

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Macomb County Small Business Sustainability Grants

Applications due at 11:59 p.m. on June 24



Thousands of small businesses across Macomb County were hit hard by COVID-19. It is now our job to help in their recovery and inject much needed resources into our economy. This is why I recently [announced](#) that our Department of Planning and Economic Development would be distributing \$20 million in small business grants. We opened an application two weeks ago and now we are almost at our deadline. If you are a small business in the county, I urge you to apply. Now through 11:59 p.m. tonight, you can submit your information for a chance to receive a \$5,000 grant that can help you pay employees, cover rent and utilities and purchase supplies and materials that are essential for operating. I understand that this type of funding may not cover all of the losses our businesses have incurred, but it can have a definite impact.

[Click here](#) to access the application and visit MacombBusiness.com to find additional resources that can help your business get back on track.

And just a final note. 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.

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.mcombbusiness.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, [mcombgov.org](https://www.mcombgov.org).

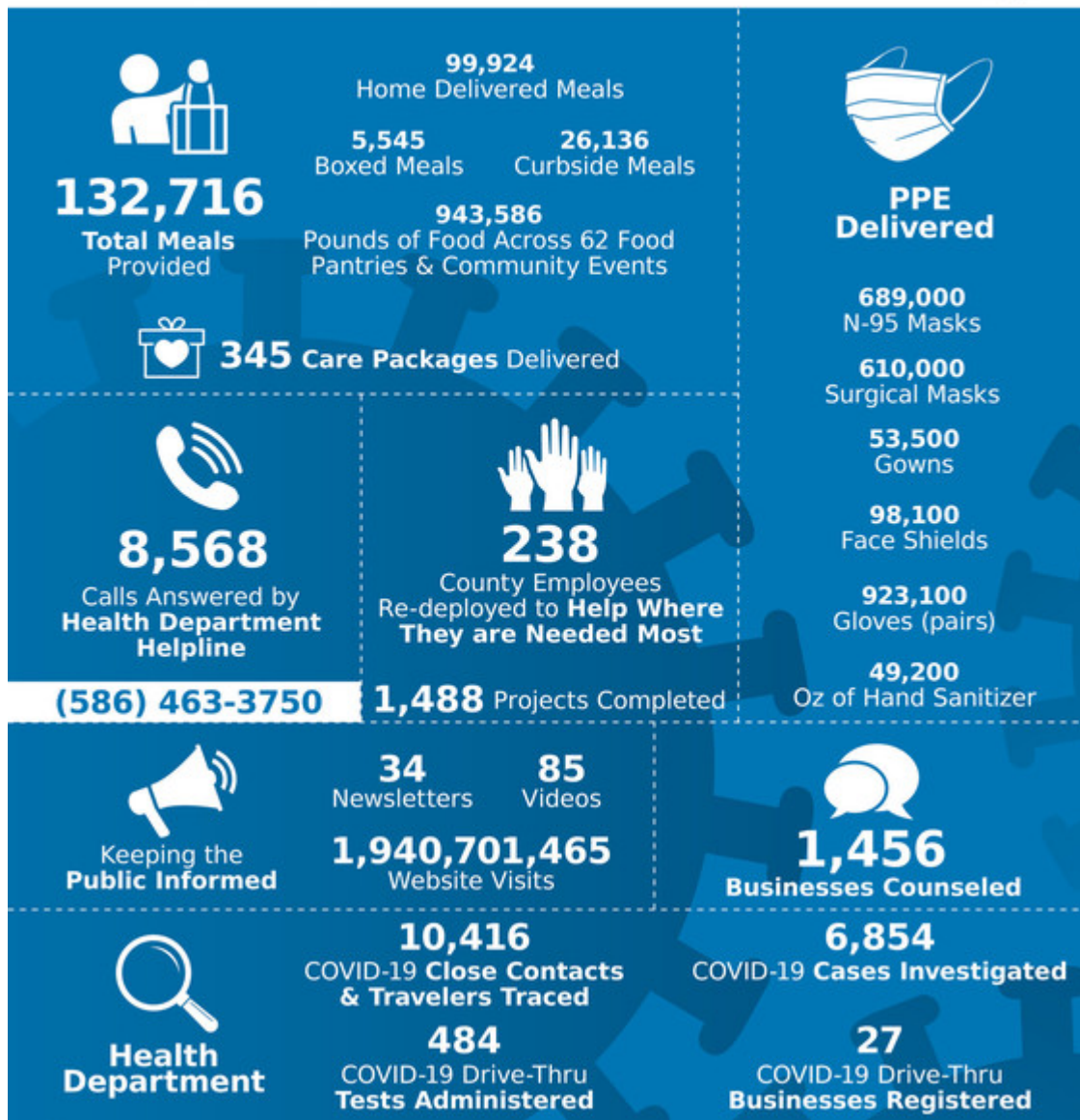
Important Things to Know

- Macomb County's Small Business Sustainability Grant application is still open. Now through tonight 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.

- The Macomb Food Program is seeking donations as part of a virtual [Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive](#), an annual event hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC). In previous years, the food drive was held in May and saw postal workers pick up bags of non-perishable, non-expired food items left on porches or near mailboxes. This year, the NALC postponed the in-person event due to the COVID-19 pandemic - an unfortunate update considering the Macomb Food Program received 250,526 pounds of food in 2019, and in 2020, demand for food assistance is increasing. To participate in the virtual food drive, visit the Macomb Food Program's [giving page](#), insert a dollar amount and select "NALC Virtual Food Drive" from the drop down menu. Donations will help the program purchase food that is then distributed to 60 pantries and hunger relief organizations across Macomb County.
- There's nothing more important than protecting your loved ones from danger. And when it comes to children, there are plenty of guidelines to follow to keep them safe. Especially in and around cars. Learn about three ways you can keep your kids or guardians safe when it comes to your personal vehicle - including information on child restraint systems, vehicular heatstroke and backover incidents - in this [Make Macomb Your Home feature article](#).
- 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 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 Hackel - June 22](#)
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In the News

- Mark Hackel to end Macomb emergency declaration. [Read more.](#)
 - Map: Tracking Michigan's coronavirus cases. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County heads into final three 'bonus' months of census. [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. 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.

