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COVID-19 UPDATE

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The COVID-19 pandemic has created a lot of uncertainty. Whether this be job or health-related - many individuals are facing personal crises and they may need help dealing with their mental health. So as we near the end of Mental Health Awareness Month, I want to remind everyone that there is support available in our community. For instance, Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) is on the ground providing assistance to our residents. Our Make Macomb Your Home blog recently featured the organization and its efforts in an [article here](#). I encourage you to take a look as it includes information that may be useful for those dealing with depression, anxiety or other mental health issues. Or, if you are in need of more immediate assistance, you can contact MCCMH directly. Their Crisis Center is open and will work to make appropriate linkages to community resources. Please call 586 948-0222, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m or 586-307-9100 for the 24/7 crisis line.

These are certainly trying times, but please remember, you are not alone, there are people that care and help is available.

Thank you, and as always, take care.

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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 or call the COVID-19 Helpline at 586-463-3750. The Helpline is open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you need further assistance, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Hotline which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 888-535-6136. You can also send an email to 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.

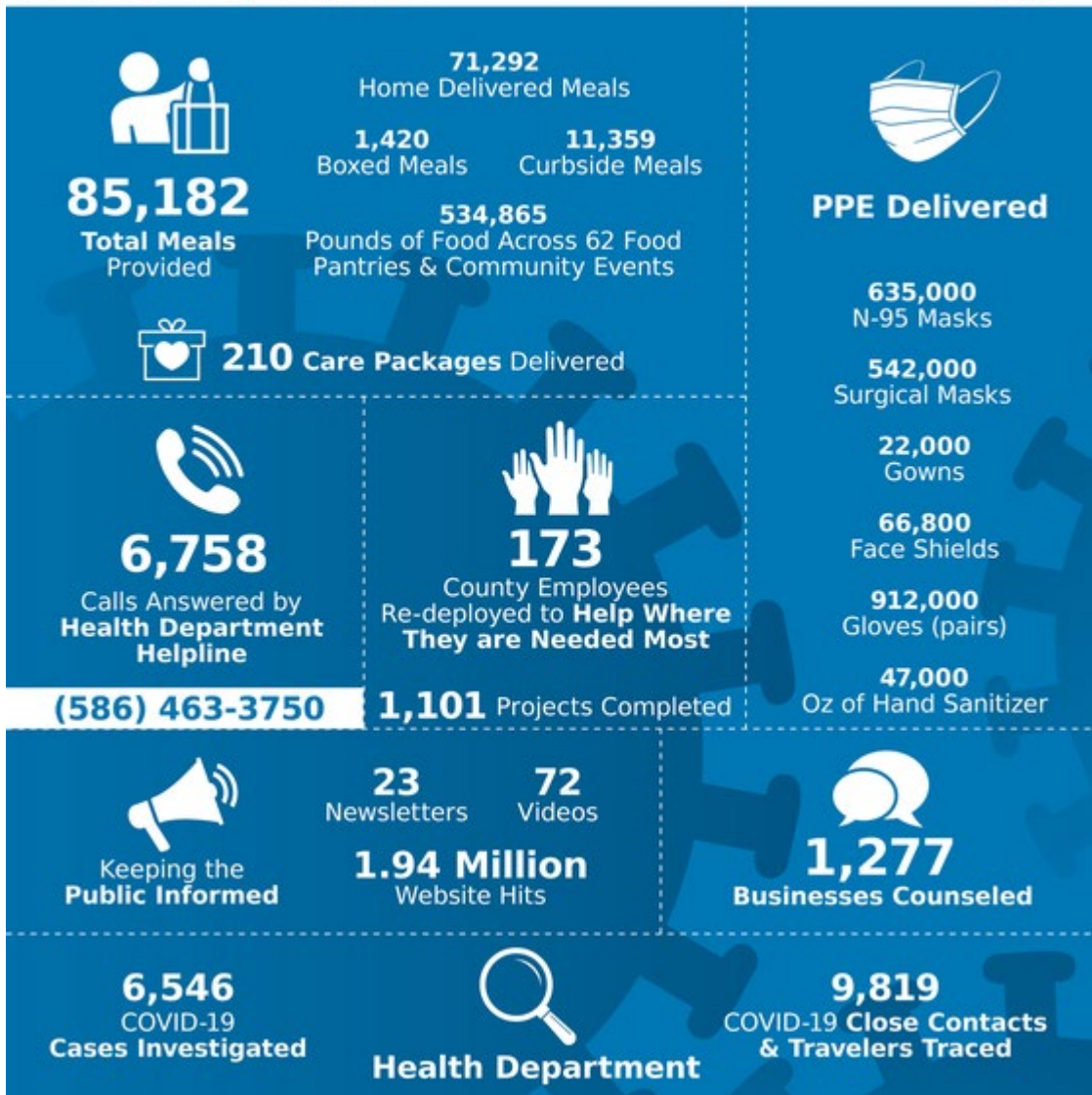
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Important Things to Know

- Macomb County leaders and personnel have been on the ground responding to the COVID-19 crisis since mid-March. Here's what has been accomplished so far:

MACOMB COUNTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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- The Macomb County Public Works Office (MCPWO) has launched a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of sampling and studying sewage in an effort to trace hotspots for Covid-19. The sampling process was scheduled to begin in June 2020. MCPWO is working with Oakland and Michigan State universities on the project and will be providing the data to the Macomb County Health Department for review. The project's ultimate goal is to provide an online public dashboard, to allow local residents to see the data for themselves. [Click here](#) to learn 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.

In the News

- Increased food stamp benefits extended for 350,000 Michigan families. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County rolls out pilot program to test sewage for coronavirus. [Read more.](#)
 - Whitmer: No doctor's note required for COVID-19 testing. [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. 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.

