

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Good afternoon,

We've seen several positive developments this week when it comes to the COVID-19 situation. First and foremost, a vaccine was reviewed by federal agencies and given [Emergency Use Authorization for the public](#). This is incredible news for our country, our state and for our community.

Macomb County will be receiving our first shipment of vaccines very soon. And while there is no federal or local mandate requiring vaccination, there is broad support among public health and medical professionals encouraging its use. A tiered approach and prioritization for distribution has been recommended by federal agencies and the MDHHS. This first round of vaccines received by our Health Department will be for emergency medical service providers. Extensive plans to ensure a seamless roll out to the group has been developed.

Please know - the vaccine will be available for the general public in the coming months, but we must continue to prioritize those who are most at-risk for infection first, so I ask that you remain patient. In the meantime, talk to your health care provider if you have questions. And of course, stay tuned to [MacombGov.org](#) for further updates and information.

In other positive news, Macomb County's new COVID-19 testing location opened on Monday at the former site of the Baker College Auto Lab on S. Gratiot in Clinton Township. This facility will provide protection from winter weather for both our workers and the individuals who visit us for testing. I am incredibly thankful to Baker College and Clinton Township for their help with this location. I am also proud of the team that made it all possible, from our Health Department to our Department of Roads, this was truly a collaborative effort that showcases our adaptability in dealing with the pandemic.

In closing, I'd like to touch on one more positive item - it appears that COVID-19 numbers across the state are headed in the right direction. This is evidence that we are all taking extra precautions to keep ourselves, our family and our friends safe. I ask that you continue to heed the advice of our public health professionals so we can continue down the right path.

Wishing you wellness,

Mark

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- New Job Opportunity: Macomb County needs a variety of medical professionals to join our COVID-19 vaccination team. [Learn more and apply today.](#)



MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:

MACOMB COUNTY NEEDS YOU!

We can beat the coronavirus, and if you are an RN, LPN, paramedic or medical assistant, you can help. A vaccine is on the way, and when it arrives, we will need to deploy a full team of medical professionals to distribute and administer vaccinations.

If you are a medical professional and you can work one to five days per week, Monday through Saturday, to help stop COVID, please send your resume and contact information to macomb@teamentech.com

Hourly Wages
RN - \$35
LPN - \$30
Paramedic - \$25
Medical Assistant - \$19

**Health
Department**

- The Macomb County Office of Senior Services has launched a new Handy Helpers program to help local seniors with minor home repairs. The service is intended for individuals aged 60 and older who live in Macomb County in their own home. If you or someone you know may be interested in the program, please contact the Office of Senior Services at 586-469- 5228. There is no deadline to apply and there are no income requirements. However, depending on demand, there may be a wait list.
- On Monday, December 14, Macomb County opened its new COVID-19 drive-through testing site at the former location of the Baker College Auto Lab at 34401 S. Gratiot Ave., Clinton Twp., MI 48035. This site replaces the county's previous testing site located at

the former Macomb County Juvenile Court Building in Mount Clemens. Take note of this map if you plan to get tested, as it lists the entrance and flow of traffic. And remember, testing will continue to be offered Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary and individuals without symptoms of COVID-19 can be tested.



