

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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Good afternoon,

As you've likely heard by now, a new [MDHHS emergency order](#) that limits indoor social gatherings and other group activities for three weeks will take effect today. I understand that some people may feel frustrated by this, but if we all do our part and follow the state's guidance, we can hopefully get our rising number of COVID-19 cases under control. This won't be easy, but I know we can pull together and do what's right for the health and safety of our community.

On a different note, I'm happy to share that our annual Shop Local Macomb campaign will launch tomorrow, November 19, with a few twists. As always, the initiative is asking shoppers to give business to independently owned and operated establishments in Macomb County. But this year, participants can enter for a chance to win a \$150 gift card by taking a picture safely shopping (in-store, curbside and online), getting takeout from a restaurant or leaving a Facebook or Google review. An added bonus - one local business will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 grant. So let's support our retailers and restaurants this holiday season. Because everyone wins when we shop small.

Wishing you wellness,

Mark

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- A new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services emergency order goes into effect today and remains in effect until Dec. 8 at 11:59 p.m. Under this order, indoor residential gatherings are limited to two households at any one time. Bars and restaurants will be open for outdoor dining, carry-out and delivery only. Gyms

will remain open for individual exercise with strict safety measures in place. Casinos, movie theaters and group exercise classes will be closed. Professional and college sports meeting extraordinary standards for risk mitigation may continue without spectators, however all other organized sports must stop. Colleges and high schools may proceed with remote learning, but must end in-person classes. [Read more.](#)

COVID-19 PAUSE TO SAVE LIVES

Open	Not open
Two-household gathering (high precautions)*	High schools (in-person learning)
Hair salons, barber shops, other personal services	Theaters, movie theaters, stadiums, arenas
Small outdoor gatherings (25 people)	Gyms and pools (for individual exercise)
Retail	Colleges and universities (in-person learning)
Restaurants and bars (outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery)	Bowling centers, ice skating rinks, indoor water parks
Preschool through 8th grade (local district choice)	Workplaces, when work can be done from home
Professional sports** (without spectators)	Bingo halls, casinos, arcades
Childcare	Restaurants and bars (indoor dining)
Parks and outdoor recreation	Group fitness classes
Manufacturing, construction, other work that is impossible to do remotely	Funerals (25 people)
Public transit	Health care

*See Social Gathering Guidance.
**Includes a limited number of NCAA sports.

For more information about the order, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.
Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.

- Attention:** If you are planning to get tested at the Macomb County COVID-19 drive-through testing site on Rose St. in Mount Clemens, traffic is being routed to the site from Dunham Road to help relieve traffic congestion.



- Thanks to generous support, the Macomb Food Program has been able to distribute turkeys and all the sides to its pantry partners for those in need this Thanksgiving. For a list of pantries in your area visit the [Macomb County COVID-19 Food Resources Map](#).
- Shop Local Macomb is back just in time for the holidays! And there's no better time than now to support independently owned and operated retailers and restaurants in Macomb County. Here's how you can participate: Take a snapshot of yourself shopping with a local retailer (in-person, curbside or online), grabbing takeout or leaving a positive Facebook or Google review and upload it between Nov. 19 and Dec. 6. Twenty lucky individuals will win \$150 gift cards donated by First State Bank. And if your name is drawn, the business highlighted will receive \$1,000! [Learn more](#).



