

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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Good afternoon,

Summer is almost over, but there is still plenty of time to get outside and enjoy the many parks and natural resources that make Macomb a great place to call home. From kayaking on the Clinton River to biking at Lake St. Clair Metropark, there are endless opportunities for getting active outdoors. These kinds of activities are great for your physical and mental health, and they take place in spaces where we can distance ourselves from others - so they're safe as well. I encourage you to visit [MakeMacombYourHome.com](https://www.makemacombyourhome.com) for more information. You'll surely find something that meets your needs.

In the meantime, I ask that you please remain vigilant and help us fight COVID-19. Here are some ways that you can socialize responsibly:



SOCIALIZE RESPONSIBLY.

Actions that keep you and coworkers healthy:



Avoid large gatherings (>10 people), such as weddings, graduation parties, or other get-togethers.



Stay 6 feet apart from those outside your household. Wear a mask if not possible.



Socialize outside whenever possible.



Wash hands before and after socializing.



Take care of one another.



When going into public places, wear a mask



Avoid touching your face



Wash or sanitize hands frequently

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 Street, 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.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.

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

Thank you, and as always, take care.

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

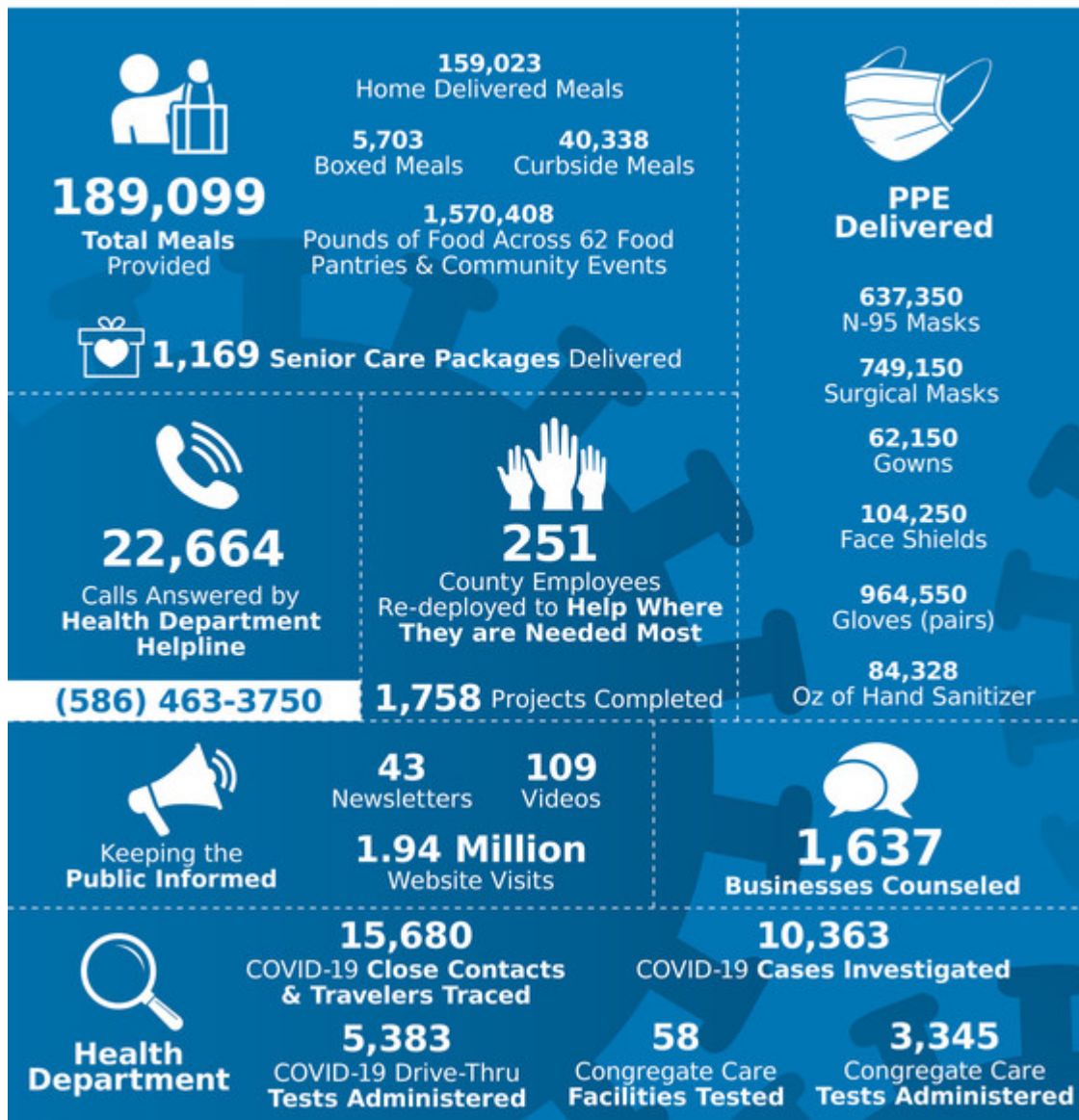
- Free face masks are available for Macomb County residents through the Mask Up Michigan campaign. To make a request, please reach out to Macomb Community Action at 586-469-6999 or via MCA@macombgov.org. Learn more in [this video](#) with County Executive Hackel.
- Save the date: The Macomb Food Program will host a food distribution event this Thursday, August 20 at the Thompson Family Resource Center, 11370 Hupp Avenue, Warren from 10 a.m. - noon (while supplies last). Stay in your vehicle for contactless distribution. Guests without vehicles are welcome to walk up. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
- Macomb County Planning & Economic Development has launched a dashboard to provide current and relevant information about the county's \$20 million Small Business Sustainability Grant Program, which was made possible with federal CARES Act funding and aims to help businesses impacted by the pandemic. The dashboard is interactive and visitors can drill down by industry, community, employee count and minority status. There is also an option to see the number of grants awarded by zip code and location. Visit MacombBusiness.com to learn more.



- This month, women across the country and around the world will celebrate several important occasions and week-long themes marking the impact and importance of breastfeeding. For instance, World Breastfeeding Week was held between August 3 and August 7. In addition, on August 12, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared that it was Breastfeeding Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. And finally, on August 25, Black Breastfeeding Week will begin. Learn how and why the Macomb County Health Department and its WIC program breastfeeding team will join in the week-long celebration in this [MMYH blog](#).
- Macomb County manufacturers are invited to attend a virtual info session August 26 at 11 a.m. to learn about Automation Alley's Personal Protective Equipment Resilience Grant Program to see if your company qualifies for a financial investment to purchase Industry 4.0 and state-of-the art digital technologies. Funded by Oakland and Macomb Counties, the grant program was created to address the urgent need to move companies into digital manufacturing as fast as possible to help position our region as an agile, digital-ready essential source of manufactured goods like PPE in times of national crisis while improving our response to future disruptions. Learn more and register [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:

MACOMB COUNTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

March 11 - August 14, 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:

- [Macomb Orchard Trail Update with Executive Hackel - August 2020](#)
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In the News

- View list: Michigan school district return plans for 2020-21. [Read more.](#)
 - Report: Nursing home cases up nearly 80% in COVID-19 rebound. [Read more.](#)
 - Michigan applies for extra \$300 per week in unemployment benefits. [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.

