

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



September 16, 2021

Good morning,

Today I'm presenting the winners of the [Macomb Business Awards](#) at the county's ninth annual event. The ceremony, which will be held outdoors at Jimmy John's Field, gives us a chance to recognize local businesses for their innovations, their resilience and their generosity. This last year and a half has been extremely difficult for our business community. From large organizations, to small family-owned businesses, everyone had to deal with unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many met those challenges head on and triumphed, so today we gather to celebrate them and commend them for their efforts.

During the event, I will also be recognizing the work of our Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development. Since the start of the pandemic, this team has been on the ground working with thousands of businesses in every industry, counseling them and connecting them with resources. They also worked in partnership with an economic recovery taskforce to distribute more than \$53 million in federal and state grants to businesses and organizations in need. This incredible work will help ensure the economic well-being of the county now and in the future, but like I've said before, we're not quite out of the woods just yet. So please, if you are a business owner here in Macomb County, [reach out](#). Our PED team is always ready to provide assistance and to do whatever it takes to help businesses keep Macomb their home.

If you're interested in learning more about the Macomb Business Awards, stay tuned to my [Twitter](#) account today and #MacombBizAwards, as we will be sharing the announcements of the award winners live on social media. And as always, for the latest COVID related information or additional county services, local events and community resources, please visit macombgov.org.

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.

From the CDC: The Delta variant is more dangerous than other variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Slow the spread of Delta by getting vaccinated as soon as you can. Wear a mask indoors in public if you're in an area of substantial or high transmission, even if you're fully vaccinated. [Learn more](#).



Question?
of the Week

"I haven't even gotten my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine yet. Now I'm hearing a third dose may be recommended."

Is this vaccine really working?"

MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN Health Department

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

ANSWER: If you have had a "wait and see" approach to the vaccine, the results are in -- the COVID-19 vaccines work and they are safe. The COVID-19 vaccines are definitely working and provide your best protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death. In fact, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, from January to July 2021, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for 98% of COVID cases, 95% of hospitalizations and 96% of deaths. While the CDC and the experts who developed the vaccines continue to see stable and highly effective protection against hospitalizations and severe outcomes for people who are fully vaccinated, they are now seeing signs of a decline in vaccine effectiveness over time against mild and moderate COVID-19 infection, a good early indicator of the need for a booster dose. Booster doses are common for many vaccines - for example, people are recommended to get a flu shot every year, and boosters such as Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) are part of the routine immunization schedule for adults and children. So if the FDA and CDC recommend a third dose, it is to help ensure your ongoing protection against COVID-19, and you should get your booster. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the vaccine, contact your health care provider. To make an appointment, visit macombgov.org/VaccineCentral.

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



Many of us are grieving during COVID-19 for the loss of a loved one, job or way of life. In this series of weekly webinars, clinical mental health counselor Zeinab Moussa discusses the emotions of grieving and tips to cope. Each workshop will focus on one aspect of the grieving process and use drawing, writing, mental exercises and relaxation techniques to work through grief. [Register now.](#)

Take your best shot - Lake St. Clair, sunrises or sunsets, unique buildings, holiday tree lightings - for the "As Seen in Macomb" Calendar Photo Contest. The 2022 Photo Contest is brought to you by First State Bank and its partners: Anton Art Center, Macomb Community College and Make Macomb Your Home. Submit your photos through September 20. For contest guidelines and how to enter, [click here.](#)

2022
**As Seen In
Macomb**
PHOTO CONTEST
September 3-20

Submit your best photo and win!
Visit **FSBCares.com** for details.

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In the News

COVID-19 cases in Michigan schools doubled in a week: Where there are outbreaks. [Read more.](#)

New information on potential COVID-19 booster shots to come soon. [Read more.](#)

How Is The COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign Going In Your State? [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.

