

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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Good afternoon,

As I've said before, Macomb County is working hard to respond to the challenges that our communities face each day. Two new opportunities demonstrate this commitment. For instance, we just launched the Macomb County CARES for Nonprofits Grant Program - a \$1.5 million fund for local nonprofits recovering from COVID-19 and the shutdown. We hope that this new opportunity can boost these organizations, as they provide essential support and services that ensure the wellbeing of our residents. To learn more about this grant and how to apply, visit MacombBusiness.com.

Another great Macomb County program kicked off on Monday - the first-ever Manufacturing Week. Every October, our Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED) organizes a Manufacturing Day with tours of local businesses to help young people experience careers in the industry. This year, safety protocols prevented those tours from taking place, but PED developed an innovative solution with a virtual weeklong event. Students, parents and teachers are all invited to register and participate in this digital experience, which features six companies showcasing their facilities through secure Zoom meetings. I've heard great things about the program, so if you have a child or family member that's in middle school or high school, check out the details at macombmfgday.com.

In closing, I'd like to highlight our [Make Macomb Your Home website](#) - where you can find fall activities, orchards and other fun things to do in Macomb County. But remember, when visiting any local establishment or taking part in an activity, please follow CDC guidelines. Wash your hands, wear a mask and avoid large gatherings so we can keep COVID-19 at bay.

Thank you, take care and for the latest information regarding COVID-19, visit macombgov.org.

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- Today is the deadline to apply for several grant programs offered through Macomb County Planning and Economic Development. If your business was impacted by COVID-19, please find details on how you can receive assistance [here](#). For instance, if your company incurred extra expenses related to PPE and/or technology since March 16, you can apply for the Workplace Safety Grant. Businesses with 500 or less employees may submit PPE and technology receipts/invoices for reimbursement of up to \$20,000 (this is not a loan and therefore does not have to be paid back).



- Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! will host the largest local virtual job fair to date in the Macomb/St. Clair County area on October 9. The event will have over 40 local businesses in attendance looking to fill more than 300 job openings. The job fair is free for all to attend. Space is limited and registration is required. The fair will be split into two sessions. The morning session takes place from 9 a.m. – noon and the afternoon session is from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. If job seekers would like to attend both sessions, they will need to register for both separately. Registration can be completed [here](#).



- While the 2020 Census deadline keeps changing, one thing remains clear - there is still time to complete your form. Be counted this year by filling out a simple questionnaire at my2020census.gov.
- National Recovery Month is held every September as a way to educate Americans about substance use disorders and treatment. Now in its 31st year, the observance also celebrates the gains made by those living in recovery. And even though the month is almost over, the lessons learned from the occasion are important to recognize year-round. Learn why, and how Macomb County Community Mental Health is responding to substance use disorders, in this [MMYH blog](#).



- Have you gotten your flu shot? If you answered no, please consider getting one at the Macomb County Health Department, which has opened two drive-through flu immunization sites - one in Mount Clemens and one in St. Clair Shores. Appointments are required for both locations and can be scheduled by calling 586-469-5372 or 586-465-8537, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- If you are in need of financial assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to Macomb Community Action (MCA). The team is standing by to help you with rent and mortgage payments, utility bills and groceries. MCA has also launched a Coronavirus Relief Water and Plumbing Repair program for Macomb County residents. Applicants must meet program guidelines, including income guidelines, to qualify. Please call 586-469-6329 to apply.



- Today (at 11:59 p.m.) is the deadline to submit your artwork for the #MaskUpMacomb poster design contest! The contest is free to enter, open to all ages in two age categories and cash prizes are available. [Click here for additional details.](#)

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 County CARES for Nonprofits Grant Opportunities](#)
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In the News

- Macomb County opens \$1.5M grant program for nonprofits. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County offering drive-thru flu shots in Mount Clemens, St. Clair Shores. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County drain district to receive \$12.5 million for Fraser sinkhole. [Read more.](#)
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Helpful Information and Resources

The Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and Department of Health continue to lead local efforts to respond to the ever-evolving nature of COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest COVID-19 data, news and information, click on the buttons below for helpful resources available to you.



Stay Informed

If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the Macomb County Health Department helpline at 586-463-3750. The helpline is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit macombgov.org/covid19.



