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Good morning,

On Tuesday we opened our COVID-19 vaccination phone line and website portal, and once again, we experienced a great amount of traffic. This week we received nearly 5,900 doses from the state and within a short period of time, we had booked all of our available vaccination appointments. I continue to ask for your patience, as demand is much greater than our supply.

On that note, I want you to know that we are working diligently to increase the amount of COVID-19 vaccines we receive so our potential is not limited. Last Friday, [I sent a letter](#) to President Joe Biden asking for 50,000 doses every week so we can vaccinate 40 percent of our population. I am confident Macomb County could administer these doses and be a leader in President Biden's ambitious effort to protect our citizens. We will keep advocating for these resources to ensure the health and safety of our community and I will continue to keep you updated on our efforts. But again, we appreciate your patience as we navigate this issue.

Be well,

Mark

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

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## Important Things to Know

- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is emphasizing the importance of COVID-19 testing with additional cases of the variant B.1.1.7 detected in a Wayne County resident and among people associated with the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. COVID-19 testing is available at a range of locations throughout Macomb County. For details, including times, locations and contact information, [click here](#).



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## COVID-19 TESTING PARTNERS

LOCATION	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT <i>CLINTON TWP.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	
MYCARE HEALTH <i>CENTER LINE</i>	X		X	X	X	
ACCESS <i>STERLING HEIGHTS</i>			X			
ALL GOD'S PEOPLE CHURCH <i>ROSEVILLE</i>		X	X	X		
MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH <i>WARREN</i>		X	X	X		
WARREN CITY HALL <i>WARREN</i>				X		X
FOR OTHER LOCATIONS, VISIT <a href="http://MACOMBGOV.ORG">MACOMBGOV.ORG</a>						

- 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](#).
- Please note: When you receive the vaccine, you may experience some mild side effects, such as sore arm, low-grade fever, headache or tiredness. This is a normal sign that your body is building immunity against the virus so you have protection from COVID-19.

# COVID-19 VACCINE FAQs

Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine



## Does the vaccine have any side effects?

You may experience some mild side effects, such as a sore arm, low-grade fever, headache, tiredness.

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- Join the Area Agency on Aging 1-B in partnership with MDHHS and Ann Arbor Alphas-Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. for a webinar to help educate family caregivers and seniors on the COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday, January 28 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Attendees will hear from Natasha Bagdasarian MD, MPH, a senior public health physician with MDHHS and will learn about the vaccine, why it's important to be vaccinated, what myths exist around the vaccine and how family caregivers can assist their loved ones in getting access to the vaccine. [Register here](#) and a Zoom link will be sent to you.
- To help families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 1.2 million people in Michigan who are eligible for food assistance benefits will receive an additional payment by the end of January. The payment raises their monthly amount by 15 percent. The 15 percent increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits is for six months, ending in June. [Learn more](#).

Michiganders eligible for food assistance benefits will receive a **15% increase in benefits for six months** (January to June).

**January - June maximum allowable benefit by household size**

<b>One Person</b> <b>\$234</b>	<b>Two Persons</b> <b>\$430</b>	<b>Three Persons</b> <b>\$616</b>	<b>Four Persons</b> <b>\$782</b>
<b>Five Persons</b> <b>\$929</b>	<b>Six Persons</b> <b>\$1,114</b>	<b>Seven Persons</b> <b>\$1,232</b>	<b>Eight Persons</b> <b>\$1,408</b>

**January benefits will be loaded to Bridge Cards between January 20 to January 30 as a separate payment from the assistance that was provided earlier in the month.**

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. After January, the **15% increase will be added to Bridge Cards by the end of each month.**



- Looking for ways to help your community this season? Check out the Macomb Community Action 31st Annual Walk for Warmth, an event that raises money to support families in Macomb County facing heating-related emergencies. This year you can safely participate from the comfort and beauty of your local parks and trails during the last week of February. [Click here](#) to learn how to sign up, submit trail map ideas and/or sponsor the event.
- Gleaners Community Food Bank will be distributing 30 pounds of free, nutritious food to families with children across Macomb County. Visit our [food resources map](#) to find a location and distribution date that fits your needs.



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 26](#)

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## In the News

- U.S. boosting vaccine deliveries amid complaints of shortages. [Read more.](#)



- Negative COVID-19 test now required for all international flights to U.S. — here's what you need to know. [Read more.](#)
- Hackel asks Biden to give Macomb County 50,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine per week. [Read more.](#)
- Some people are inadvertently throwing away stimulus check debit cards thinking it's a scam. [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).