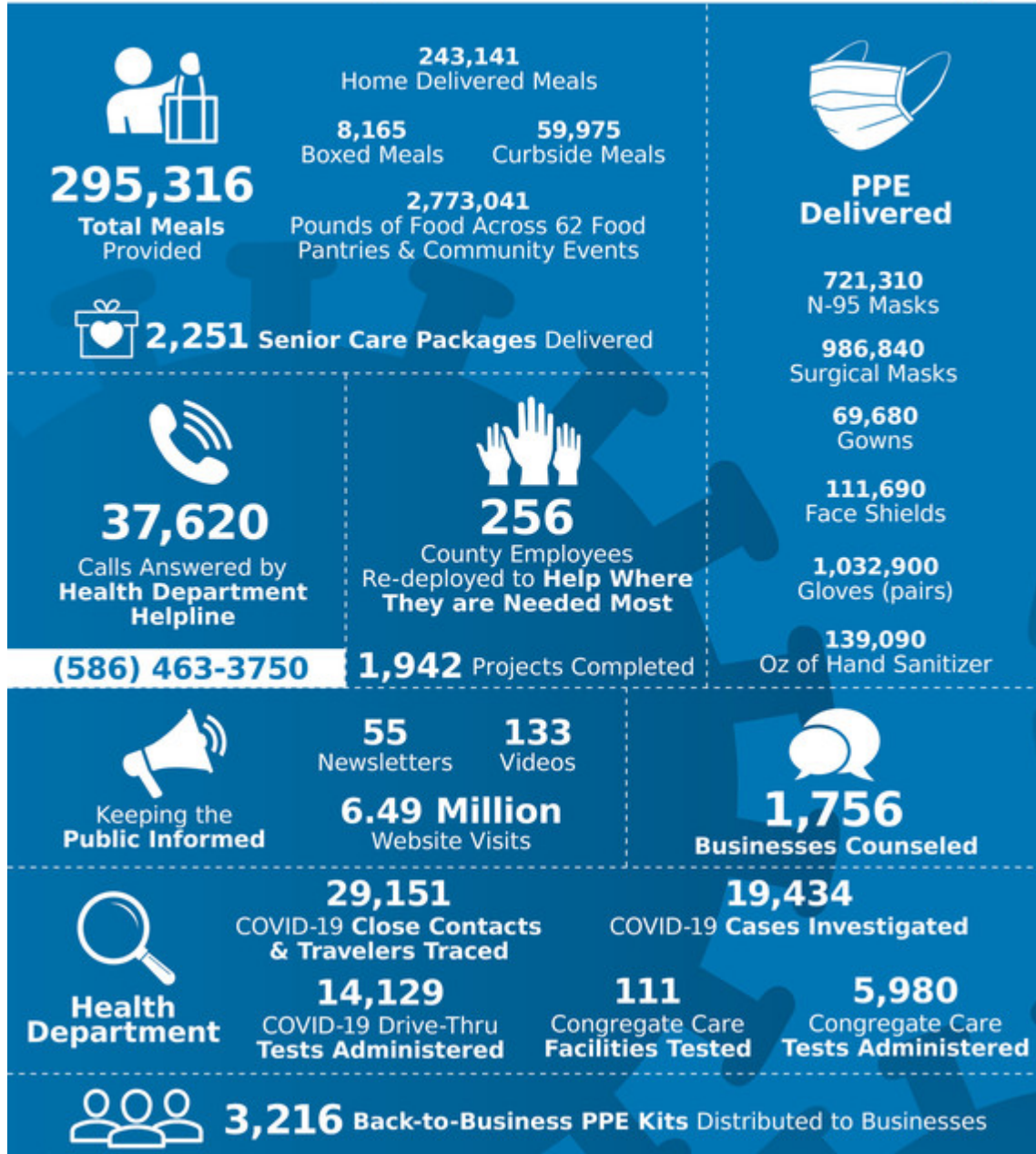
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued important guidance for the holiday season. As you start thinking ahead to Thanksgiving and

other celebrations, please consider reading the following safety recommendations for [travel](#) and [family gatherings](#).

- Did you know? Macomb County residents can access the myStrength application, a digital mental health tool, for free. You can access the program by visiting mystrength.com, clicking “Sign Up” and entering the code “MCCMHcomm” - which will enable free service. After completing a profile, the application will build a personalized action plan with resources, goals and a daily progress tracker. Remember - taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your physical health. So download the tool and get started today.
- Macomb County leaders and personnel have been on the ground responding to the COVID-19 crisis since mid-March. Here’s what has been accomplished so far:

MACOMB COUNTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

March 11 - October 31, 2020



Executive Mark Hackel has been regularly sharing video updates with Macomb County residents on YouTube and social media. Click on the links below for the latest updates.



- [Get Behind the Mask](#)
- [COVID-19 Update with Executive Hackel - November 13](#)

In the News

- Beaumont study shows how well masks work at stopping COVID-19 virus transmission. [Read more.](#)
- 'Take ownership' - Macomb County executive pleads for residents to wear a mask. [Read more.](#)
- Metro Detroit restaurants offering Thanksgiving dinners, catering during COVID. [Read more.](#)
- Macomb County led nation in census response rate. [Read more.](#)

Helpful Information and Resources

The Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and Department of Health continue to lead local efforts to respond to the ever-evolving nature of COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest COVID-19 data, news and information, click on the buttons below for helpful resources available to you.



Stay Informed

If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the Macomb County Health Department helpline at 586-463-3750. The helpline is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit macombgov.org/covid19.

