

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



COVID-19 UPDATE

MacombGov.org



February 18, 2021

Good morning,

In the last few weeks, I've made it clear that local senior citizens are a priority for Macomb County when determining our COVID-19 vaccination strategy. We know that seniors are a vulnerable population who are at-risk for infection and our goal is to ensure their health and safety.

With this in mind, we've recently launched a partnership with Meijer that allows their pharmacies to distribute COVID-19 vaccines. We've also worked with SMART and Richmond/Lenox EMS to create a drive-through vaccination site for individuals aged 65 and up. We will continue to look for opportunities that help us protect our seniors, and as I have said before, we will keep working to increase our supply of vaccines so that we can meet demand. So far we have administered 39,228 doses. We've also received positive feedback from countless individuals who have been to our vaccination site, including:



My husband and I got our first Pfizer vaccine there today. Thank you so very much. We were very impressed by the organization of the whole process. It was very efficient. The care, commitment and service from every single employee we came in contact with was outstanding. Jennifer made appointments on the phone line for me on Monday. She was also excellent and caring.

Great job 

-Geri



Stay tuned as there is more to come in the weeks ahead. Thank you and as always, keep yourself and your family safe.

Mark

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Important Things to Know

Macomb County has partnered with SMART and Richmond/Lenox EMS to expand its drive-through vaccine program to any resident aged 65 or above. Interested seniors should call the SMART Macomb Vaccine Hotline at 586-421-6579 to register for the county wait list

between the hours of 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sundays. Seniors can also email the SMART Macomb Vaccine Hotline 24/7 at macombvaccine@smartbus.org and include their name, address, phone number and date of birth. Macomb County will contact individuals from the wait list as appointments become available.

Seniors are also encouraged to register for COVID-19 vaccine appointments through other Macomb County locations:

- In partnership with the Macomb County Health Department, Meijer Pharmacy is registering individuals and reaching out to make appointments at one of several Macomb County stores. To register, individuals can text COVID to 75049, [go online](#) or simply visit a local Meijer pharmacy and ask to register.
- Rite Aid Pharmacy is also registering individuals who are aged 65 and above and will contact those who are currently eligible based on availability of the vaccine. To register for an appointment, [click here](#).

FAQ: Can people with a history of allergic reactions get the COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 VACCINE FAQs

Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine



Can people with a history of allergic reactions get the vaccine?

Most people who have food or environmental allergies can still get the vaccine. Prior to getting vaccinated, talk to your health care provider if you have had any severe reactions to medicines or vaccines in the past.



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Macomb Community Action is partnering with the Accounting Aid Society and Macomb County Veterans Services to offer income eligible Macomb County residents free tax preparation and filing services at IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. If your total household income is below \$57,000 you may be eligible for free tax preparation and filing. [View tax preparation schedules and services here](#). To schedule an appointment with Macomb County's VITA program or for further tax information, please call 586-463-2537. To schedule an appointment with the Accounting Aid Society please call 313-556-1920.

Michiganders who lost their job or income due to COVID-19 can get the health coverage they deserve during the Health Insurance Marketplace special enrollment period. Sign up from Feb. 15 - May 15, 2021 and stay well by getting necessary tests and services. Visit Michigan.gov/HealthInsurance or call 877-999-6442.



The Michigan Department of Attorney General is [warning Michigan residents](#) to beware of rental assistance scams. Follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim of a scam:

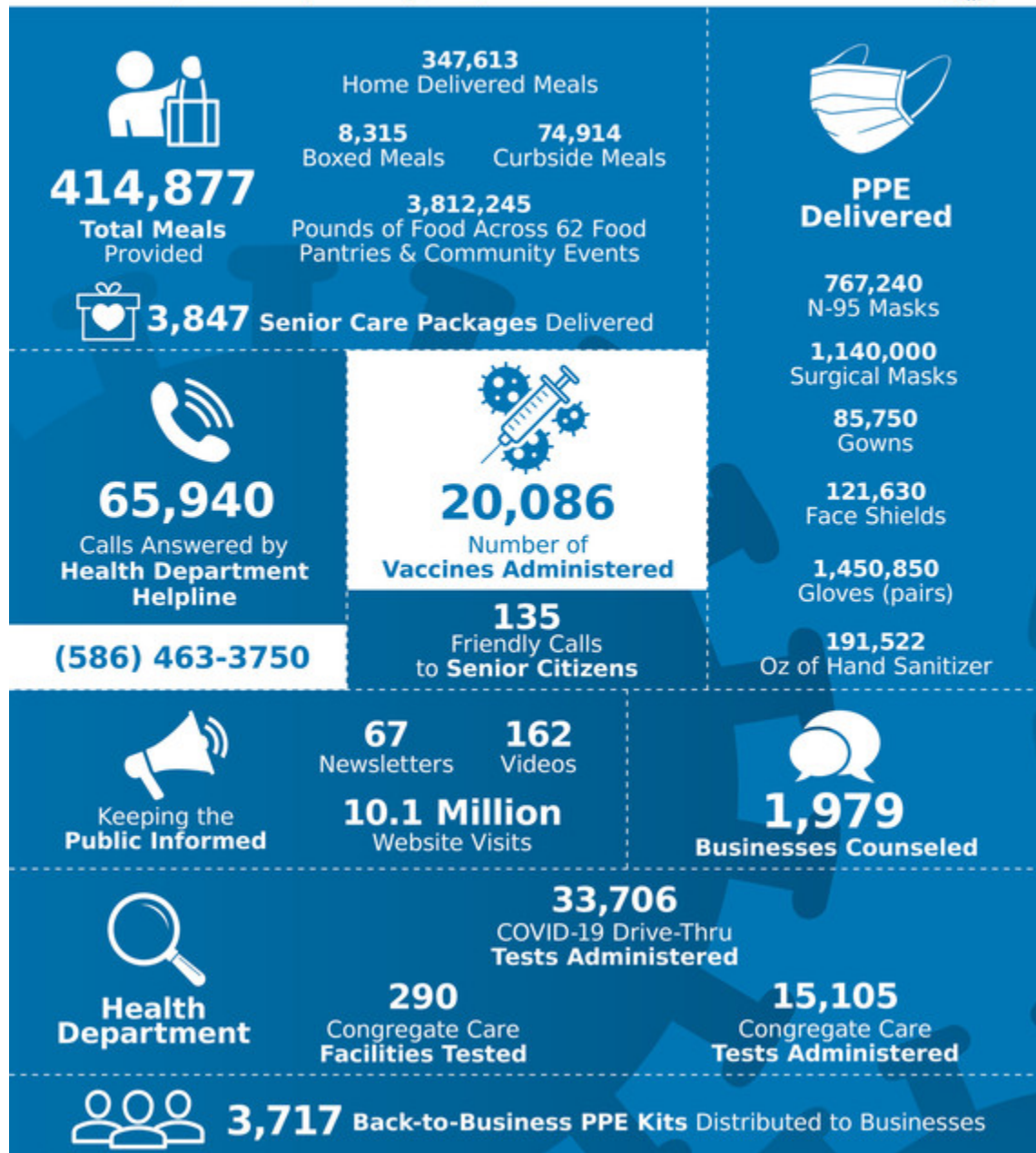
- Never give your bank account, debit card, credit card or Social Security numbers to anyone who contacts you without first independently verifying that person's identity.
- Do your research on any organization that requests personal information or money.
- Investigate the company you are considering using online with the words 'scam', 'fraud', or 'complaint' to see what others are saying. Do this prior to making contact.
- If you think you may have been a victim of any fraud, [contact the Attorney General's Office](#). To report fraud or file a general consumer complaint, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection team. [Filing a complaint online](#) is the best way to make your connection to Consumer Protection and provide a

comprehensive report to the Attorney General's office to ensure investigators have the information they need. If a consumer is unable to fill out an online complaint, they can call the toll-free Consumer Protection hotline at 877-765-8388 and staff will provide a hard copy form to fill out and return.

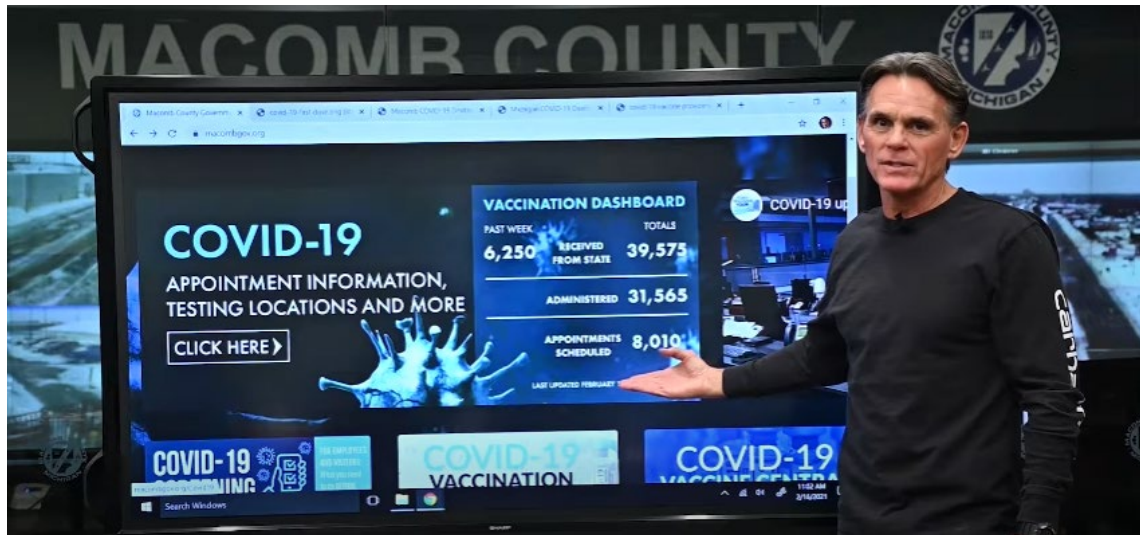
Macomb County leaders and personnel have been on the ground responding to the COVID-19 crisis since mid-March. Here's what has been accomplished so far:

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 16](#)

In the News

Macomb Co., SMART team up to register seniors 65+ for COVID-19 vaccines at county clinic. [Read more.](#)

Macomb County's SMART bus vaccination program draws praise, but doses remain in low supply. [Read more.](#)

11 takeaways from Whitmer's COVID update: Variant spreading, Michigan vaccinations, relief money. [Read more.](#)

Dos and don'ts when preparing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. [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.