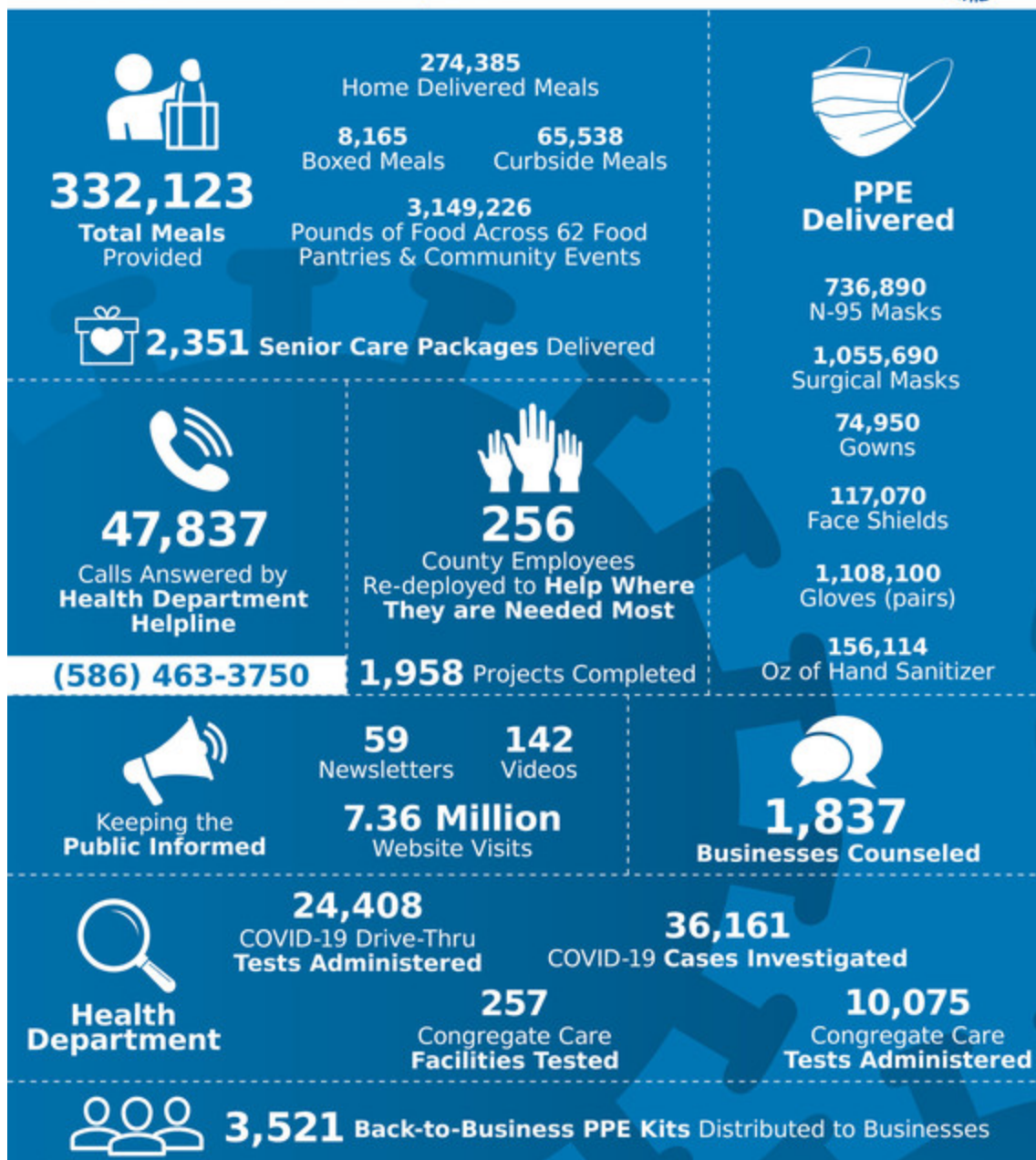
- With the Futures for Frontliners application deadline approaching, frontline workers are encouraged to take the next step in their educational journey and apply for free college tuition towards an associate degree or industry-recognized certificate at community college by Dec. 31 – even if they have not completed their high school diploma. Interested frontline workers should visit michigan.gov/Frontliners to explore statewide and regional in-demand career opportunities and get started on their application.
- The Shop Local Macomb contest may be over, but there are still plenty of reasons to shop small in Macomb County this season. Not sure what local businesses are in your area? Use our interactive map, which lists more than 1,500 independently owned and operated establishments where you can shop safely by appointment, curbside or online this holiday. Find the resource at makemacombyourhome.com.



- 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 - November 30, 2020



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



- [COVID-19 Update with Executive Hackel - December 14](#)

In the News

- Macomb County announces new COVID testing site, vaccine distribution plans. [Read more.](#)
- Michigan announced COVID-19 prioritization groups and hopes 70% of Michigan adults will be vaccinated by the end of 2021. [Read more.](#)
- Fact vs. fiction on COVID-19 vaccines. [Read more.](#)
- Whitmer urges Michigan not to travel for holidays. [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.



WHERE CAN I BE TESTED FOR
COVID-19? 



FACING
FINANCIAL
CRISIS?

CALL MCA AT 586-469-6999

FOOD 
RESOURCES MAP

**Small Business
Resources**
during COVID-19



Planning &
Economic
Development



Back-to-Business Kits

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.

