

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE

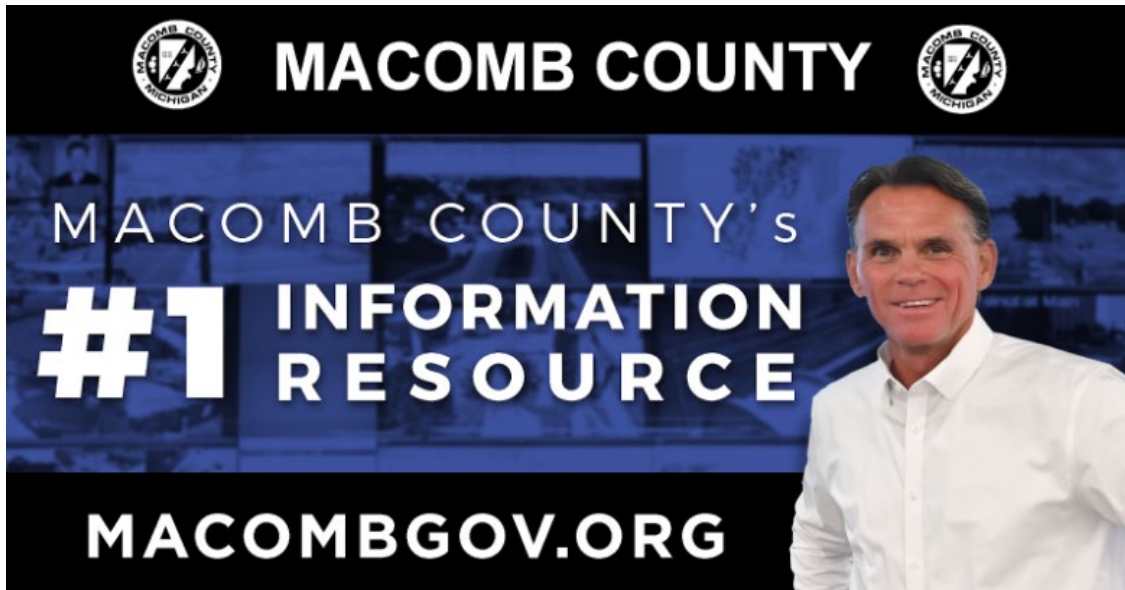


September 9, 2020

Good afternoon,

Schools are officially back in session across Macomb County. Depending on the district, this might mean in-person classes, virtual learning or a mix of both. But as discussed in this newsletter last week, whatever direction is chosen, Macomb County stands ready to assist. We are working closely with district leadership across the county to provide support in a variety of areas - including the distribution of PPE and technical assistance. Our Health Department is also issuing guidance for parents through our 'COVID-19 Back to School Toolkit' [here](#). This resource provides information and details that will help families adjust for the 2020-2021 school year.

Collaborating with schools is just one example of how Macomb County is continuing to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. We will continue to respond to the challenges of the day, and we understand there is still work to do. Visit [MacombGov.org](https://www.macombgov.org) to learn more about our ongoing response. From distributing small business grants and financial aid to those in need, to managing a COVID-19 test site and contact tracing program, the county is on the ground working to ensure the health and safety of our community.



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](http://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](http://macombgov.org).

Thank you and take care.

**Mark A. Hackel**

**Macomb County Executive**

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## Important Things to Know

- Help the Macomb County Health Department reduce COVID-19 outbreaks by answering your phone when they call. Its contact tracing team will only ask you a few questions and your information will be kept confidential.

**ANSWER THE PHONE CALL!**

**Public Health Staff are trying to track COVID-19 cases to find out:**

- Your current health status
- If you have or have had symptoms
- Possible exposure to and from other people
- Places you may have come in contact with the virus

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- Macomb County Planning and Economic Development has 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](#).

