

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



January 20, 2021

Good afternoon,

As many of you know, we opened our phone lines and online scheduler at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning so that eligible individuals could make an appointment for their first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. If you called or visited our website, you may also know that it was extremely difficult to connect due to the overwhelming volume of people who tried to make an appointment. In fact, there were 155,000 attempts to reach our appointment schedulers within the first half hour and more than 2.7 million hits on our website servers. Although it was frustrating for most, I am pleased to say that we were able to book nearly 4,000 appointments within a few hours and that we are also making it possible for those that make their first appointment to also make their second.

I must stress that demand for the vaccine continues to outpace supply. However, our vaccination site has been operating very efficiently and has the capacity to serve more than double our current volumes. As we continue to request more doses, I ask that you remain patient while we explore new ways to distribute vaccines to the community.

Please visit [MacombGov.org](https://www.mcombgov.org) for the latest updates to keep you and your family safe.

Be well,

**Mark A. Hackel**  
**Macomb County Executive**

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## Important Things to Know

- The application process is open for the Michigan Small Business Survival Grant Program. Macomb County has received \$4.1 million from the state to assist businesses that have experienced significant financial hardship due to the COVID-19 emergency orders issued by MDHHS in November and December 2020. The application period will close at Noon on Friday, January 22. Macomb County will give priority to brick and mortar businesses in the following industries: Restaurants,

bars, banquet facilities, gyms, entertainment venues, and recreational facilities.  
[Learn more and apply here.](#)



- Each week, we expect to open new appointments on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. based on the allocation of doses provided by the state. Please visit [MacombGov.org](http://MacombGov.org) for eligibility and regularly updated information. Meanwhile, for information about other places where vaccinations may be offered, [click here](#).
- After getting the COVID-19 vaccine, it's important to continue to wear a mask properly, social distance from those not in your household and wash hands frequently to continue to protect those who have not yet been vaccinated.

# COVID-19 VACCINE FAQs

Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine



## Do I need to keep wearing a mask after I get vaccinated?

Yes. It's important to continue to wear a mask properly, social distance from those not in your household and wash hands frequently even after getting the vaccine to continue to protect those who have not yet been vaccinated.



- The Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association Educational Foundation is administering a state grant for employees impacted by the MDHHS Order that took effect on November 18, 2020. These individuals can apply for assistance up to \$1,650 through January 25 at 5 p.m. Workers in the following industries are eligible: Restaurants; hotels, motels, bed & breakfast and resorts; bars; food trucks; bowling alleys; theaters; nightclubs; golf courses; banquet halls; caterers; casinos; cafeterias; and other impacted industries. All eligible employees in Michigan should apply online at [mrlaef.org/money](http://mrlaef.org/money).
- The Macomb County Health Department offers drive-through COVID-19 testing Monday through Friday in Clinton Township from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No cost, no

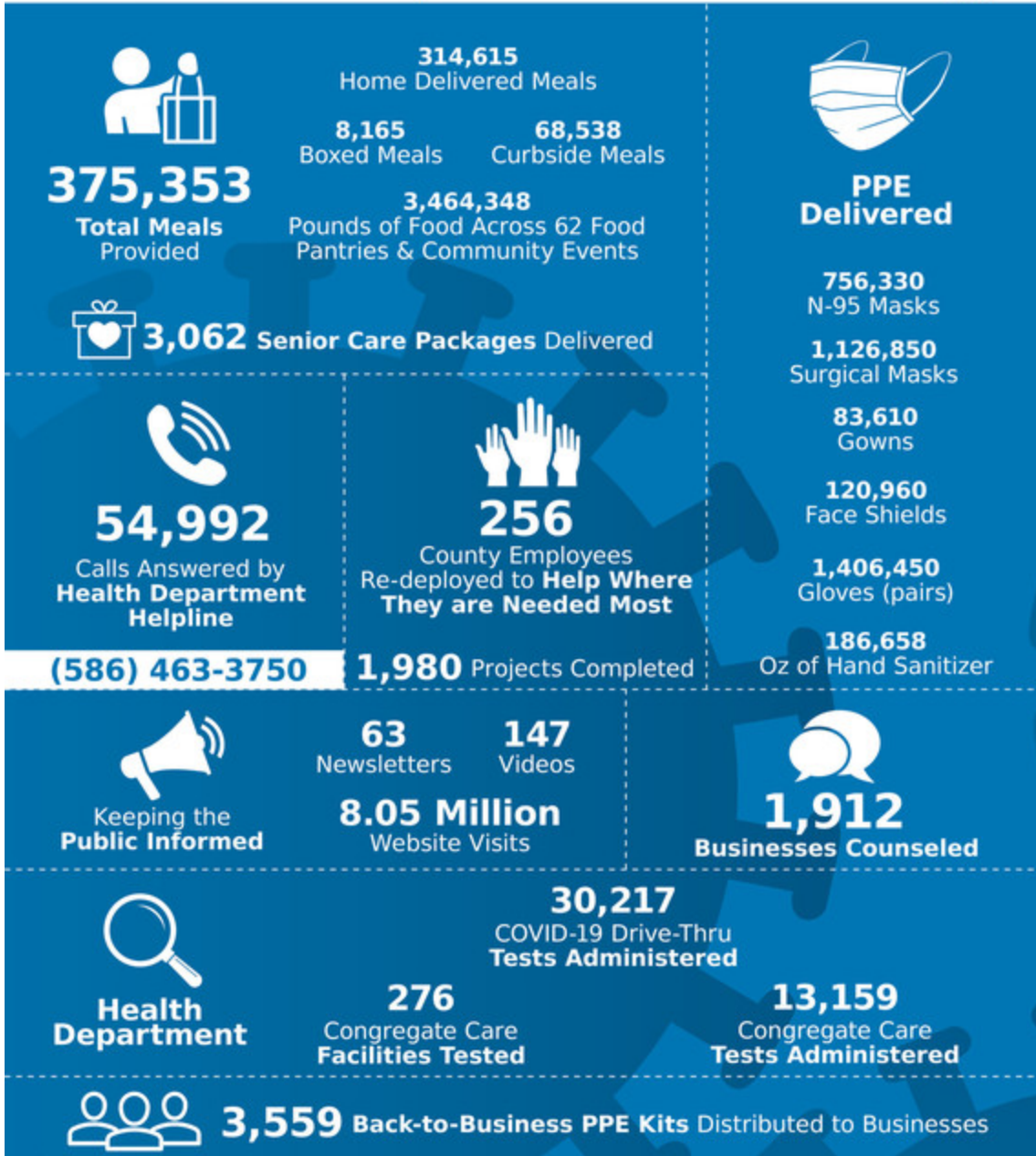
appointment necessary, symptoms not required to be tested. Face masks are required. Find additional testing sites [here](#).



- Looking for somewhere to grab a drink or a bite to eat outdoors? Check out this [Make Macomb Your Home blog](#) list to find out where you can dine across the county, organized by region. Please note that each location has its own requirements for diners, so it is best to contact the establishment directly to ensure the best experience possible.
- 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 - December 31, 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 Mark Hackel - January 19](#)
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## In the News

- FBI: Scammers are selling fake COVID-19 vaccines online. [Read more.](#)
  - Michigan health director: Strong reason to believe COVID-19 'pause' worked. [Read more.](#)
  - Health expert says new COVID-19 UK variant is more contagious, lead to more hospitalizations. [Read more.](#)
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## 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.



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## 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](https://macombgov.org/covid19).

