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# COVID-19 UPDATE

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Earlier this week, Governor Whitmer announced plans to lift some of the restrictions around her stay-at-home order. For instance, social gatherings of up to 10 individuals are now allowed. With the long weekend ahead of us, I am certain people will be getting together to catch up and enjoy the nice weather. Knowing this, I am asking all residents to take several precautions - including: keeping your gathering small, meeting outside, staying at least six feet apart, not sharing food or objects, washing or sanitizing hands and wearing a mask, if possible. By following these simple measures, we can ensure the safety of our friends and family, and stay on track for a larger reopening in our community.

On another note, I would like to ask that we all take some time on Monday to observe Memorial Day, an occasion which honors 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. It is important that we remember their sacrifice. With ongoing restrictions related to COVID-19, Memorial Day 2020 will be different. But there are still ways you can mark the holiday. Learn more in today's [Make Macomb Your Home](#) blog.

Thank you, and as always, take care.

Mark A. Hackel

Macomb County Executive

**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](http://macombgov.org).**

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## Important Things to Know

- After the last nine weeks of the state of Michigan's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Orders, many individuals are looking forward to spending more time outdoors, at parks and in their yards. The Macomb County Health Department would like to inform residents that ticks are currently active in the county and across the state. Department leaders are actively monitoring the population of ticks to identify any changes or migration. For more information on Lyme disease and to learn how you can protect yourself from ticks, visit [michigan.gov/lyme](http://michigan.gov/lyme). You can also contact the Environmental Health staff at the Macomb County Health Department at 586-469-5236 or send an email to [environmental.health@macombgov.org](mailto:environmental.health@macombgov.org).
- This Memorial Day will be different than those in the past. The COVID-19 crisis has put a stop to public gatherings and shut down many parts of society. It's clear - we will have to make adjustments, but there are still ways we can recognize the occasion. "The means of paying tribute vary from person to person," says Gary Purcell, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154. "But a moment of silence is available to everyone." Learn how you can observe the day in today's MMYH blog. [Read more](#).
- 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 Mark 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 Executive Mark Hackel - May 22](#)
  - [Macomb County Health Department Update - May](#)
  - [Macomb County Animal Control Update - May](#)
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## In the News

- Macomb Food Program receives donations from the Macomb County Bar Foundation and Attorney Title Agency. [Read more.](#)
  - County's Macomb is Open contest supports local eateries. [Read more.](#)
  - Eastern Market's popular Flower Day starts Sunday — but there's a catch. [Read more.](#)
  - Pools, splash pads closed Memorial Day weekend, but beaches open. [Read more.](#)
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## Helpful Links

- Macomb County has joined forces with the Macomb County Chamber, the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber, the Anchor Bay Chamber, the Eastpointe-Roseville Chamber, the Greater Romeo Washington Chamber and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to launch the Macomb is Open contest. The initiative is made possible through the support of the Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, which is matching county and chamber funds to make up to \$21,000 available for local eateries and patrons. The contest runs through May 31 and asks participants to submit photos of local restaurants and eateries offering carry-out and delivery service. Twenty patrons will receive \$50 gift cards and 20 establishments will receive the \$1,000 grants. More details can be [found here](#).
  - In the past few weeks, additional COVID-19 testing locations have opened in Macomb County. You can find an updated link on the county website, [macombgov.org](https://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

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