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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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As southeast Michigan continues to reopen and life begins to return to some kind of normal, I want to remind everyone that COVID-19 still exists. We have certainly flattened the curve and case counts have dropped, but there is still a chance for infection. So please, as you venture out to restaurants and retailers, remember to take practical steps for protecting yourself and others. Wear face coverings, wash your hands and social distance as best you can.

Additionally, consider getting tested. Macomb County is now offering residents free testing services for anyone that wishes to sign up. I encourage you to call our Health Department and make an appointment. The test only takes a few minutes, and the results come in fairly quickly. You may wonder why you should get tested now, when infection rates are low. It's simple - if you know you are positive for COVID-19 you can be treated and take the necessary precautions for reducing further transmission of the virus. This will help us as we continue to re-engage our economy and get people back to work. So let's remember that we're still in this together and that our actions can save lives.

Thank you, and as always, take care and be kind to one another.

Mark A. Hackel  
Macomb County Executive

Macomb County is offering COVID-19 testing for all residents. The drive-thru, minimal contact site in Mount Clemens is open on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The test is free, no prescription is needed and you need not have symptoms to be tested. To make an appointment for yourself or a group of employees, call the Macomb County Health Department 586-463-3750.

Grants, free Back-to-Business kits with basic PPE and other resources for reopening your business are available through Macomb County Planning & Economic Development. Visit [MacombBusiness.com](https://www.macombbusiness.com).

Macomb Community Action is able to offer direct assistance to individuals and families experiencing financial crisis due to the pandemic. To learn more, contact Macomb Community Action Helpline at 586-469-6999.

As always, be sure to check Macomb County's #1 source for information regularly, [macombgov.org](https://www.macombgov.org).

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## Important Things to Know

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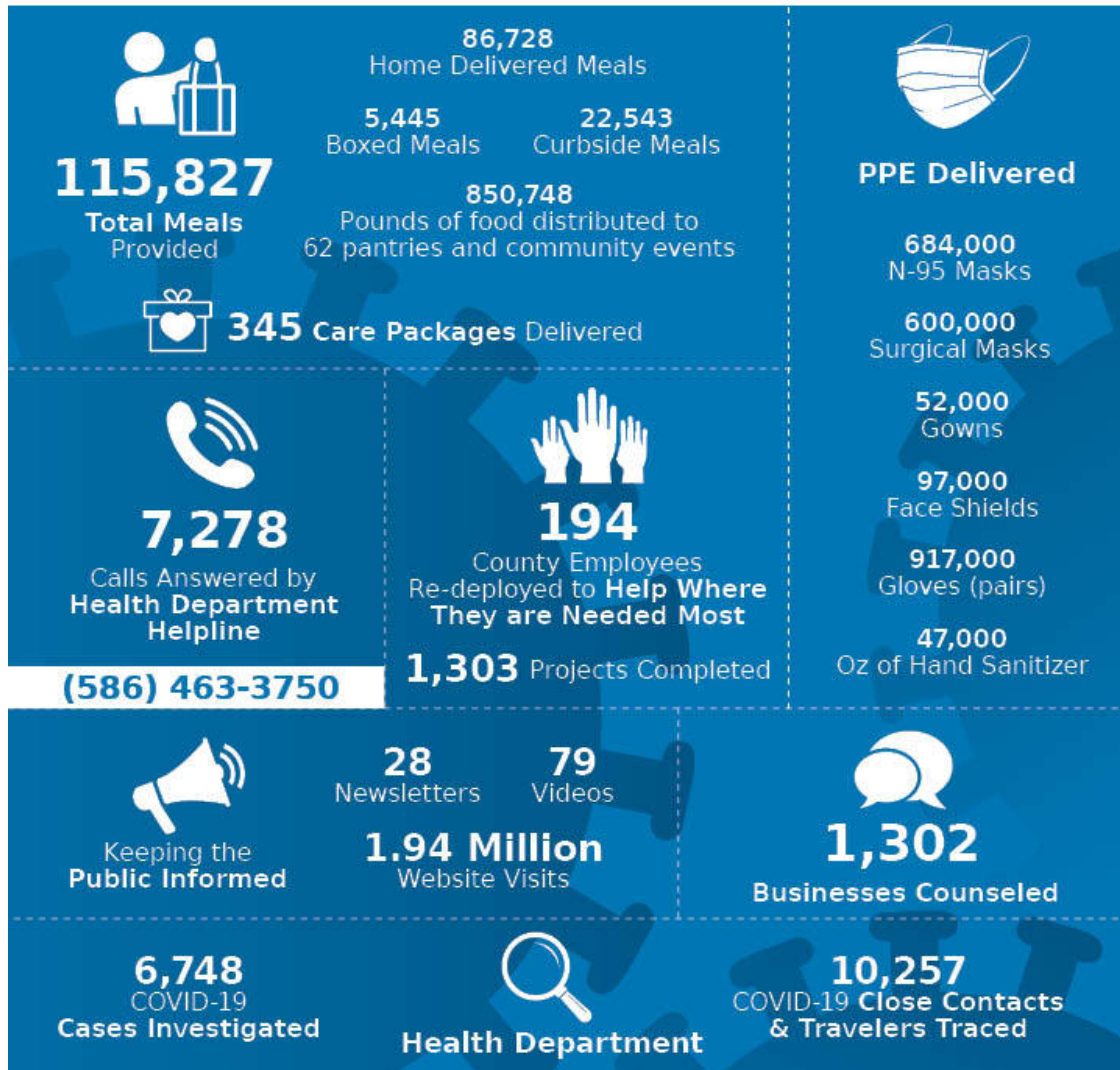
## Macomb County Small Business Sustainability Program

Macomb County's Small Business Sustainability Grant application is still open. Now through June 24 at 11:59 p.m., small businesses can apply if they meet the criteria [available here](#). Each grant will be worth \$5,000 and funds will be distributed starting July 2.

- Pools are back open and boating season has begun. When participating in either, please remember to protect yourself from COVID-19 by social distancing and washing your hands. This is in addition to the normal safety protocols associated with each activity. To learn more about keeping children safe near the water, read our Make Macomb Your Home feature [here](#). And to read up on boater safety and the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division, [click here](#).
- 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:

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- The Macomb County Health Department recently received a donation of 3,800 7.5 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer from the CDC Foundation. The CDC Foundation is an independent entity that works to mobilize philanthropic and private sector resources to support the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's critical health protection work. The hand sanitizer will be used to protect employees and clients of the Health Department from the spread of COVID-19. Pictured with the donated hand sanitizer are Health Department staff including April DeWeese, emergency preparedness coordinator (left), and William Ridella, director/health officer (right).



- 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:

- [Macomb County Cares for Small Businesses - June](#)
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## In the News

- Macomb County to Distribute \$20M in Small Business Grants. [Read more.](#)
  - Coronavirus in Michigan: Here's what to know June 17, 2020. [Read more.](#)
  - Whitmer prepares school reopening plan. [Read more.](#)
  - U.S. and Canada extend border restrictions to July 21. [Read more.](#)
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## Helpful Links

- 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](http://macombgov.org). Michigan also lists all testing sites across the state. Click [here](#) to access that information.
  - Experiencing food insecurity? Updated regularly, please check out our map of food pantries, school meal programs and more on our [Food Resources Map](#) 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).

