

**February 11, 2021** 

#### Good afternoon,

For the past month or more, we've added an average of 1,000 new subscribers to this newsletter every week. To all who are newer to us, welcome! Please be sure to click these messages and visit <a href="MacombGov.org">MacombGov.org</a> for the latest news and information that can keep you, your family and your friends safe.

I'd also like to share an update on the county's COVID-19 vaccination efforts. In the last several weeks, we have administered 31,565 doses. We've also received positive feedback from countless individuals who have been to our vaccination site, including:



Thank you to the staff today who made having my 86 year old parents vaccinated a great experience. The entire operation is very well organized and the staff went above and beyond. They provide wheel chairs and staff to make it more accessible. I appreciate your help.

-Jane

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Please know that we continue to advocate for more doses to be available for Macomb County residents, especially for our senior citizens. And we are taking steps to help this atrisk population, including a new vaccine clinic partnership with Meijer that we <a href="mailto:announced earlier today">announced earlier today</a>. More to come on this important issue, so please remain patient and vigilant as we work together to bring this pandemic under control.

As always, keep yourself and your family safe.

Mark

Mark A. Hackel Macomb County Executive

### **Important Things to Know**

The Macomb County Health Department is partnering with Meijer to begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 65 and older. Those who wish to receive a vaccine at one of two locations in Macomb County must pre-register through the retailer's **text-based registration process**. NOTE: The vaccine clinics conducted by Meijer are not open to walk-ups. Participants must be registered through the retailer's online system in order to be scheduled for a vaccine. To register, patients can text COVID to 75049, go online at **clinic.meijer.com** or simply visit their local pharmacy and ask to register.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is reporting that now more than ever, it is important to slow the spread of COVID-19. New virus variants that spread more easily could lead to a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases and an increase in the number of people who need clinical care. Please wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene and avoid large gatherings. Please also get tested. There are a lot of convenient, accessible options to get tested for COVID-19 in Macomb County. For details, including times, locations and contact information, click here.



LOCATION	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINTON TWP.	X	X	X	X	X	
MYCARE HEALTH CENTER LINE	X		X		X	
ALL GOD'S PEOPLE CHURCH ROSEVILLE		X	X	X		
MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH WARREN			X	X	X	
WARREN CITY HALL WARREN				X		X

Each week, we expect to open new COVID-19 vaccine appointments on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. based on the allocation of doses provided by the state. Please visit <a href="MacombGov.org">MacombGov.org</a> for eligibility and regularly updated information. Meanwhile, for information about other places where vaccinations may be offered, <a href="click here">click here</a>.

FAQ: Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe? Yes.

# COVID-19 VACCINE FAQs

Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine



#### Is the vaccine safe?

Yes. The process used to approve the COVID-19 vaccine is that same one used to create safe and effective vaccines for the flu, polio, measles and whooping cough. While the vaccines are being developed quickly, it is only after decades of research and clinical trials that have included tens of thousands of diverse volunteers. Routine safety process remain in place and no shortcuts were made.





COVID-19 has impacted our nation in tremendous ways. You may have feelings of loneliness, depression or suicidal thoughts. Check out this <u>recent conversation</u> between Macomb County Community Mental Health and mental health expert Dr. Agnes Ward for advice and ways MCCMH can help. Or, if you or a loved one needs immediate help, call the MCCMH 24-hour Crisis Line at 586-307-9100. Help is available for everyone.

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 from February 21 through February 27. <a href="Click here">Click here</a> to learn how to sign up, submit trail map ideas and/or sponsor the event.

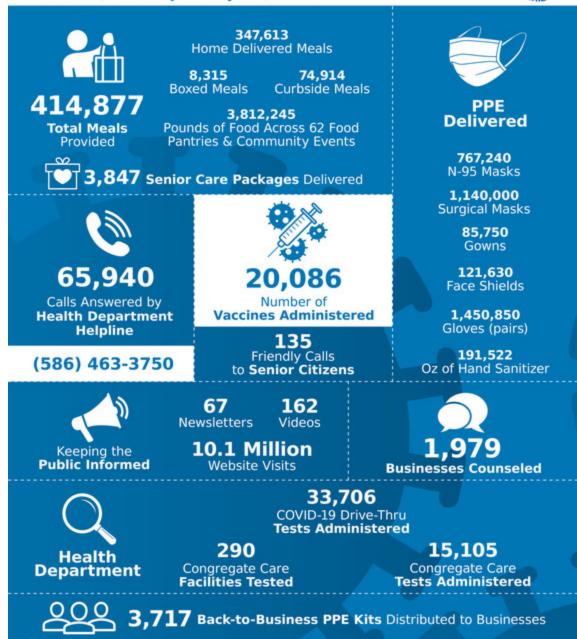


Macomb County leaders and personnel have been on the ground responding to the COVID-19 crisis since mid-March. Here's what has been accomplished so far:

#### **MACOMB COUNTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

March 11, 2020 - January 31, 2021





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 - February 11** 

#### In the News

CDC Says Double-Masking Offers More Protection Against The Coronavirus. Read more.

Coronavirus in Michigan: Here's what to know Feb. 11, 2021. Read more.

Michigan's Khaldun appointed to White House task force on COVID health inequities. 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 <a href="macombgov.org/covid19">macombgov.org/covid19</a>.

