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Good afternoon,

Memorial Day weekend is on the horizon and with the holiday comes parties, cookouts and family gatherings. It's the unofficial start to summer and I for one am ready. But before we dive into the celebrations, let's take a moment to remember the real reason for Memorial Day. It's a time to honor the military men and women who died while serving our country. These individuals put duty before self and gave their lives to protect our freedoms -- and we must never forget their sacrifice. So this Memorial Day, I ask that you pay tribute to the fallen. I'll be marking the occasion by participating in the [68th annual St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade](#) on Sunday, May 30. But there are countless other ways to observe the holiday, so check out this [Make Macomb Your Home blog](#) for some ideas and visit [MakeMacombYourHome.com](#) for additional things to do this season.

Thank you, take care and remember to stay safe this weekend.

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**Macomb County Executive**

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## Important Things to Know

In observation of the Memorial Day weekend, the Macomb County Health Department – including the COVID-19 testing site in Clinton Township – will be closed May 29 - 31. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, June 1.



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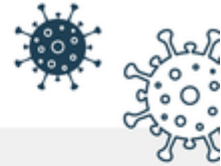
**THE MACOMB COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE  
CLOSED  
Saturday, May 29 – Monday, May 31.**

The Macomb County Health Department is now accepting COVID-19 vaccination appointments for anyone aged 12 and older. **IMPORTANT:** Only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for use for those aged 12 to 17. Individuals in this age range who wish to be vaccinated **MUST** select the Verkuilen Building in Clinton Township, the SW Center in Warren/Majestic Plaza or the Lakeside Mall drive-thru when they make their appointment. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Same day, and Saturday appointments are available in some locations. To make an appointment, go to [macombgov.org/covidvaccine](http://macombgov.org/covidvaccine).

MDHHS has updated its COVID-19 Gatherings and Face Masks epidemic order, eliminating outdoor capacity limits and increasing indoor social gatherings, including weddings, conferences and funerals, to 50% capacity. Under the new order, which goes into effect Tuesday, June 1, and continues through Thursday, July 1, masks will continue to be required indoors for individuals who are not yet vaccinated. [Learn more.](#)



## Beginning June 1:



- There will no longer be capacity limits outdoors.
- There will no longer be capacity limits at residential gatherings.
- Indoor establishments will be at 50% capacity.
- Social gatherings will now be regulated only by the venue.
  - *For example, guidelines or rules for an indoor wedding or conference would be set by the establishment in which it is hosted.*
- Face masks continue to be required for non-vaccinated individuals indoors.

