

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



September 2, 2020

Good afternoon,

It's that time of year again - summer is coming to a close, Labor Day weekend is upon us and schools are getting back in session. Depending on the district, this might mean in-person classes, virtual learning or a mix of both. Whatever direction is chosen, Macomb County stands ready to assist. In fact, we recently developed several toolkits filled with resources and information for school administrators and families. Parents can access our 'COVID-19 Back to School Toolkit' [here](#). Our goal is to provide straightforward details on the coronavirus and new school procedures. But if you have further questions about COVID, contact our Health Department helpline at 586-463-3750.

Yesterday our Department of Planning and Economic Development announced three new grant programs for local businesses dealing with the impact of COVID-19. These opportunities were created to address the unique needs of our community. Whether this means helping businesses get online and improve their digital footprint or reimbursing them for the costs of PPE, our team is being creative and finding new ways to boost local organizations. I encourage you to visit MacombBusiness.com to learn more about each of these grants. I'm certain you'll find an opportunity that can help you at this time.



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.

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 have a great Labor Day weekend. There's so much to do here in Macomb County. I hope you can get outdoors and enjoy your surroundings.

Mark A. Hackel

Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

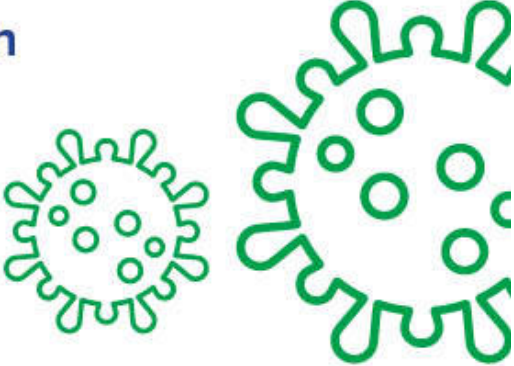
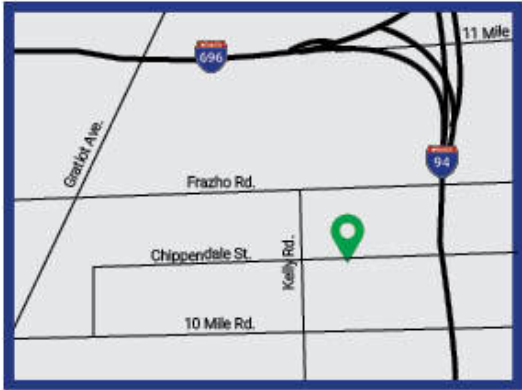
- Macomb County Planning and Economic Development yesterday opened three new grant opportunities to help small businesses dealing with the impact of COVID-19. Grants include the Microenterprise Assistance Grant Program, which is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; the Workplace Safety Grant and the Online Business Connect Program, which are both funded through Macomb County's federal CARES Act allocation. Businesses that previously received grant funding through the Macomb County Sustainability Program are eligible to apply for all three new grant programs, as long as the previous grant money was not used for these expenses. Individuals interested in applying or learning more can [click here](#) or [watch this video](#).
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has announced an expansion of new COVID-19 testing sites in local neighborhoods. Today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., stop by All God's People Church in Roseville and get tested. You can also visit tomorrow (September 3) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Testing is free (although people should bring insurance cards if they have them), saliva based and results are returned in 3-4 days. Register for a test in advance by calling the COVID hotline at 1-888-535-6136 (and press 1).



NEIGHBORHOOD COVID-19 TESTING

Tuesday, September 1 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, September 2 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, September 3 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All God's People Church
25295 Chippendale St.,
Roseville, MI 48066



- The Macomb Food Program needs your help! Today through Sept. 8, you can vote for the program in the Gardner-White Furniture #Charituesday contest! With your help, the

program can win a \$1,000 gift certificate to Gardner-White! [Click here](#) and show your support for an important organization that helps those in need in Macomb County.

