

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



August 12, 2020

Good afternoon,

In Macomb County we remain committed to responding to the COVID-19 challenges of the day. Our Health Department is fighting the spread of COVID-19 through testing and contact tracing. Our Department of Planning and Economic Development is distributing millions of dollars in grants to local businesses affected by the shutdown. And Macomb Community Action is helping individuals facing financial crises with monetary and food assistance. Our goal is to continue providing these services for as long as it is necessary - because it is our job to protect and support our community so that it remains healthy, safe and open.

You play an important part in this as well. By wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, washing your hands and staying home when you feel sick, you can help us in our fight against the coronavirus. Together we can ensure our community is prepared for whatever comes next.

COVID-19



Health
Department

DRIVE THROUGH TESTING

- No appointment necessary
- You do not have to have symptoms of COVID-19
- There is no cost
- No prescription needed
- Please bring personal identification



LOCATION

380 North Rose

Mount Clemens, MI 48043

(between Groesbeck & Dunham)

Watch for signs

**Testing is offered on
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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Macomb County is offering COVID-19 testing for all individuals, businesses, and organizations. No appointment is necessary. The drive-thru site is located at 380 Rose St., Mount Clemens,

MI 48043 is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The test is free, no prescription is needed and you do not need to have symptoms to be tested.

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.

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

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

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- Congratulations to the Macomb County Health Department WIC Program on being recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with a Loving Support Gold Award of Excellence for its breastfeeding program! The Loving Support Award highlights local WIC agencies that have provided exemplary breastfeeding promotion and support activities in their communities. The Macomb County Health Department is one of only 99 Gold Awardees nationally, and one of two in the state of Michigan, to receive this distinction. If you're interested in applying for WIC benefits or would like more information, contact the Macomb County WIC office at 586-469-5471 or at wic@macombgov.org.

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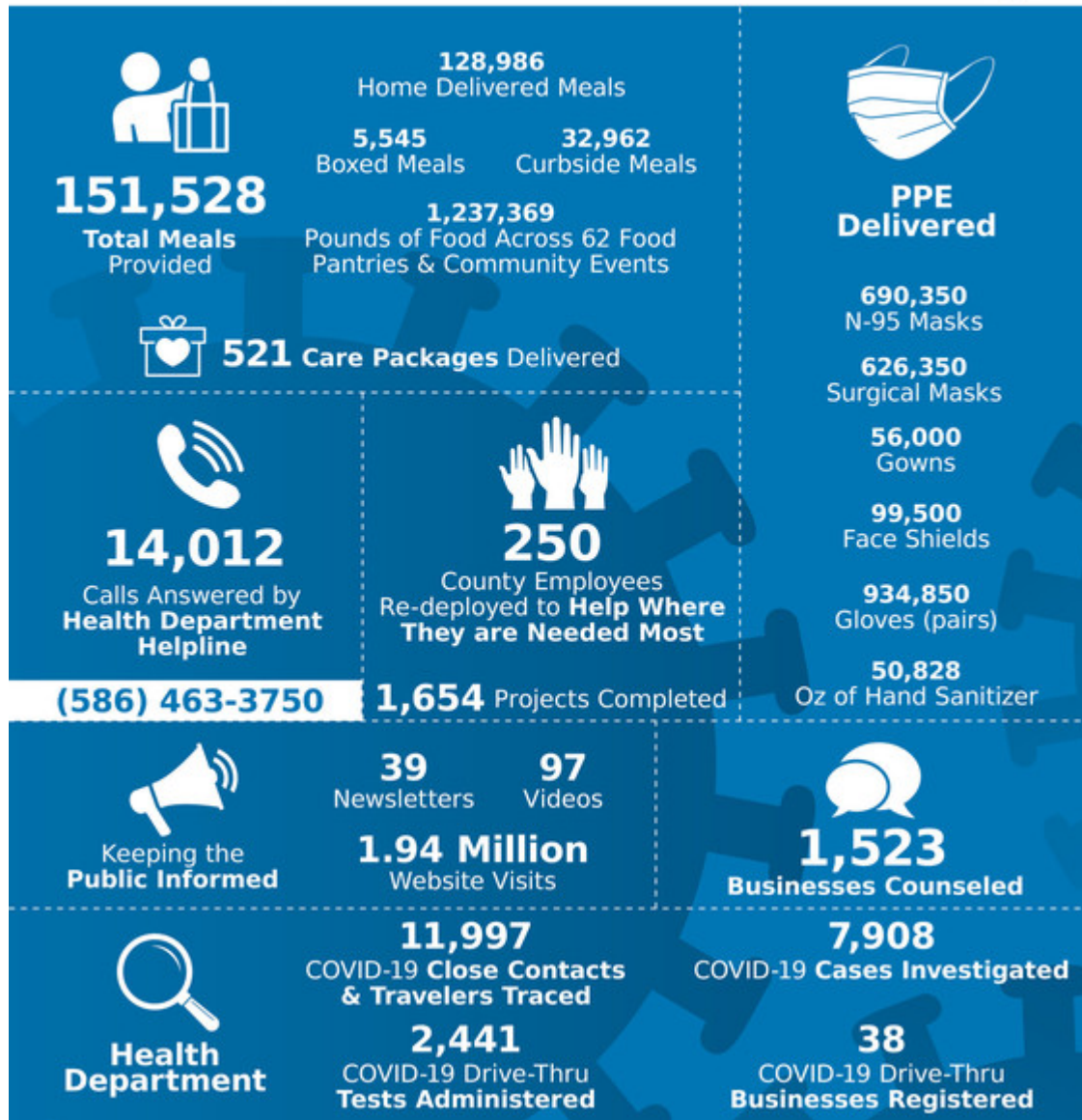
The Loving Support Award of Excellence program was established to recognize local WIC agencies that have provided exemplary breastfeeding promotion and support activities. The Macomb County Health Department WIC Program is one of two agencies in the state of Michigan to receive this recognition in 2020.