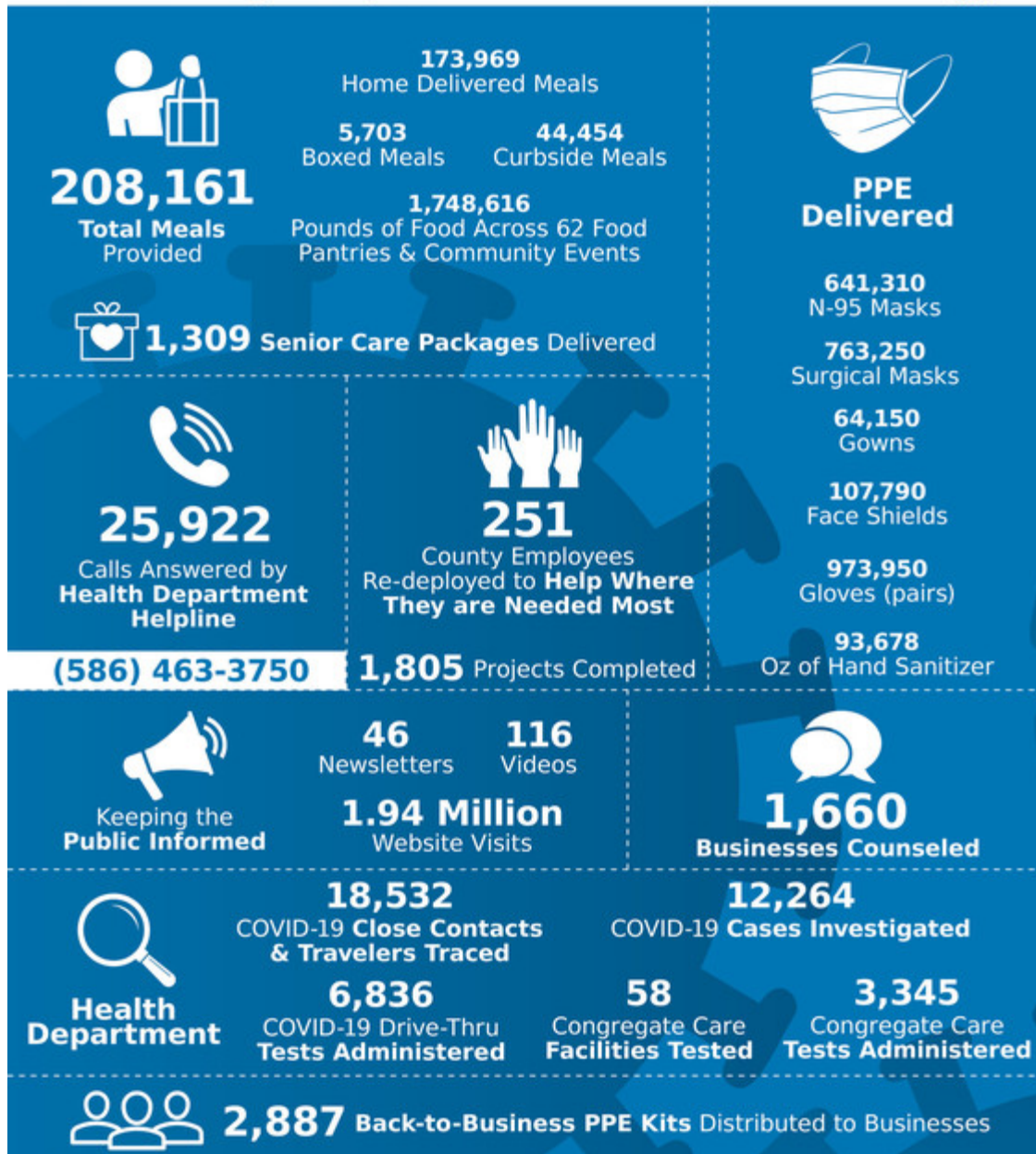
- The deadline for the 2020 Census is approaching. Learn more about why you should participate and how you can do so in this recent [WDIV article](#).



- Lake St. Clair, sunrises or sunsets, unique buildings, trees changing colors, holiday tree lightings. What do all of these things have in common? They are all great ideas for the 2021 As Seen in Macomb Calendar Photo Contest. The 2021 Photo Contest is brought to you by First State Bank, Macomb Community College, the Anton Art Center and Macomb County. Time is limited – photo submissions are being accepted now through September 21st. The contest is open to everyone and cash prizes are available! Visit [FSBCares.com](https://www.fsbcares.com) for contest guidelines and how to enter.
- 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:

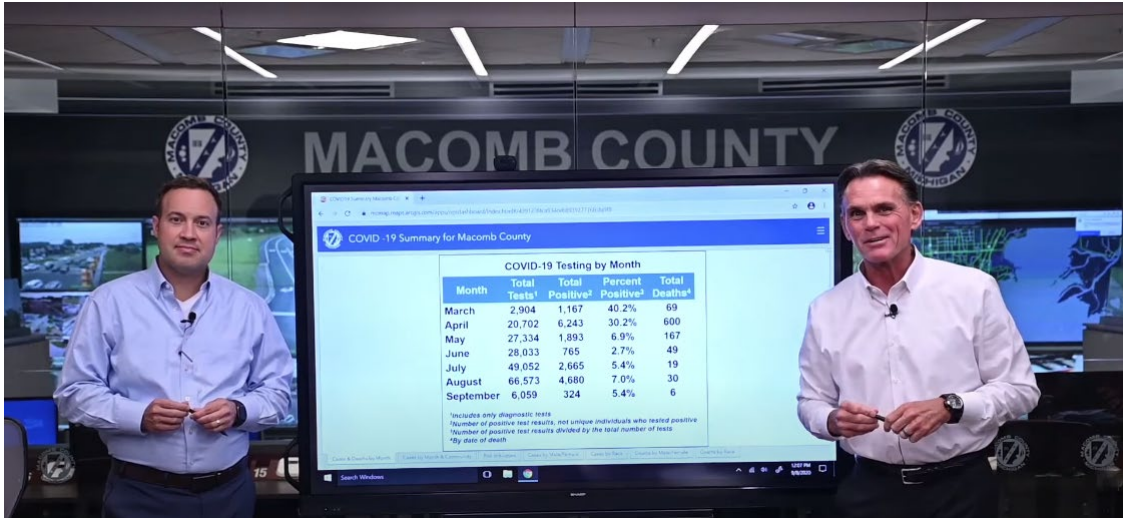
# MACOMB COUNTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

March 11 - August 28, 2020



- 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.

- 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 8](#)

## In the News

- Gyms reopen in Michigan after almost six months of being closed. [Read more.](#)
- What should I look for in a hand sanitizer? [Read more.](#)
- 4 ways to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) this fall in Michigan. [Read more.](#)

## 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://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](https://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://macombgov.org/covid19).

