

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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Good afternoon,

Macomb County has seen COVID-19 positivity rates [increase](#) over the past several weeks. This follows a statewide trend in rising numbers of confirmed cases of the coronavirus. To slow the spread, I'm asking that you continue to practice CDC safety guidance by wearing a mask, washing your hands and staying home if you aren't feeling well. We are working to vaccinate large swaths of our community, but we can't let our guard down just yet.

To remove barriers to vaccination, Macomb County is [expanding access](#) at our three local vaccine sites. This includes an increase in hours and an increase in capacity - meaning more doses in arms at the end of every day. Additionally, those who live or work in Macomb County will now be able to use our [online scheduler](#) to choose a location for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. For now, those options include the Verkuilen Building in Clinton Township, the Sterling Heights Senior Center or the Richmond/Lenox EMS site. The county expects to name new vaccination locations in the coming days, and we will share that information as soon as possible.

In the meantime, you can find vaccine providers by visiting macombgov.org/vaccinecentral and by checking with your health care system. Please know - everyone who wants a vaccine will be able to receive one. But I ask for your patience as we work through this together.

Thank you and as always, keep yourself and your family safe.

Mark

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

Macomb County is promoting several ways in which eligible individuals can make an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Learn who is eligible and find places to get

vaccinated - including the Ford Field mass vaccination site - at macombgov.org/vaccinecentral.

Spring Break is on the horizon and many individuals are planning vacations. But according to the CDC, travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19 and they recommend that you do not travel at this time. However, if you are planning to go somewhere for Spring Break, please consider this [safety guidance](#).

FAQ: Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19? No. None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19. There are several different types of vaccines in development. All of them teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. Learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work. It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.



ICYMI: The COVID-19 stimulus bill signed into law by President Biden continues federal unemployment insurance programs which were set to expire on March 13, 2021. Individuals with claims of any type should continue to certify as usual. Most claimants will not experience a gap in benefits as long as they remain eligible and continue to certify. Unemployment provisions under the federal American Rescue Plan are extended from March 13 - Sept. 4, 2021. [Learn more](#).

Macomb County Community Mental Health will host a Wellness Week from March 29 through April 2. Join them each day for a virtual wellness session where experts will discuss different topics and share resources to enhance your mental wellness. Register for any of these [here](#).



wellness week! with **MCCMH**
03/29 - 04/02

Join us **each day at 10 am the week of March 29,** for a wellness session featuring the **MyStrength app!**

MONDAY	We're discussing the World of MyStrength.
TUESDAY	It's a MAN-date. We're sharing mental and physical health resources for men.
WEDNESDAY	We're discussing how to manage chronic pain in a busy world.
THURSDAY	We're discussing where to begin when you or your loved one have a chronic medical condition along with a chronic mental health condition.
FRIDAY	We're discussing drugs and alcohol - from use to abuse.

Sixteen local restaurants are in the running for best housemade macaroni and cheese in Macomb County. And starting next week, the public will get to decide who is the ultimate winner. Mac Madness: Best Mac in the Mac, an initiative of the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, launched earlier this month with a request for local restaurants to submit their best noodle dish. Entrants have now been matched in a head-to-head, bracket style vote that will launch at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 29 on the [Make Macomb Your Home Facebook page](#). The public is encouraged to get out and taste test entries from participating restaurants ahead of the vote. Find those restaurants, and additional details and information, by [clicking here](#).

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 - March 18](#)

In the News

COVID-19 infections in Macomb County will likely increase, according to sewage samples. [Read more.](#)

Ford Field opens to deliver mass COVID-19 vaccinations in Detroit. [Read more.](#)

Tips for a smooth COVID vaccination process. [Read more.](#)

Michigan Covid surge raises fears it's an early sign of things to come across U.S. [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.



