

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



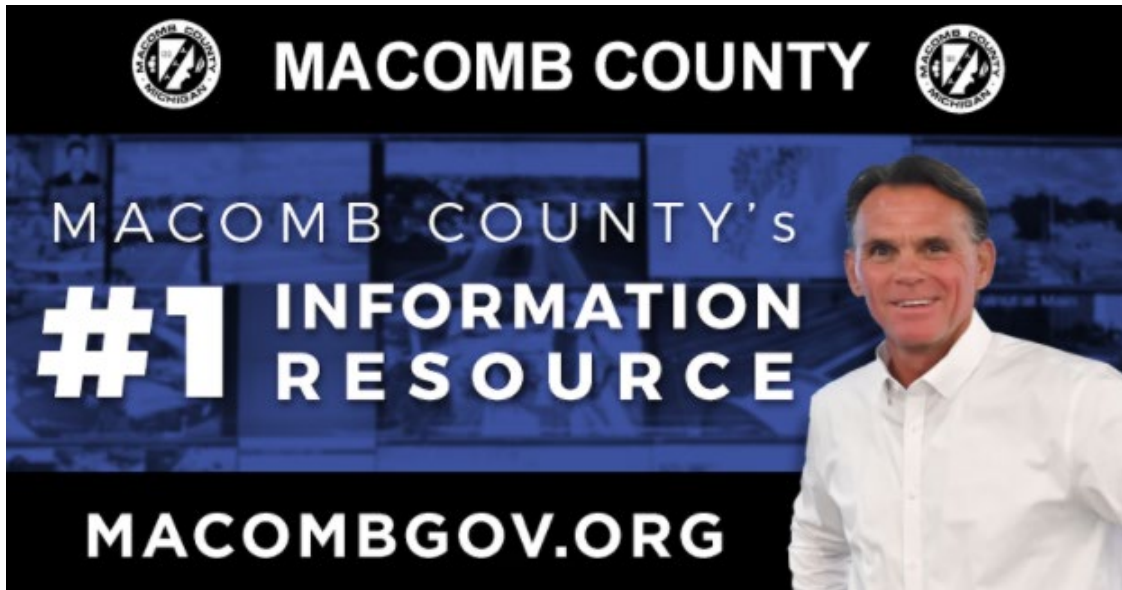
August 26, 2020

Good afternoon,

It's been almost six months since the onset of the coronavirus here in southeast Michigan, and in that time, we've experienced many challenges. But now we're on the road to recovery. COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations have decreased, and we have guidance in place that will help us keep our case counts low. This has allowed parts of our business community to reopen and some community activities to resume. I know we can continue this progress by taking personal responsibility when it comes to protecting ourselves and others from the virus.

In the meantime, please know that Macomb County is hard at work for you. We have been collaborating with health experts and our partners since the beginning of the COVID crisis. This has helped us navigate the unknowns and make level-headed decisions for our community. We will maintain that strategy for the foreseeable future - as our goal is to always deliver what's right for Macomb.

You can stay up-to-date on all of our activities by visiting [macombgov.org](https://www.macombgov.org). From guidance on health and safety to details around financial assistance, our county website is your number one resource for information.



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.

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.

Thank you, and as always, take care.

Mark A. Hackel

Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- Macomb County is inviting creative people of all ages to design a poster to help promote mask wearing and #MaskUpMacomb. Prizes will be offered to the top three winning entries in two age categories. Sponsored by Macomb County in partnership with the Anton Art Center and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals, entries will be accepted online August 26 through September 16 at midnight. [Click here to learn more.](#)



- Attention veterans! Macomb County Veterans Services will be offering free legal assistance this Saturday, August 29. Services will include wills, financial power of attorney, medical power of attorney and patient advocate. Make an appointment by contacting Stacia Miller at 586-359-2195 or at smiller@ssamac.org. Appointments will be offered from 10 am - 1 p.m. Walk in assistance will be offered from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at Zelmanski, Danner & Fioritto, PLLC (50 Crocker Blvd Suite 100, Mount Clemens MI 48043).
- In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day, the Macomb County Partnership for Overdose Prevention (MPOP), formerly Operation Rx, is hosting an event on Monday, August 31 to distribute free naloxone to interested individuals. This is especially timely, as according to statistics gathered by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), opioid overdoses have increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn how you can get access to this live-saving medication, no questions asked.

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY FREE NALOXONE DRIVE-THRU

Monday, August 31 | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**St. Michael Catholic Community
40501 Hayes Road | Sterling Heights | 48313**

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a life-saving medication used to reverse the effect of an opioid overdose

Who Should Have Naloxone?