- While scientists and medical experts are still learning about COVID-19, one thing is certain: Case investigation and contact tracing can be one of our most effective tools in the fight against this novel coronavirus. However, there is a barrier to contact tracing efforts, and that is fear. People are afraid of getting a phone call from a contact tracer and answering questions about their health and their contacts. They do not know who is on the other line and how their information is used. Of course, it's human nature to fear the unknown. So it's easy to understand why this reaction is common. A recent MMYH blog aims to address those concerns with information on the contact tracing process and insights from the Macomb County Health Department. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! is now providing free recorded online employability workshops available at macomb-stclairworks.org/online-workshops. A variety of topics are covered that are relevant to the upcoming post-pandemic job search such as updating resumes, remote interviewing, social media usage, and online networking. In addition to the new workshops, individuals can receive one-on-one help remotely in regards to both workshop topics and many other services provided by calling any of the centers [listed here](#).
- Behind on your mortgage? Struggling to pay property taxes? Michigan State University Extension - Macomb County is now offering foreclosure prevention counseling and can assist you with these issues. Learn more at MIMoneyHealth.org or macombgov.org/msuextension. You can also contact MSU Extension at 586-469-6430.

- 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

Since March 11, 2020



- 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 - August 10](#)
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In the News

- State of Michigan updates COVID-19 hospitalization data. [Read more.](#)
 - Scammers tell people they're fired or may have COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
 - Michigan adds 7 deaths, 796 new cases due to COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
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Helpful Links

- Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) is on the ground providing assistance to residents. The Make Macomb Your Home blog recently featured the organization and its efforts in an [article here](#), including information that may be useful for those dealing with depression, anxiety or other mental health issues. If you are in need of 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.-5:00 p.m or 586-307-9100 for the 24/7 crisis line.
- 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 gis.macombgov.org/go/food to access maps of food pantries and school food programs.

Stay Informed

For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit macombgov.org/covid19.

