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# COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID-19 has impacted every aspect of our community - including municipal budgets. In Macomb County, we feel confident in our finances for 2020, but in 2021 and 2022, we will likely face some challenges. This is why I am again reminding our residents to fill out their census forms. As I've said before: "Census 2020 helps bring back the money." So if we all fill out this questionnaire, we can receive our fair share of federal funds.

Census data influences how more than \$675 billion is distributed to states and localities each year. This can benefit roads, education, transportation, small businesses, food assistance and medical services. Right now, Macomb County ranks 19th in the nation for response rates. That means 70.4 percent of our residents have completed their census form. But the county's goal is to get as close to 100 percent as possible, so if you or someone you know has not yet completed the census form, now is the time to do so. There are several options for filling out the questionnaire. You can learn more [here](#).

Thank you, and remember, let's stay home and stay safe to save lives.

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**If you are concerned about COVID-19 or have mild symptoms, please do not call 911 and do not visit the Macomb County Health Department to be tested for COVID-19. Please contact your health care provider. For more information, visit [macombgov.org/covid19](https://macombgov.org/covid19) or call the COVID-19 Helpline at 586-463-3750. The Helpline is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you need further assistance, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Hotline which is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 888-535-6136. You can also send an email to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov) for assistance. If you need other forms of assistance (food, senior services, etc.), please contact the Macomb Community Action Helpline at 586-469-6999.**

For all the latest news and information, go to [macombgov.org](https://macombgov.org).

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## Important Things to Know

- As part of its work to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Macomb County Health Department and staff from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are reaching out to Macomb County residents and other Michiganders who have tested positive for COVID-19, as well as to the contacts of those individuals. The purpose of these calls is to check on health status, provide information about COVID-19 and actions people should be taking, help locate needed services and track the spread of the infection in the community. The Health Department is therefore asking the public to answer their phone calls. To learn more, click [here](#).

# What to do if you receive a phone call from an unknown number

## **DO** Answer the Phone Call!

Public Health Staff are trying to track COVID-19 cases to find out:

- Your current health status
- If you have or have had symptoms
- Possible exposure to and from other people
- Places you may have come in contact with the virus



## **DO NOT** Answer Questions

Health officials will never contact clients with robocalls. Anyone who receives a scam call should hang up immediately and avoid giving out any private information such as:

- Personal financial information
- Social security information
- Health insurance information



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- In an average month, the Macomb Food Program serves 15,000 individuals and 7,000 families. But this April, it responded to the coronavirus crisis by giving pantries more than 4,500 boxes of shelf stable items so supply can meet demand. Food insecurity will likely remain a significant issue in our community for the weeks and months ahead. This is why the Food Program is turning to the public to ask for its support in the global Giving Tuesday Now campaign. These are uncertain times, but if you are able, please consider donating to the Macomb Food Program through this effort. Today through May 5, click [here](#) and give any amount you can.

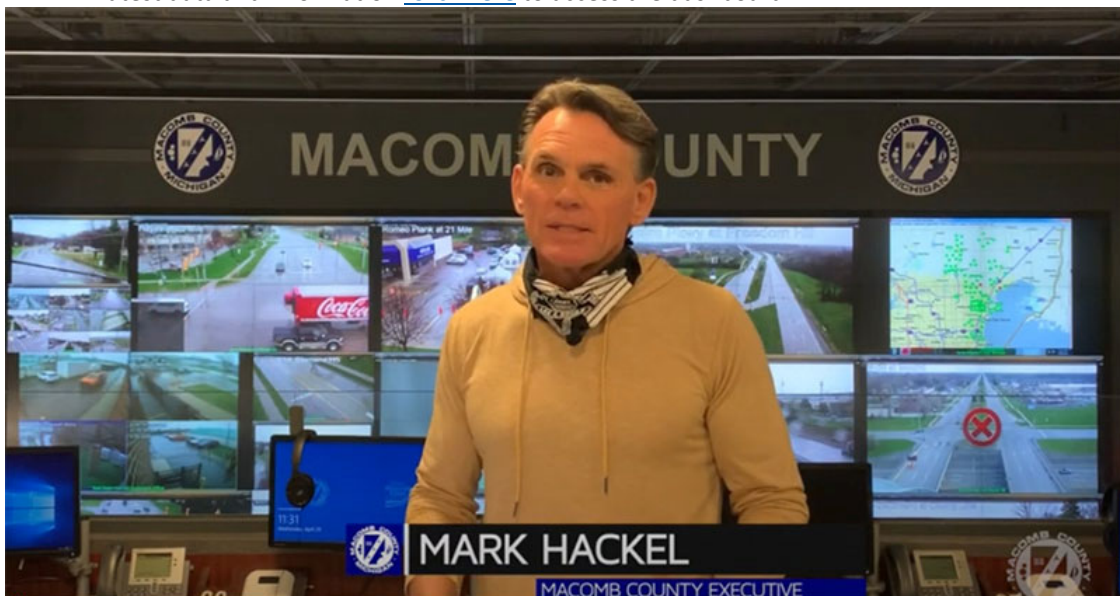
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# Together we give

May 5, 2020

- The Macomb County Office of Senior Services (OSS) and its Meals on Wheels program is also seeking donations. On April 22, the OSS delivered [more than 100 care packages](#) with basic essentials (toiletries, soap, etc.) to vulnerable seniors. To continue this work, they are asking the public for donations. If you are able, please consider contributing any amount [here](#).
- The Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and Department of Health continue leading local efforts to respond to the ever-evolving nature of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Macomb County continues to update the online COVID-19 dashboard with the latest data and information. [Click here](#) to access the dashboard.



Executive Hackel has been regularly sharing video updates with Macomb County residents on YouTube and social media. Click on the links below for the latest updates:

- [COVID-19 Update with County Executive Mark Hackel - April 29](#)
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## In the News

- Metro Detroiters enjoy beautiful weather to kick off the week. [Watch here.](#)
  - Michigan construction work to resume May 7, Gov. Whitmer spokeswoman says. [Read more.](#)
  - Macomb County receives a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for the fight against COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
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## Helpful Links

- In the past week, additional COVID-19 testing locations have opened in Macomb County. You can find an updated link on the county website, [macombgov.org](http://macombgov.org). Michigan also lists all testing sites across the state. Click [here](#) to access that information.
  - Experiencing food insecurity? Visit <https://gis.macombgov.org/go/food> to access maps of food pantries and school food programs.
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## Stay Informed

For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit [macombgov.org/covid19](http://macombgov.org/covid19).

