

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



September 2, 2021

Good afternoon,

Labor Day weekend is here. It's time to soak up that last bit of summer by getting outdoors and getting on the water. I hope you can all take advantage of Macomb County's great natural assets - like Lake St. Clair, the Clinton River, our parks and our trail systems. I also hope you can visit some of our fun local events, like the [Romeo Peach Festival](#). There's a lot to enjoy and so much to explore, so have fun and stay safe out there. And, as we begin the transition to fall, be sure to check out makemacombyourhome.com for seasonal events, recommendations and resources. Our team has prepared guides and lists with something for everyone.

In addition to the change in season, we are also experiencing the back-to-school transition, with most of our children returning to classrooms for in-person learning. As I've said before, our team is working hand-in-hand with superintendents and school districts to ensure the health and well-being of students. Our public health experts at the Macomb County Health Department are laser-focused on this issue as well. Please know, we will take steps to protect our young people as necessary and we will continue to do what's best for our school system based on the information at hand.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Macomb County has responded to the needs of the community and we've always put people first. We will continue to do so and stand ready to assist in whatever way possible.

Thank you. Take care and stay safe,

Mark A. Hackel
Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

ARE YOU AGED 12+ WITH A COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEM?

HAVE YOU RECEIVED TWO DOSES OF THE PFIZER OR MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?


A 3rd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine has been approved by the FDA and CDC for these individuals. This includes people who have received solid organ transplants, people who have an active or untreated HIV infection or people who are in active treatment for cancer.



Health
Department

The Macomb County Health Department is scheduling appointments for third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised individuals. If you have questions about your eligibility, talk to your health care provider. You can also learn more at macombgov.org/VaccineCentral and make an appointment at macombgov.org/healthappointment.

Help someone you love make the decision to get vaccinated against COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines help protect against illness, especially severe illness and death. Don't wait until it's too late. Talk to them today. [Learn how](#).



Question?
of the Week

"The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine recently received full FDA approval for people 16 and older.

What does that mean?"

Health Department

Do you have a question? Call the COVID-19 helpline at 586-463-3750

The graphic features a close-up of a hand in a blue nitrile glove holding a small vial of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The vial is tilted, and a syringe is being used to draw the vaccine. The background is a blurred blue and white pattern. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

ANSWER: Simply put, this confirms what we've heard for months: The vaccine is safe and effective. When the pandemic hit, scientists leveraged decades of mRNA research and groundwork to create a COVID-19 vaccine. Months of clinical trials were conducted, and eventually an Emergency Use Authorization was granted by the FDA in December 2020. In May 2021, with six months of follow-up data, Pfizer submitted their application for full approval, which the FDA recently announced for individuals aged 16 and older. For those who were holding out for full approval, now is the time to get vaccinated. As we head into the fall season, with colder temperatures and more indoor activities, we need to take proactive steps to protect ourselves and others. The Macomb County Health Department is here to help with quick and easy appointments and vaccinations distributed by friendly health care professionals. Visit macombgov.org/healthappointment to schedule your shot today.

Being a teenager can be hard — and when a pandemic keeps disrupting your routines, it can be a lot harder. You may feel disappointed, depressed, and anxious. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services offers weekly support groups for 14-to-17-year-olds, a place where teens can anonymously vent their concerns, share their feelings, and find emotional support. Sign up for one or more sessions [here](#).

Through the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program, eligible renters in Macomb County may receive up to a year of past-due rental assistance, up to \$2,500 past-due or future utility assistance, and more. Visit macombgov.org/CERA to learn more and apply.

Behind on rent and utilities? Macomb County can help!



macombgov.org/CERA | (586) 469-7900



The Macomb Food Program will distribute food items to families in Macomb County facing food insecurity on September 16. Visit the Thompson Community Center in Warren between 10 a.m. and Noon to pick up non-perishable food items and frozen meats, as well as dairy and produce (if available). This is a drive-up distribution event. Residents are asked to remain in their vehicle while items are loaded into their trunks. This is a first-come first-serve food distribution while supplies last. Recipients will be asked to provide their signature

upon receipt of food items; there are no other eligibility requirements. To learn more about the Macomb Food Program or to volunteer, [click here](#).

A promotional graphic for the Macomb Business Awards. The left side features a purple and pink gradient background with the text 'MACOMB BUSINESS AWARDS' in large white letters, 'PRESENTED BY CONSUMERS ENERGY' in smaller white letters, and 'Thursday, September 16 Jimmy John's Field in Utica' in white. The right side features a dark background with a photo of a stadium and the text 'TICKETS ON SALE NOW!' in large white letters, 'Please join us for the 9th Annual Macomb Business Awards!' in smaller white letters, and '\$35 PER PERSON Reserve yours today!' in large blue and white letters.

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Tickets are on sale now for the 2021 Macomb Business Awards presented by Consumers Energy! Get yours today and join Macomb County Planning and Economic Development on September 16 as they celebrate local businesses for their innovations, generosity and their resilience. [Learn more](#).

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 with Executive Hackel - August 25](#)

In the News

As Michigan pandemic protests rage, experts forecast fall COVID-19 surge. [Read more.](#)

A look at Michigan's COVID vaccine coverage by age group on Aug. 31, 2021. [Read more.](#)

MDHHS director: There won't be a statewide mask mandate at this point. [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](https://www.macombgov.org/covid19).

