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# COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID-19 created an unprecedented public health crisis here in southeast Michigan. In just a few short months, our community experienced high rates of infection and unfortunately, a significant loss of life. At the same time, we also saw a major economic shutdown, which led to mass layoffs and unemployment. Needless to say, it's been a challenging period for everyone.

But recently, we started to see a shift. By working together, we flattened the curve of the coronavirus and little by little, case counts have fallen. We've now reached a point where it is safe to re-engage and reopen parts of our economy. So today, Macomb County is announcing a new "Back-to-Business" kit initiative - where we will distribute reusable face coverings, face shields, gloves, no-touch thermometers and other materials to organizations of all sizes. Our goal is to help our local businesses as we get back to work, while ensuring the health and safety of the public. We will therefore distribute up to \$5 million worth of supplies.

More information is available below under "Important Things to Know." You can also find details at [macombgov.org](https://macombgov.org).

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 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](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

- Macomb County today announced that it will provide Back-to-Business kits for businesses of all sizes as they prepare to reopen or resume full operations. The kits will include reusable face coverings, face shields, gloves, a no-touch thermometer and other materials to help protect employees and customers from the highly contagious coronavirus. To request PPE, [click here](#). Those requesting a kit will receive a confirmation email with details about their assigned time frame for a no-touch pick-up at the county warehouse located near Hall Road in Clinton Township.
- The Macomb County Sheriff's Office is increasing its crime-fighting arsenal with a new app to help residents connect with the Sheriff's Office to find information, view alerts and submit tips from their smartphone. Developed by tip411, the "MacombCo Sheriff app" puts a powerful new crime-fighting tool into the hands of community members of all ages. The app is 100 percent anonymous and available for download for free via the Google Play Store or iTunes App Store.
- 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:

- [PPE Kits for Businesses with Executive Mark Hackel and Emergency Management Director Brandon Lewis - June](#)
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## In the News

- Area nursing homes receive protection equipment to continue fight against COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
  - Here's everything that's reopening in Michigan now that stay-at-home order has been lifted. [Read more.](#)
  - Michigan Secretary of State offices are now open by appointment only. [Read more.](#)
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## Helpful Links

- Macomb County has launched a [new web page with resources](#) for businesses that are preparing to reopen. The page offers a one-stop resource with general guidelines for preparing to reopen business, industry specific guidelines, a directory of locally sourced supplies like personal protection equipment and signage, as well as access to county created building signage that business owners can print and display within their own organizations.
  - 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

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