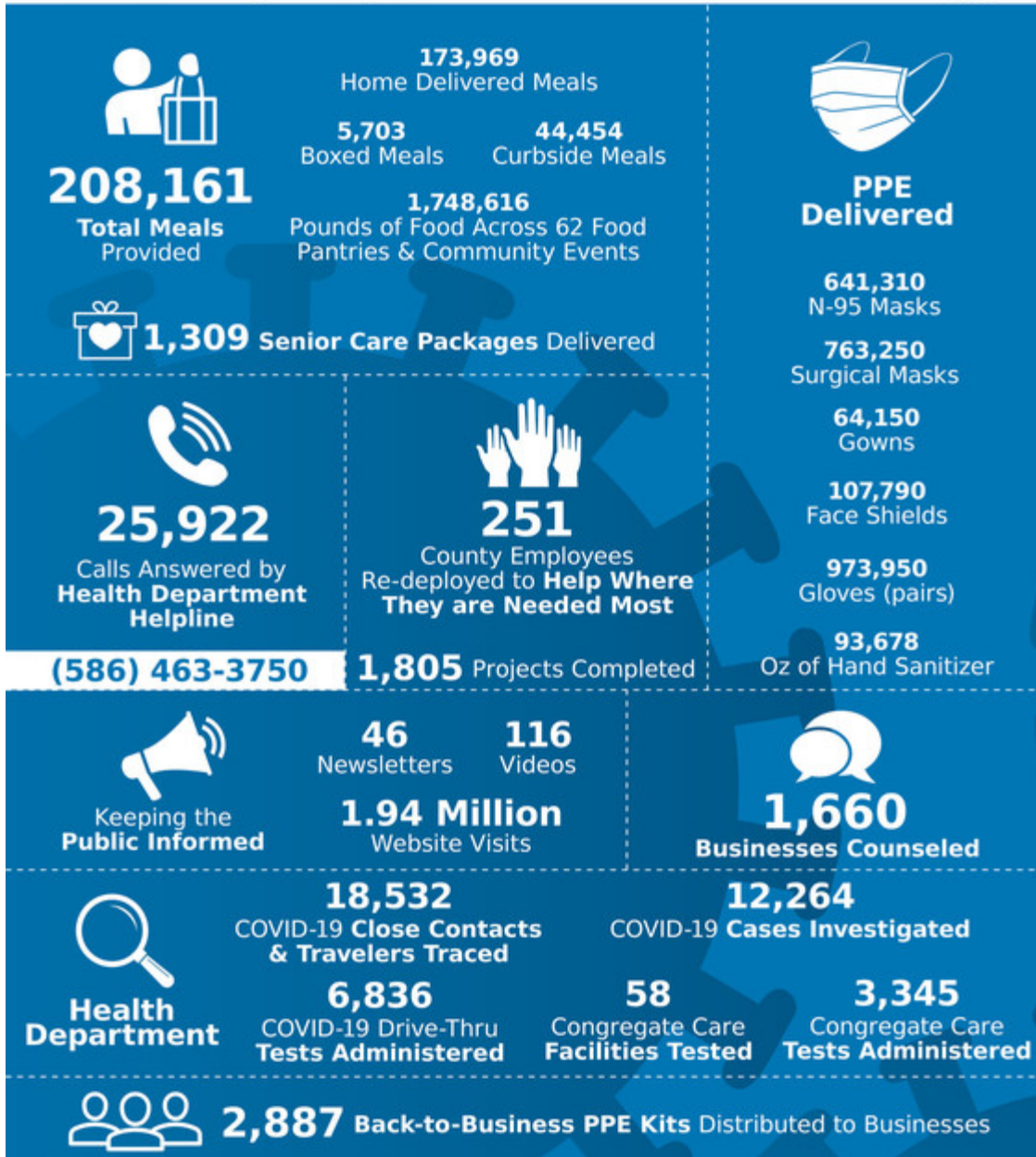
- Macomb County is inviting creative people of all ages to design a poster to help promote mask wearing and #MaskUpMacomb. Prizes will be offered to the top three winning entries in two age categories. Sponsored by Macomb County in partnership with the Anton Art Center and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals,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



- 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 28, 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 - September 1](#)
 - [It's time to engage the counties!](#)
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In the News

- Coronavirus in Michigan: Here's what to know. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County announces three grant programs for small businesses. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County using sewage surveillance to trace COVID-19 spread. [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).