People who have an opioid use disorder and people who know someone who has an opioid use disorder

• No Cost • No Prescription Needed • No Questions Asked

For more information call **(586) 469-6049**

Hosted by the Macomb Partnership for Overdose Prevention.

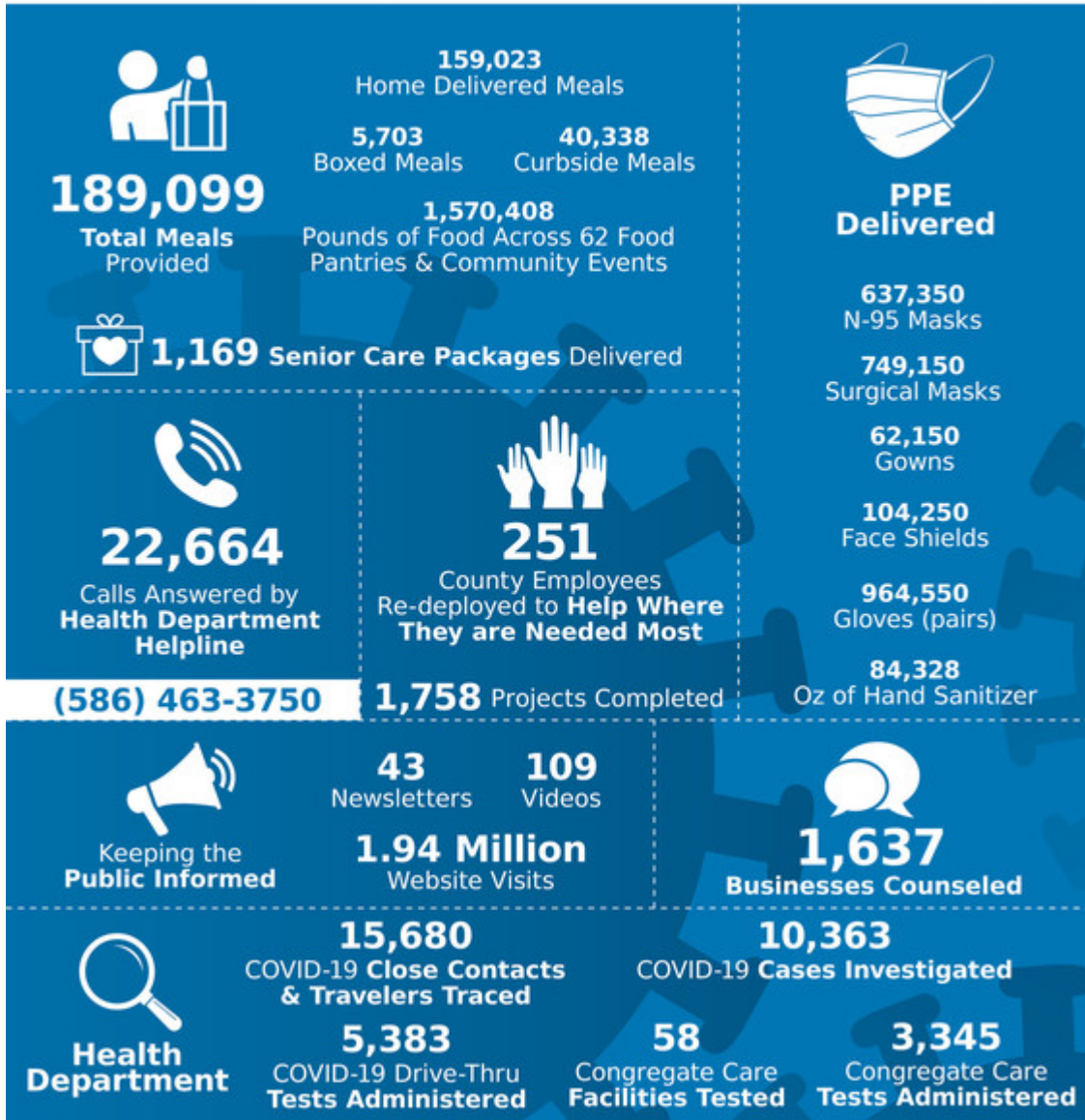


- While scientists and medical experts are still learning about COVID-19, one thing is certain: Case investigation and contact tracing can be one of our most effective tools in the fight against this novel coronavirus. However, there is a barrier to contact tracing efforts, and that is fear. People are 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 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:

- [COVID-19 Update with Executive Hackel - August 24](#)
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In the News

- Macomb County launches poster design contest to promote face coverings. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County schools continue to develop education plans. [Read more.](#)
 - How to avoid burnout while working from home amid coronavirus. [Read more.](#)
 - Michigan officials alarmed by potential changes to pandemic school lunch program. [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](https://www.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.
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Stay Informed

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