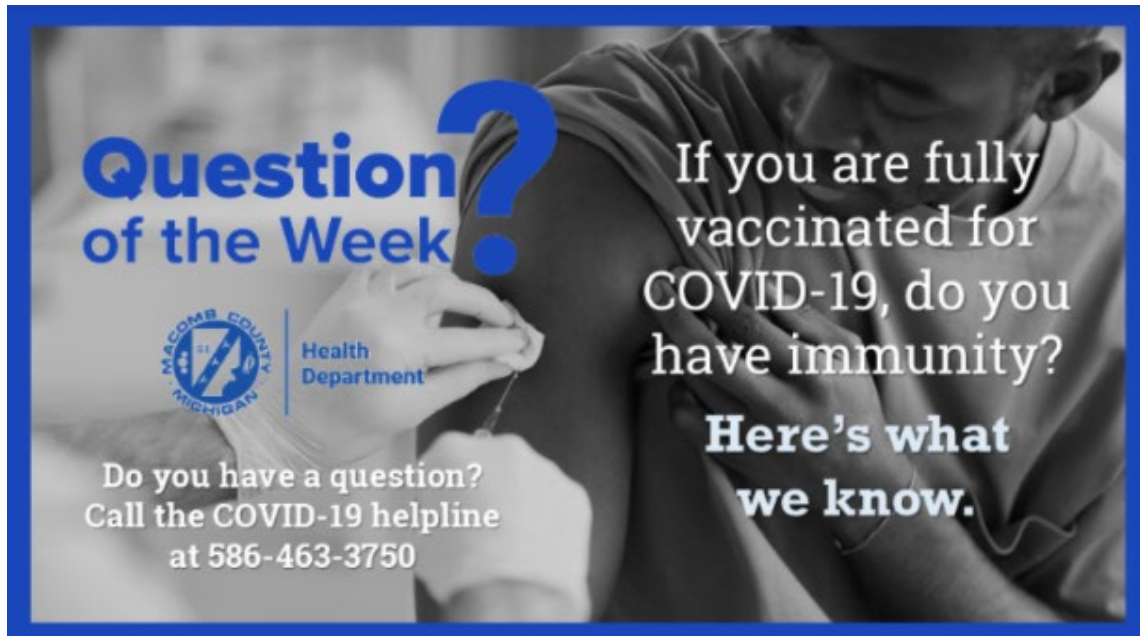


**Beginning July 1**, all broad epidemic orders will be lifted.



Important CDC Guidance for Unvaccinated People: If you haven't been vaccinated yet, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others. Masks should be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially around people who don't live with you. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Being in crowds makes you more likely to get or spread COVID-19, so avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces. And wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available. [Learn more.](#)

From the Health Department Helpline, the top question of the week: "I am fully vaccinated. I had an antibody test to see if I was immune, but the results were negative for antibodies. Why?" The answer? Antibody tests have not been approved to assess your response to the vaccine. Some antibody tests only detect natural infection.

A graphic with a blue border. On the left, a large blue question mark is positioned over the text "Question of the Week". Below this is the Macomb County Health Department logo, which includes a circular seal with a map of Michigan and the text "MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN" and "Health Department". Underneath the logo, it says "Do you have a question? Call the COVID-19 helpline at 586-463-3750". On the right side, a black and white photograph shows a person's arm being vaccinated. Overlaid on this photo is the text "If you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19, do you have immunity? Here's what we know." in white font.

**Question of the Week?**

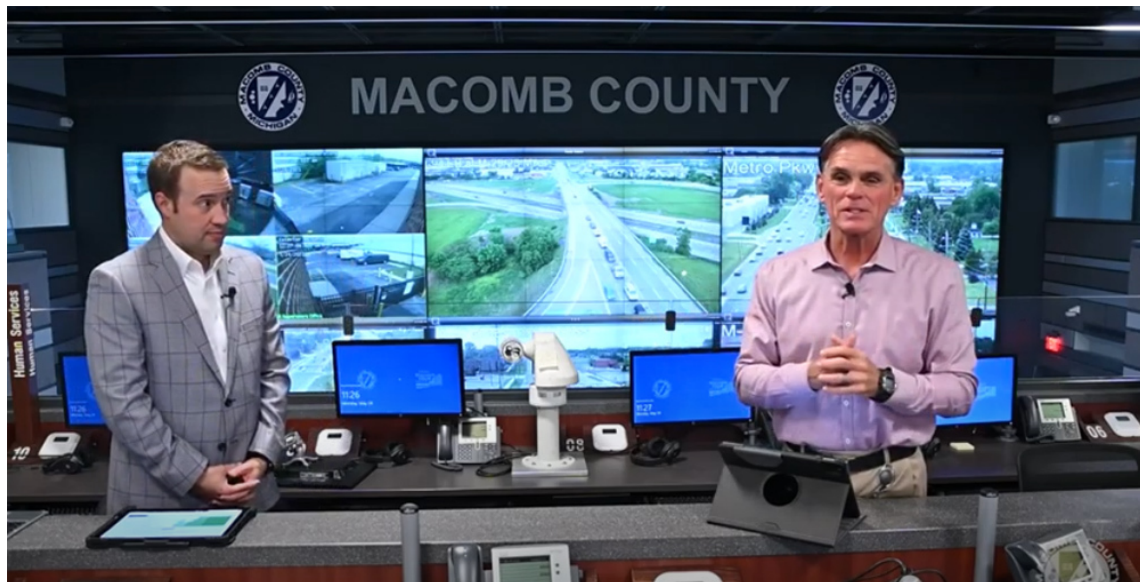
**MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN** Health Department

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If you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19, do you have immunity?  
**Here's what we know.**

Employers! Would you like to host a vaccine clinic for employees? Macomb County is working with local employers to make it easier than ever for employees who would like to be vaccinated. If you would like to learn more about hosting a clinic, please complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/AhECg9LjCCNuUeXL7>

Executive 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 - 5/24/21](#)

## In the News

Beaumont, McLaren, Michigan Medicine relax some COVID-19 hospital visitor restrictions. [Read more.](#)

Allergy season is worse this year. How to tell allergy symptoms from COVID-19. [Read more.](#)

Tracking Michigan COVID-19 hospitalization data trends. [Read more.](#)

Experts expect vaccinated individuals will need booster shot within a year. [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).

