of 1,292 water systems in 28 states received the award including the following Michigan systems:

Adrian	Jonesville
Albion	K I Sawyer
Alpena	Kalamazoo
Baraga	Lake Bella Vista
Battle Creek - Verona System	Lake Odessa
Bay Area Water System	Linden
Belding	Lowell
Benton Harbor	Ludington
Benton Township	Manchester
Big Rapids	Manistique
Blissfield	Marshall
Bridgman	Mason
Brighton	Menominee Water Department
Brooklyn	MHOG Sewer & Water Authority
Buchanan	Michigan State University
Carson City	Midland
Cassopolis	Milford
Charlotte	Monroe

Clare	Mt. Pleasant
Dexter	Munising
East Lansing Meridian Township Water Authority	Muskegon Heights
East Jordan	Negaunee-Ishpeming Authority
Eaton Rapids	New Buffalo
Elk Rapids	Niles
Escanaba Water Department	Northwest Ottawa Water Treatment Plant
Fenton	Norway
Fremont	Otsego
Genesee County Water System	Parchment
Gladstone Water Department	Plainfield Township
Grand Ledge	Plainwell
Grand Rapids	Saginaw
Gratiot Area Water Authority	Sault Ste Marie
Grayling	South Lyon
Great Lakes Water Authority	Sparta
Greenville	St Ignace
Grosse Pointe Farms	St Johns
Harbor Springs	St Joseph
Hartford	Standish
Hastings	Summit Township
Hillsdale	Tecumseh
Holland Board of Public Works	Traverse City
Howell	Wakefield
Huron Shore Regional Utility Authority	Wayland
Ionia	Wyoming
Jackson	

“Michigan consistently exceeds the Healthy People 2030 target of 77.1% of the population on a fluoridated public water supply,” said Dr. Alexis Travis, senior deputy director for MDHHS Public Health Administration. “These awards from the CDC recognize Michigan’s commitment to community water fluoridation, which is the most cost effective and efficient way of preventing tooth decay throughout one’s lifetime and benefits all residents.”

For more information about community water fluorination, [visit the CDC website](#).

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